

# Quality Parenting Washoe December. Newsletter

Resource/ Relative/ Fictive Kin/ Adoptive Parents



**Happy Holidays from our family to yours!**

**¡Felices Fiestas de nuestra familia a la tuya!**



**WASHOE COUNTY  
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

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December 2, 2022

*Re: Publication of Calendar Year 2023 Check Issuance Dates*

Dear Foster and/or Adoptive Parent(s):

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with each of you the 2023 schedule for foster care and adoption payments. The schedule was designed around the County's payment processing deadlines and every effort was made to issue payments as early in the month as possible. The current payment dates are as follows:

January 11, 2023	May 10, 2023	September 13, 2023
February 8, 2023	June 14, 2023	October 11, 2023
March 8, 2023	July 12, 2023	November 08, 2023
April 12, 2023	August 9, 2023	December 13, 2023

Checks are generated during the day listed above and mailed out late in the evening. Funds that are direct deposited are generally posted to your account late in the evening or early the following morning.

Washoe County is able to process payments via direct deposit for those who are interested. Please fill out the enclosed form and send to the following address:

***\*If you have already filled out a direct deposit form, you do not need to fill out a new one.***

Human Services Agency  
Attn: Bookkeeping Dept  
350 South Center St  
Reno, NV 89520  
FAX (775) 313-7378

Direct deposit forms should be emailed to: [HSA-Bookkeeping@washoecounty.gov](mailto:HSA-Bookkeeping@washoecounty.gov)

If you have any questions related to payments, please call the Department at 775-313-7378 or email [hsa-placementpayments@washoecounty.gov](mailto:hsa-placementpayments@washoecounty.gov)

Sincerely,

Amy Sandvik  
Children's Services Coordinator



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## TBRI Training

Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is an amazing free training for caregivers

### TBRI® Introduction & Overview

*March 28th & 30th, 2023 |*

**6pm-9pm each day**

**Virtual training via Zoom**

### Complete TBRI® Caregiver Training Series

*Fridays in April 2023*

*(4/7, 4/14, 4/21, and 4/28) | 9am-3pm each day*

**RAISE the FUTURE**

**Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) Caregiver Training**

*Free training for caregivers of children from hard places*

**ABOUT TBRI®**

Trust Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) is an evidence-based parenting and intervention model developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross at the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development (KPICD) at Texas Christian University (TCU). TBRI® has been built on a solid foundation of neuropsychological theory and research, tempered by humanitarian principles. It is a family-based intervention, designed for children who have experienced relationship-based traumas such as institutionalization, multiple foster placements, maltreatment, abuse, and/or neglect.

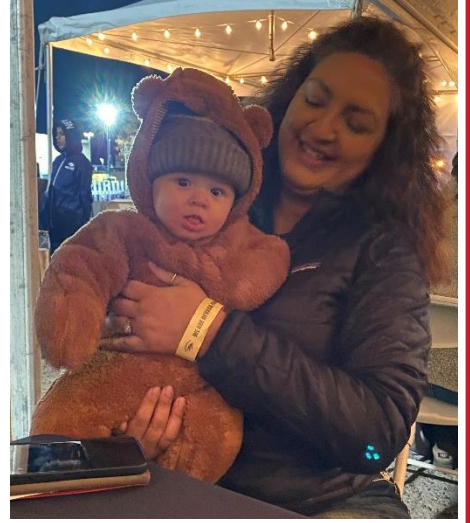
**FOUR TRAINING MODULES**

- Introduction & Overview
- Connecting Principles
- Empowering Principles
- Correcting Principles

**Use the QR code below to learn more and register for upcoming trainings!**

Look for information under the "TBRI® Caregiver Training" tab

**SCAN ME**



## UNR Football & Tailgate



## Interested in Adoption?



**Ian**

*11-years-old*



**100% FREE**

Do you love outdoor adventures, trampolines and big hugs? Meet Ian! He is described as a sweet, affectionate little boy who loves to give and receive hugs. When given the choice, Ian will choose outdoor play every time. He loves jumping on trampolines, riding his bike or scooter and camping and fishing. When he can't be outside Ian finds joy in, you guessed it, trampoline parks. He also enjoys playing games on his iPad and playing with his toy cars and action figures.

Ian has experienced great loss and trauma in his young life. As such, he comes with a strong, committed team of amazing individuals who adore him and advocate strongly for him. This has helped Ian grow resilience and remain hopeful that he will one day be part of an active family with a mom, a dad and siblings.

Would you like to learn more about this fun, sweet, imaginative little boy? Watch for his Have a Heart episode by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.kolotv.com/video/2022/09/02/have-heart-meet-ian/>

You can also reach out to Tawnya Robertson at [Trobertson@washoecounty.gov](mailto:Trobertson@washoecounty.gov)



**DeMarco**  
*9-years-old*

**100% FREE**

Are you an active family who loves exploring and learning new things? Then do we have the kid for you! This sweet, adorable little boy with the cheesy, infectious grin is a people pleaser for sure! DeMarco loves to share and help others. He thrives from one on one attention, enjoys conversing and generally relishes connecting with others.

Now that DeMarco has the opportunity, he is exploring every sport and outdoor activity he can try. He loves his bike, his scooter, hiking, soccer and football. If that's not enough, he also loves swimming. Well, really anything to do with water play. DeMarco is looking for an active family who will keep up with all his newly found interests while allowing him the opportunity to continue discovering. Oh, and do not forget about Mine Craft. If you can check off all those boxes, you might just win DeMarco's heart.

If you'd like to learn more about this exuberant, active little boy please reach out to:  
Tawnya Robertson at [Trobertson@washoecounty.us](mailto:Trobertson@washoecounty.us)



# Raionna, Jamaica, Massiah

6, 4, 2-years-old

## FLEX HOME

Please meet Raionna, Jamaica, and Massiah, three of the sweetest kids you'll ever know! These amazing siblings are full of love for one another. Raionna takes her job as a big sister very seriously, as she looks out for her younger two siblings! Raionna loves coloring, going to school, reading and even loves homework! She gets along very well with others and enjoys sharing. This sweet big sister isn't a picky eater, and her favorite foods are chicken nuggets, and macaroni and cheese! Jamaica is a little quiet at first and takes sometimes to get comfortable with people she doesn't know. She plays well by herself, and with others/ She enjoys playing with her baby dolls and engaging in dramatic play. Jamaica is also a good eater, expect for some veggies, although pizza might be her favorite! Massiah is very loving and enjoys attention! This bright boy gets along wonderfully with others and is outgoing. He loves to play with cars, ride his bike and swing! Massiah also loves Baby Shark and Paw Patrol. He's as equally a great eater as his steres. All three kids sleep well and take a nap mid-day. Raionna, Jamaica, and Massiah are extremely well behaved, and even participate in daily chores, including making their beds!

If you are interested in learning more about this amazing sibling group, you may contact Myra Yeargan.

[myeargan@washoecounty.gov](mailto:myeargan@washoecounty.gov) 775-560-8913



# Rahquain

6-years-old

**100% FREE**



Meet Rahquain, an adorable young boy who needs a home where he can be loved, accepted, and provided support as he develops and grows.

Rahquain is a smart, sweet, kind, and affectionate little guy, who gives affection to everyone he meets. He is your typical 6-year-old boy, who enjoys being active, whether it is playing outside, playing ball, swinging, or running around. Amongst his other interests, are electronics, toy cars, superheroes and Roblox. Rahquain loves animals, school, learning, and is a great friend. His favorite foods are spaghetti and fruit snacks, but he will try new foods, always keeping an open mind. Rahquain yearns to be in a family where he can be loved and experience family life.

Rahquain needs a structured and trauma informed home where he can feel safe and accepted. Rahquain will do best in a home with open minded parents that can provide him unconditional support, guidance, and love. Rahquain's ideal family will need to facilitate and foster contact for him with his two older siblings. If you are interested in learning more about Rahquain, please contact Myra Yeargan at [myeargan@washoecounty.gov](mailto:myeargan@washoecounty.gov)

# Tre'Mill

12-years-old

## LEGAL RISK



Meet Tre'Mill, a kind young man who needs a loving home where he can feel safe and grow.

Tre'Mill is a polite, fun, and outgoing child, who gets along well with adults and kiddos alike in his current home. He warms up to people quickly, is thoughtful and is supportive of his peers. Tre'Mill enjoys receiving 1:1 attention and helping others but is not afraid to speak up if he disagrees with something. He enjoys reading and best expresses his thoughts and feelings through art. Tre'Mill loves pepperoni pizza, corn dogs, playing games on the computer (i.e., Roblox, Minecraft), LEGO's and playing and collecting Beyblades. Outdoor activities are something that he also enjoys, like jumping on the trampoline and playing basketball. He is very competitive and does not like to lose. Tre'Mill wants to travel to Disneyland one day and be a police officer when he grows up.

Tre'Mill is a unique young man with wonderful qualities, who will bring joy to those around him. He has experienced significant trauma and needs a family who is committed, patient, loving and can be very supportive.

Tre'Mill needs a family that is trauma trained and informed. He needs positive role models in his life and to be provided a sense of safety. Tre'Mill will do best in a home where he can be accepted for who he is, be open minded, and provide him unconditional support. The ideal family for Tre'Mill will be willing to facilitate and

foster contact for him with his older sister and younger brother. If you are interested in learning more about Tre'Mill please contact Myra Yeargan at [myeargan@washoecounty.gov](mailto:myeargan@washoecounty.gov)



# Akira

14-years-old

## LEGAL RISK

Meet Akira, who needs a loving home where she can flourish and grow.

Akira is a happy and kind young lady, who is somewhat of an introvert. She is strong willed, enjoys her privacy and spending time in her room but enjoys receiving 1:1 attention. Akira is the eldest of 3 siblings and has been in the role of caregiver most of her life and for the first time, is now having the opportunity to just be a kid. Akira needs a family that will facilitate and foster contact with her two younger siblings. Akira is artistic, loves Anime, Cosplay, Furry's and can sometimes live in a fantasy land. She loves pizza and hamburgers but has an allergy to kiwis.

Akira is sweet and has lots of love to share. She is unique and it is exactly that, that makes her so special. Akira has experienced significant trauma and needs a family who is patient, loving and supportive.

Akira needs a structured home with a family that understands trauma, who can earn her trust, and can make her feel safe. Her family will need to be open minded, consistent and offer her unconditional support, guidance, supervision, and a willingness to assist in her emotional, cognitive, and physical development. If you are interested in learning more about Akira, please contact Myra Yeargan at [myeargan@washoecounty.gov](mailto:myeargan@washoecounty.gov)



## WCHSA DIRECTORY

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In case you have an emergency that occurs after hours please call.

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Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)

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