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## IDEA Part C Spring Family Newsletter 2012

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

Dear Parents/Families,

By seeking help from early intervention (EI) services for your child you were probably hoping to learn new information about your child and about how you could assist your child in his or her overall development.

The goal for EI is to give very young children (birth to 36 months) a good beginning in closing developmental gaps that may have occurred because of a diagnosed disability or "high-risk" condition in their young lives.

EI enhances their overall growth by supporting the development of skills that other kids their age typically acquire, and was also designed to support and teach the family effective ways to interact with the child and each other.

One might wonder why so much emphasis is placed on EI if services are only available for a very short few years.

Well, children do not stop learning once they turn three years of age, but current brain research

suggests that there exists a "window of opportunity" at the earliest ages where neurological brain paths are still growing the most. Research shows that the earlier the intervention with a young child, the more we are able to close those developmental gaps.

If you would like more information about Nevada's Early Intervention Services, please feel free to contact me: [ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov)

Sincerely,  
Dan Dinnell



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**NEVADA's EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

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The Part C Family Newsletter has opportunities to suggest and share... You are invited to submit articles, share your story, or include your child in a Family Spotlight, with a photo. (All items are subject to editing and review.)



### FREE - National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass

• This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens/permanent residents with permanent disabilities.

Documentation is required to obtain the pass. The pass in most cases provides free access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance fee. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas, and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free). **The pass can only be obtained in person at the park or from a participating Federal recreation site or office.** For more information, visit... <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html>

The Arc [For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families] is happy to announce the launch of the "**Growing a Grassroots Advocacy Movement**" project in Nevada! This exciting new opportunity is being funded by the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

**The Arc in Nevada will work to develop long-term capacity for advocates to have input and impact on issues of importance to people with developmental disabilities and their families.**

If you are interested in participating in The Arc's project contact Nicole at:

[schomberg@thearc.org](mailto:schomberg@thearc.org).

Visit their website at: [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org)

**NORTHEASTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

\* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

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

**NORTHWESTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

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⇒ ***Advanced Pediatric Therapies:***

⇒ ***Easter Seals Nevada:***

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

**Down Syndrome Network "Family Support Group"** meeting: every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at NEIS, Enterprise Rd., at 5:45 pm. Call 775-682-9071 or e-mail [dsnnninfo@gmail.com](mailto:dsnnninfo@gmail.com) to R.S.V.P. or for more information.

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

**Hands and Voices** meets at NEIS, Enterprise Rd., this March 22nd, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other 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 SERVICES**

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⇒ ***Easter Seals Nevada:***

⇒ ***Integrated Support Services:***

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

**Milagros Escondidos**, Spanish speaking family support group - Milagros Escondidos grupo de apoyo para familias o individuales con habilidades especiales. Reuniones cada cuarto Jueves de mes 6 pm - 8 pm 1161 S. Valley View-NEIS

⇒ ***Positively Kids:***

⇒ ***Therapy Management Group:***

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**Updated: [A Parent's Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)**

A Parent's Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorder, recently updated by the National Institute of Mental Health, helps parents understand what autism spectrum disorder is, recognize common signs and symptoms, and find the resources they need. They also have many other publications available on their website at: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/index.shtml>

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**Family TIES of Nevada's next Parent to Parent  
Peer Mentor/Support Training!**

Open to interested parents, family members and caregivers with the desire to provide one-on-one emotional, informational, and logistical peer support to other parents. We will be using a newly developed curriculum and have a set protocol for supporting our trained parents.

**REGISTER NOW!** <http://www.familytiesnv.org/training/events>

**Contact:** Lisa Erquiaga, Training Coordinator/Parent Consultant at **1-866-326-8437** for more information on becoming a Trained Support Parent.

**Las Vegas - March 3, 2012**



[www.health.nv.gov/BEIS.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/BEIS.htm)

Nevada's Early Intervention website is filled with information and resources, including a "Links" page of all kinds of useful websites with 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](mailto:ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov) to receive the newsletter electronically

