



IDEA Part C Summer Family Newsletter

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Message from Part C's State Family Resource Coordinator, Information & Referral..... HAPPY FOURTH of JULY!!!

Dear Parents/Families

An opportunity to attend... **MEETING NOTICE**

STATE EARLY INTERVENTION INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)

Date and Time of Meeting: **Thursday, July 18, at 9:00 a.m.**

Meeting will be held via Video Conference at the Following Locations:

- **Las Vegas:** Nevada Early Intervention Services
1161 South Valley View Blvd., Conference Room
- **Reno:** Nevada Early Intervention Services
2667 Enterprise, Conference Room
- **Elko:** Nevada Early Intervention Services
1020 Ruby Vista Drive, Conference Room

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. Families are encouraged to participate.

If you would like more information about attending meetings or how to submit public comments to the Council please contact me at: ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov

Sincerely,
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From the **NATIONAL DISSEMINATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (NICHCY)**
[<http://nichcy.org/>]

Preventing & dealing with autism behavior problems

This help guide article provides valuable insights into how the behavior of a child with autism can be analyzed for its underlying messages about things that are important to the child.

http://helpguide.org/harvard/autism_revolution.htm

Other Resources for Autism Awareness

ECTA Center's Topic Page on Autism — The Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Center's topic pages are a great place to find resources. Their Autism page offers information on early identification of ASD in young children, elements of effective programs, personnel preparation to serve young children with ASD, resources for families, and more.

<http://www.ectacenter.org/topics/autism/autism.asp>

The **Administration for Children and Families (ACF)** at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has launched a new Website on **Autism Awareness and Acceptance in Early Childhood Education** [<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/asd>], which includes fact sheets, videos, tips, and links to state-specific resources. One of the resources includes a series of **Tips for Early Care and Education Providers: Simple Concepts to Embed in Everyday Routines** (2013) offered by autism intervention researchers around the country and compiled by ACF and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

* contact your Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator for more information

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

⇒ ***Nevada Early Intervention Services—Ely:***

NORTHWESTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

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⇒ ***Advanced Pediatric Therapies—Reno:***

⇒ ***Easter Seals Nevada—Reno:***

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

Down Syndrome Network “Family Support Group” - Usually every 1st Tuesday of the month [except for Summer months activities] from 5:45 pm at NEIS-Enterprise. Call 775-682-9071 or e-mail dsnninfo@gmail.com to R.S.V.P.

Family TIES provides family support in filling out **Medicaid/SSI and other Social Services applications** every 2nd Monday from 10am-12noon at NEIS-Enterprise, by RSVP only! Please call Kati or Shauna at 775-823-9500 to RSVP.

RAVE will also have **Respite Applications** available every 2nd Monday from 10am-12noon at NEIS-Enterprise.

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, contact Lori Schoen at 688-0379.

Scholarship Applications for the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum are available by calling Lori Schoen, NEIS Supervisor, at 775-688-0379 or email address: lschoen@health.nv.gov

Hands and Voices meets at NEIS, Enterprise Rd., May 16th and the 4th Thursday of every other month at 6:00 pm.

Weekly Sign Language Classes by Nevada ASL, every 1st and 3rd Monday at 10:00 am, NEIS-Enterprise

⇒ ***Nevada Early Intervention Services—Carson City:***

⇒ ***The Continuum—Reno:***

⇒ ***Therapy Management Group—Reno:***

SOUTHERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

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⇒ ***Easter Seals Nevada—Las Vegas:***

The Early Intervention Program at Easter Seals Nevada is hosting **playgroups** on Fridays. Come Join the Fun! For more information call or email Ella Philander, 702.428-4335 or ella.philander@eastersealsnevada.org

⇒ ***ISS “BABY STEPS”—Las Vegas:***

⇒ ***Kideology—Las Vegas:***

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

⇒ ***Positively Kids—Las Vegas:***

Like us on *Facebook* so that you can see all the great things we have happening!

<https://www.facebook.com/positivelykids>

⇒ ***Therapy Management Group—Las Vegas:***

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!**

The Early Intervention Family Alliance is a national leadership organization dedicated to improving outcomes for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families, open to all.

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. Web: www.eifamilyalliance.org

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

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.)

Carla Clark, NEIS South Service Coordinator—The lovely mother and son you see in the picture below are on my caseload. Emiliano has many medical conditions based on his medical diagnosis which include: G-Tube Dependency, Tracheostomy, Seizures, Hernia, Intraventricular Hemorrhage Grade 1, and Pain Management.

Franchesca Soriano, another DS, informed me about the organization "Icing Smiles". This non-profit organization goes above and beyond to assist families with FREE birthday cakes for medically fragile children and their siblings. They specialize in finding local bakeries to make the cakes for families. Take a look at this WONDERFUL picture below! The mom told us that MICKEY MOUSE is his favorite cartoon. She used MICKEY MOUSE for his 2nd b-day theme. All of the cake was edible!!! The body was layered with fondant icing, white chocolate, and rice krispies/marshmallow.

"Thank you to all of you for giving Emiliano a dream cake, it was a really dream cake. I don't have words to say how happy he was with his cake, it was a big surprise to all of us. Thank you so much." ~ Emiliano's Mom

We are Baking a Difference

Icing Smiles Inc. <<http://icingsmiles.org/>>

ICING SMILES is a nonprofit organization that provides custom celebration cakes and other treats to families impacted by the critical illness of a child. We understand that the simple things, like a birthday cake, are luxuries to a family battling illness. Our goal is to create a custom cake for the ill child, or their sibling, that provides a temporary escape from worry and creates a positive memory during a difficult time.

Family FAQs

Is my child eligible? – We serve children who have a life-threatening medical condition that is considered progressive, degenerative or malignant and are within 2 years of their last treatment. We also serve children who require frequent or extended hospitalizations and are within 2 years of their last inpatient stay. We serve all children hospitalized on their birthday, regardless of condition.

Do you serve siblings of medical children or surviving siblings? – We serve siblings of qualified medical children. We serve siblings of angels within two years of the medical child earning their wings.

Is there an age limit? – The child or sibling must be 18 or younger on the date of the request.

Is there a cost for the cake? – We provide our cakes free of charge, regardless of financial need.



Save the Date! Fathers & Families Coalition of America—15th National Fatherhood & Families Conference in Las Vegas, NV. February 10-14, 2014. Call for Workshop Proposals—Submit On-Line: <http://fathersandfamiliescoalition.wufoo.com/forms/m7x3r3/>
More information will follow in the next edition. . .

In their Winter 2013 newsletter, the **Nevada Dual Sensory Impairment Project** for families of children with vision and hearing impairments, highlighted a presentation on "**Dentistry for Children with Special Health Care Needs**" that was given at their 2012 parent conference. Some very good information and tips are provided regarding dental care for children with special needs. The article mentions how parents should take care of their child's baby teeth, treatment options at a Pediatric Dentist, how a parent can help prepare their child for a Dental visit, and questions to ask your Dentist. If you would like to know more, please visit their website at <http://www.unr.edu/ndsip> and you can find the article under Newsletters as the **Winter 2013** edition. Or call **1-877-621-5042** (toll free in Nevada).

Summer Safety Tips

Keep your family safe this summer by following these **Summer safety tips** from **the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)**.
<<http://www.aap.org/>>

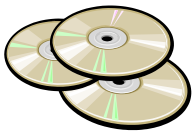
This **Federal Government's** web site, **Disability.gov**, provides easy access to comprehensive disability-related information and resources such as disability laws, finding health care, applying for disability benefits, etc.
<www.disability.gov>

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION LIBRARY—

There are a great many things to learn... check them out!!!

Library catalog for other titles at — http://health.nv.gov/BEIS_SpecialEdLibrary.htm

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.



*New DVD — "**For the Child: Information on Mental Health and Advocacy for Resource Parents**" Hosted by Morgan Freeman, will help foster parents and kinship care providers to – Understand the most common children's mental health problems - Navigate the local mental health service delivery system - Develop alliances with birth parents, school systems, mental health providers & caseworkers - Feel increased comfort with seeking mental health services - Recognize the rights and responsibilities of foster children, birth parents, kinship providers, foster parents and caseworkers - Identify who to call, what to say, and where to go to obtain the right services - Be an effective advocate for the children in your care.

*New DVD — "Including Samuel"

Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, photojournalist Dan Habib rarely thought about the inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. Shot and produced over four years, Habib's award-winning documentary film, "Including Samuel," chronicles the Habib family's efforts to include Samuel in every facet of their lives... and also features four other families with varied inclusion experiences, plus interviews with teachers, parents, and disability rights experts.

These library materials are available for use statewide. For more information, contact your service provider or coordinator. If you have questions or recommendations for the Library, please contact me at **1-800-522-0066** or ddinnell@adsd.nv.gov



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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 receive the newsletter electronically 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

