



## IDEA Part C Winter-Spring Family Newsletter

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

Dear Parents/Families,

Every year the U.S. Department of Education requires all states to submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) in order to receive federal funding. As part of this APR states must provide information about families receiving early intervention services and family outcomes.

Nevada collects and reports information on three family outcomes related to receiving early intervention services. This report, following the perspective of family-centered services, covers families who are currently receiving early intervention services for at least 6 months and determines if families feel their providers have helped them:

1. Know their rights under early intervention.
2. Effectively communicate their children's needs.

3. Help their children develop and learn

**You will soon be receiving this annual family survey.** Please take the time to fill it out and turn it in. We want the best information possible about the ways in which early intervention services may or may not have helped your family.

The results of this survey will help guide efforts to improve services and results for children and families across Nevada receiving early intervention services.

If you have questions, please contact me at: [ddinnell@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:ddinnell@dhhs.nv.gov) or 1-800-522-0066 Project ASSIST

Sincerely,  
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Dear Parents/Families,

An opportunity to attend... **NEVADA'S EARLY INTERVENTION INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)**

Date and Time of Meeting: **Thursday—April 24, at 9:00 a.m.**

Meeting is a face-to-face and will be held at the following location:

**Reno:** Nevada Early Intervention Services  
2667 Enterprise, 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.

Families and community partners are invited to attend ICC public meetings in person and via video-conferencing. If you would like more information about attending meetings or how to submit public comments to the Council please contact Dan Dinnell at: [ddinnell@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:ddinnell@dhhs.nv.gov) or 1-800-522-0066 Project ASSIST

## **NEVADA DISABILITIES CONFERENCE II**

*This Conference is a major statewide event designed to meet the informational and networking needs of individuals with disabilities or special health care needs, family members, policymakers, administrators, educators, students, staff and service providers. This event provides a truly unique environment, where people can attend educational breakout sessions relevant to their specific needs, interact with government policy makers, network with other families and learn about the wide range of services available. . . . **Coming July 2015***

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION LIBRARY—**

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

Library catalogue for other titles at — [http://health.nv.gov/BEIS\\_SpecialEdLibrary.htm](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.



**“That’s My Child: Strategies for Parents of Children with Disabilities”** - This book explores the different sources of formal and informal support available to parents with children who have all types of disabilities. Includes information on organizations, legal rights, special education, recreational activities, day care, and many other topics.

**“Views from our Shoes: Growing up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs”** - 45 brief essays by children and young adults who have a sibling with special needs, ranging from mental retardation through a number of rare syndromes. The writings are arranged in chronological order, from that of a 4 year old to an 18 year old. As such, they vary in quality as well as in insights into family relationships. The writings seem to be quite honest as some children come right out and say that they feel they are treated unfairly and that their siblings can get away with things that they cannot. In most cases, however, the children speak out against those who make fun of or misunderstand the youngsters who are different.

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 **Project ASSIST** toll free **1-800-522-0066** or [ddinnell@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:ddinnell@dhhs.nv.gov)

**“Challenging behavior in young children: What's developmentally appropriate and what's a concern?”** — This brief from Early Head Start provides tips and strategies for understanding and managing challenging behavior in very young children. It can be viewed or downloaded free at: [https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/resources/ECLKC\\_Bookstore/PDFs/TA10%5B1%5D.pdf](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/resources/ECLKC_Bookstore/PDFs/TA10%5B1%5D.pdf)

Vacation season is coming. . . **FREE – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass**

**This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens (includes children)/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, as well as possible discounts on other fees. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas, and pass holder + 3 others, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas. **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>

## 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.)

**"A Family Guide to Participating in the Child Outcomes Measurement Process"** January 15, 2014  
The National Parent Technical Assistance Center, in collaboration with the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, recently published [A Family Guide to Participating in the Child Outcomes Measurement Process](#), which informs parents about the three child outcomes that are measured for every child in the U.S. who participates in an early intervention or early childhood special education programs. It includes tips on how families can be fully involved in the child outcomes measurement process and provides information on how families can use the outcomes to better understand their child's development. It can be viewed or downloaded free at: <http://www.pacer.org/publications/pdfs/ALL-71.pdf>

◇ **"Los Angeles Awarded Special Olympics World Games"** – For the first time in six years, the Special Olympics World Games will return to the United States in 2015, the **Special Olympics** organization stated.

**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](http://www.eifamilyalliance.org)

**Updated Autism Intervention Literature Review** January 8, 2014

The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders (NPCD-ASD) at the FPG Child Development Institute recently published a new report, [Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#) (2014). In 2010, NPDC conducted a review of the literature (from 1997-2007) on autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and identified 24 evidence-based practices (EBPs). The center has just updated the review, screening approximately 29,000 articles about ASD to identify the soundest research on interventions for children from birth to age 22. The new report identifies 27 focused intervention practices that provide a solid, empirical basis on which to design programs for children and youth with ASD. It can be viewed or downloaded free at: <http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/sites/autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/files/2014-EBP-Report.pdf>

**Family TIES** directs Nevada's **Family-to-Family Healthcare Information and Education Center** and 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 call **1-866-326-8437** or visit their web site at: <http://www.familytiesnv.org/>

## EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

**Nevada PEP**, as the statewide Parent Training and Information Center, offers classes such as "**FAMILIES ARE IMPORTANT**" for families to better understand Early Intervention, their Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) and the Transition process from Early Intervention into the community or school districts. In "**SKILLS FOR EFFECTIVE PARENT ADVOCACY**" participants will learn the importance of advocacy and effective strategies to help children with disabilities. Communication techniques will help you feel confident advocating for children. For more information on these and other classes, contact PEP statewide at **1-800-216-5188** or visit their website at: [www.nvpep.org/](http://www.nvpep.org/)

### **NORTHEASTERN NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

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

- ⇒ [Nevada Early Intervention Services—Elko:](#)
- ⇒ [Nevada Early Intervention Services—Ely:](#)
- ⇒ [Nevada Early Intervention Services—Winnemucca:](#)

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month [except for Summer months activities] from 5:45 pm at NEIS-Enterprise. Call 775-682-9071 or e-mail [dsnnninfo@gmail.com](mailto:dsnnninfo@gmail.com) to R.S.V.P.
- **Family TIES** provides family support in filling out **Medicaid/SSI and other Social Services applications** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday from 10am-12noon at NEIS-Enterprise, by RSVP only! Please call 775-823-9500 to RSVP.
- **RAVE** will also have **Respite Applications** available every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: [lschoen@health.nv.gov](mailto:lschoen@health.nv.gov)
- **Hands and Voices** meets at NEIS, Enterprise Rd., May 16<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other month at 6:00 pm.
- ⇒ [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](mailto:ella.philander@eastersealsnevada.org)
- ⇒ [ISS "BABY STEPS"—Las Vegas:](#)
- ⇒ [Kideology—Las Vegas:](#)
- ⇒ [Nevada Early Intervention Services—Las Vegas:](#)
- **"Eggstra Special Family Fun Day"**, Free fingerprinting identification for children, Vision check, and more. April 4th, 1pm-3pm.
- ⇒ [Positively Kids—Las Vegas:](#)
- As the seasons change please consider placing your used clothes in one of our **clothing donation** boxes around town. Look for the small yellow "houses" in business parking lots .
- Like us on **Facebook!** <https://www.facebook.com/positivelykids>
- ⇒ [Therapy Management Group—Las Vegas:](#)
- **Milagros Escondidos** family support meetings the last Thursday of each month, 6pm-8pm, at 6600 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 111



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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@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:ddinnell@dhhs.nv.gov)

