



IDEA Part C Winter Family Newsletter 2012

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

Dear Parents/Families,

As you start the new year, have you thought of getting more involved in your early intervention program? Would you like to "give back" to the program? Would you like to help another parent or child? Would you like to have input in local and state planning and policy decisions that affect young children with disabilities? There are lots of opportunities for you!

Your early intervention program may have a family support group or work with an organization that does. This is a wonderful way to "give back" to the program.

Nevada's Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

was set up to advise and assist Nevada in the development and implementation of a statewide system of early intervention services for young children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families. If you would like more information about meetings or how to submit public comments to the Council please contact me.

Nevada's ICC also has a Family Support Resource Subcommittee. This committee supports ICC activities and helps ensure the ICC responds to issues important to families, strengthens and broadens family involvement at all policy and service levels, increases ICC communication with

families, provides public awareness support, and identifies and supports efforts to improve early intervention services and programs within communities.

The IDEA Part C Family Newsletter provides opportunities for families to share by submitting articles, sharing their story, or including their child in a Family Spotlight, with a photo. (All items are subject to editing and review.)

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me anytime at: ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov

Sincerely,
Dan Dinnell



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Since this is your newsletter, we are looking to give it a name...

Please submit your ideas by email to Dan at: ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov

*The **Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program** (the early intervention services known as **Part C**) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was created in 1986 to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities, minimize potential developmental delay, and reduce educational costs to our society by minimizing the need for special education services as children with disabilities reach school age.*

***New— Final Part C Regulations and Video Highlighting Major Changes**

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

The Final Part C Regulations governing the Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities were published in the Federal Register on September 28, 2011. These regulations are effective on October 28, 2011.

- html version with targeted links can be accessed at <http://federalregister.gov/a/2011-22783>
- pdf version can be accessed at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-09-28/pdf/2011-22783.pdf>
- **20 minute video** from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) **highlighting major changes** to the regulations is also available online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4dwwRIumSA>

For additional information about the new Part C regulations, go to the US Department of Education, IDEA Part C Web site at <http://idea.ed.gov/part-c/search/new>

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

- contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

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

NORTHWESTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

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⇒ **Advanced Pediatric Therapies:**

"Open House" - Wednesday, January 25th, 2012, at 1025 Roberta Lane, Sparks NV 89431

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

Down Syndrome Network "Family Support Group" meeting: every 1st Tuesday of the month at NEIS, Enterprise Rd., at 5:45 pm. Call 775-682-9071 or e-mail dsnninfo@gmail.com to R.S.V.P.

Family TIES Family Support of completing Medicaid/SSI and other Social Services applications every 2nd and 4th Monday from 10am-12 at NEIS, Enterprise Rd.

Hands and Voices meets at NEIS Enterprise every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

Friends of Special Children is looking for new board members to join their non-profit organization that supports families in Early Intervention. This non-profit has supported families at NEIS in so many ways both financially and physically. If you are interested in being a part of this great cause, please contact Lori Schoen at 688-0379.

⇒ **The Continuum:**

SOUTHERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

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⇒ **Positively Kids:**

CLOSET CLEANING!! Las Vegas **Positively Kids** CLOTHING DONATION BOXES...

If you haven't worn it for a year . . you won't!! Drop off your unused and gently used clothing and make a difference in a child's life!! We take ALL clothing and SMALL appliances. Don't delay, let us help you clean out your closets!! If you are not sure about whether or not we take the item, please do not hesitate to contact us at (702) 262-0037.

⇒ **Easter Seals Nevada:**

⇒ **Integrated Support Services:**

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

⇒ **Therapy Management Group:**

More Resources... More Information... More Opportunities...

Nevada's **Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP)** helps families of children ages 0 -18, with Autism Spectrum Disorders, to establish home-based therapy programs.

For more information visit their website at:

http://dhhs.nv.gov/ODS_Programs_ATAP.htm

or call:

Elko (775) 934-6870

Northern Nevada (775) 324-5085

Southern Nevada (702) 595-2067

The **ALLIANCE National Parent Technical Assistance Center** (NPTAC) provides Parent Centers, Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) and Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs), with innovative technical assistance, up-to-date information, and high quality resources and materials. The Parent Center Network site offers many PDF files for download.

<http://www.parentcenternetwork.org/>

The Nevada Family-to-Family Healthcare Information and Education Center provides statewide support to families of children and youth with special health care needs by:

- Assisting families as they navigate public and private systems, including health systems and insurance plans,
- Assisting families in accessing services and resources for their children and in partnering with providers and caregivers,
- Listening to families as they describe their encounters with systems and helping guide them to possible solutions,
- Working with families, health care providers, public and private agencies, and advocacy or support groups to promote family-centered care and medical homes for children with special health care needs,
- Promoting discussion and linkages among families, providers, managed care programs, and government to better serve the health care and related needs of children and families in Nevada.

For more information visit their web site at:

<http://www.familytiesnv.org/>



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

www.health.nv.gov/BEIS.htm

Nevada's Early Intervention website is filled with information and resources.

