



IDEA Part C Fall to Winter Family Newsletter

October-November-December 2011 Volume 1 No 1

Message from Part C's State Family Resource Coordinator, Information & Referral.....

Dear Parents (Caregivers),

When our youngest son was born prematurely on a Thanksgiving morning, 21 years ago, with a diagnosis of "something is wrong", he was a shock to everyone, including our family Pediatrician. Doctors at the hospital were not sure of what to tell us. Hospital staff did not know how long he would live or what the prognosis would be. After two weeks in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, they sent him home when there was nothing more they could do medically. We were told that we should probably see some early interventionists. Period. No connection to any programs or agencies provided.

So we got in touch with Nevada's Early Intervention program. It wasn't always easy. There were many specialists involved, and many appointments to keep. Many operations to go through. There were times when little or no progress was made, and times when new problems were discovered. We were encouraged by caring service providers to keep trying and not give up. We networked with other parents who had similar experiences. With every gain we saw a brighter future -- maybe not perfect, but not so imperfect as we first believed.

Our world has changed now. As a father I often find it difficult to express

my feelings. But there is one little boy in my life where I can feel my emotions constantly being pulled out. That is with my youngest son. He is doing far more than anyone expected, and has set the example for me. —

But this isn't about me. This newsletter is for you and your family.

I work for Nevada's IDEA Part C Office and hope to help provide you with information that will support you and your family. Please feel free to contact me anytime at my email address: ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov

Sincerely,
Dan Dinnell



Cheryl, Eric and Dan

NEVADA'S EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES
IDEA Part C Office
 3416 Goni Road,
 Bldg. D, Ste 132
 Carson City, NV 89706
 Office: (775) 687-4210
 Fax: (775) 687-4264

Since this is your newsletter, we are looking for ideas of what you want and need to know, as well as to give it a name... Please submit your ideas to Dan at: ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov

Project ASSIST is Nevada's Central Directory and computer database of Nevada agencies, organizations, and programs that serve children or young adults with disabilities up to age 21, and their families.

Information available on:

- parent support groups,
- education, health, and social services,
- training,
- advocacy organizations,
- financial and legal assistance,
- and many other services.

A search of the database yields information describing each selected resource, which is provided to the caller. For more information call toll free at **1-800-522-0066** or email ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION LIBRARY

One of the resources available to families, service providers, students, and teachers working with young children with disabilities or special health care needs is the resource library. This large collection of books and videos is a tremendous source of information for parents and professionals in the care and education of a child with a disability.

These library materials are available for use statewide. For more information, contact your service provider or coordinator. Or you can call Project ASSIST at **1-800-522-0066** or email ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov

FREE enrollment in the national **EARLY INTERVENTION FAMILY ALLIANCE (EIFA)** to all families who have a child in early intervention! **Keep informed! Obtain Answers! Impact Policies!**

Early Intervention Family Alliance is a national group of family leaders dedicated to improving outcomes for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Members receive email alerts and updates on key early intervention topics and can join the EIFA *list serve* to participate in active discussions and share experiences.

For more information go to the website at: www.eifamilyalliance.org

For questions please send an email to: info@eifamilyalliance.org

2012 Early Intervention Calendars will be available soon!

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

⇒ ***Nevada Early Intervention Services-Elko:***

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

NORTHWESTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

⇒ ***Advanced Pediatric Therapies:***

"Shoes for Sharing Shoe Drive" – a Shoe Drive for Kids Kottage. November

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

⇒ ***The Continuum:***

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

⇒ ***Nevada Early Intervention Services-Reno:***

"Family Support Group" - First Tuesday each month, 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 2667 Enterprise Rd, Reno, NV

"Family Trick or Treat" (Child friendly costumes welcome!) - Thursday, October 27, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 2667 Enterprise Rd.

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

SOUTHERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

⇒ ***Easter Seals Southern Nevada:***

"Trunk or Treat"! - Saturday October 22nd , Easter Seals Southern Nevada Parking Lot 6200 W. Oakey Blvd. No RSVP required, fee for entry

"Potluck Picnic" - Monday November 14th at 12:30 in the Multipurpose Room at ESSN, 6200 W Oakey Blvd. Bring a dish to share!

"Light the Night" at Ethel M Chocolate Factory - Thursday December 15th at 4:30pm. Meet us at 2 Cactus Garden Way, Henderson

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

⇒ ***Integrated Support Services:***

"Open House" for our new Play/group room in October

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

⇒ ***Nevada Early Intervention Services-Las Vegas:***

"Bears and Binkies" - a 9 week program for developing Positive and Effective Parenting Skills

"Teddy Bear Fall Ball" - Saturday, October 15 - by Little Hands Big Hands, from 10:00-12:00 at Shriners

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

⇒ ***Positively Kids:***

"Duck Derby" [Adopt a Duck to Win an Automobile!!] - October 22nd at Town Square, 12 noon. Proceeds benefit medically fragile children in our community.

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

⇒ ***Therapy Management Group:***

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information



www.health.nv.gov/BEIS.htm
Nevada's Early Intervention website is filled with information and resources, including a "Links" page with links to all kinds of useful websites, contact information, and a Frequently Asked Questions page.

To conserve resources and to make sure you don't miss out on useful information, please send your e-mail address to Dan Dinnell at ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov to receive the newsletter electronically

