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PEP is Nevada’s statewide Parent Training and Information Center for families who have children with disabilities and the professionals who support them. Nevada PEP is also the Statewide Family Network for families who have children with emotional and behavioral health needs. Nevada PEP believes that the family is the fundamental unit in society. Our philosophy is that children with disabilities, without regard for the nature and severity of the disability, have an inherent value, that all life has a purpose, that communities benefit from providing appropriate interventions and that individuals with disabilities make valuable contributions to society.

### WHAT IS NEVADA PEP?

To increase the opportunities for home, community and school success for children with disabilities, including those who are at risk or who have serious emotional disturbances, their families and their service providers, through education, encouragement and empowerment activities.

### WHAT SERVICES DOES PEP OFFER?

- Information and Referral
- Statewide Lending Library
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Conflict Resolution Support
- Individual Assistance
- Training Workshops
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Family Support Services

### WHO SHOULD CALL?

- Parents of children with special needs, illness, and disabilities
- Parents of children with mental health needs
- Parents needing encouragement and support from other parents
- Family members, friends and persons with disabilities
- Professionals in the medical, educational, and human service fields
- Community Leaders who make decisions about programs of support for children with disabilities and their families
FUNDAMENTAL GOALS

ONE
Nevada PEP will be a long-term reliable statewide resource to families and the individuals who support them by providing information, support, and training programs to empower them to better advocate for the needs of their children, adolescents, and young adults.

TWO
Nevada PEP will assist families and the individuals who support them to better understand the nature and needs of disabilities. Adolescents and young adults will understand their strengths and weakness and how to advocate themselves.

THREE
Nevada PEP will conduct community outreach and public awareness activities to families, professionals, organizations, and traditionally underserved populations that directly or indirectly work with children with disabilities and their families to raise awareness of available support, link families with other families in similar circumstance, encourage community acceptance and enhance the family centered community-based service delivery.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• We believe that children, adolescents, and young adults have a right to access appropriate intervention as well as participate in all opportunities accompanied with membership in their own community.

• We believe that children, adolescents, and young adults reach their full potential when families and professionals build a partnership based on trust and respect.

• We believe that children, adolescents, and young adults and their families deserve the opportunity to live, learn, and participate fully in their communities.

• We believe that the family is the child’s first and best teacher, that professionals must be sought after as experts in their fields to enhance the family.

• We believe that the family’s strengths, weakness, and cultures must be respected to meet the true needs of the family.

• We believe that information, support, and training enrich and empower families and professionals.

• We believe that every person has an unrealized potential for growth and that services should be designed to maximize that potential.

• We believe that a diverse culture is essential in an interdependent world, and we believe in acknowledging, embracing, and respecting diversity.

• We believe that it is crucial that families participate in policy-making decisions at the local, state, and national levels to guide the development of meaningful services that are family-driven.
As the Chairperson of the Nevada PEP Governing Board, I would like to share with you the 11th edition of our Hand in Hand Together We Can yearbook. The Hand in Hand Together We Can program began in 2002. We are so excited to continue to recognize exceptional people who have made a positive difference in the lives of children with special needs. With each passing year, the stories continue to be filled with positive and inspiring stories.

I am proud to share with you a few of Nevada PEP’s accomplishments; let’s take a moment to reflect back on the year’s achievements. In recognition of National Bullying Awareness month, Nevada PEP held its 2nd Annual Statewide Run Walk Roll Against Bullying. The event was a success with over 700 people in attendance. Throughout the month of October, Nevada PEP worked with several radio and television stations in the state to promote the Run Walk Roll and National Bullying Awareness month. Nevada PEP collaborated with the Nevada Department of Education, the Nevada PTA, and the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children statewide conferences. Nevada PEP provided trainings to parents and professionals on disability-related topics. Nevada PEP continues to increase its social media outreach and have gained numbers in Facebook friends and Twitter followers.

Nevada PEP will continue to strengthen families and keep true to our mission. The need for Nevada PEP’s unique service continues to grow. Information and guidance is a critical component in keeping families together. Our services are about empowering families to be life long advocates for their children through education and skill-building. Nevada PEP recognizes that parents are experts on their children and must learn about disabilities, intervention needs, and how to develop a support system to meet those needs. When kids with disabilities are successful in school and out in the community, families become stronger. Nevada PEP continues to grow with each family we support.

As we look forward to an exciting and busy year, we would like to thank each and every one of our generous supporters and our dedicated volunteers. Nevada PEP depends on the charitable support of our community leaders and our committed members. By working together, we are building a stronger community for the future of our children.

-Sam Lieberman
Nevada PEP Governing Board Chairperson
“Thank you for all the help you’ve given me. PEP guided me to know exactly what to do to get things done, I couldn’t get done without the information PEP provided.”

- Parent
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

INCOME  Total: $1,289,138

16,812 Individuals Served

- Grants & Contracts
- Contributions
- Memberships
- Other

EXPENDITURES  Total: $1,175,566

- Professional Services
- Conferences, Meetings & Trainings
- Printing & Publications
- Supplies, Postage & Shipping
- Other Operational
- Travel & Mileage
- Family Training Stipends
- Building & Space
- Personnel

$1,228,881
$40,201
$1,475
$18,581

$834,645
$147,954
$40,661
$35,213
$37,810
$29,835
$24,934
$14,815
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Was the information presented at the workshop useful to you?  

....Yes, 100%

Because of the information you received at the workshop, do you feel you are more knowledgeable about how to work with schools?

....Yes, 80%

Because of the information I learned and put to use from the workshop, my child has received more appropriate services?

....Yes, 92%

Because of the information you received at the workshop, were you able to work with the school to address a critical need related to your child’s education?

....Yes, 94%

Has the workshop provided you with the information you needed to make decisions about your child’s education?

....Yes, 92%

Nevada PEP offers training opportunities for parents, students, and professionals throughout Nevada. Core training topics include Understanding ADHD, IEP Clinics, Positive Behavioral Interventions, Bullying Prevention, and Literacy workshops. In collaboration with our community partners, we provide trainings to educate the community and to reach more families who have children with disabilities. The information offered in the trainings helps families learn about best practices and how to advocate for services for their children. Trainings are presented in both English and Spanish.

Statewide Training Certificates

Nevada Preschool Registry – 896
Foster Care Parents – 37

3,025 Individuals participated in the training workshops

294 Training Workshops Conducted
VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

Nevada PEP encourages volunteers, board members, and family members to be involved in their communities. Students, parents, professionals, and the general public have donated 5,432 hours of valuable service to Nevada PEP. Volunteers provide office assistance by helping with general office tasks: answering telephones, copying, faxing, assisting with bulk mail, filing office forms, and assembling training packets. Volunteers assist with community fairs, special events, outreach, public awareness, trainings, and support groups. Nevada PEP encourages family and student involvement on task forces, focus groups, and at committee meetings. Thank you to all of the valuable volunteers who contributed to Nevada PEP!
SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS

Nevada PEP provides support services by first providing Information & Referral Services and helping parents find their way through the maze of services.

Another important support service is Individual Assistance, which targets the specific needs of the individual or family. If a family requires additional support, Nevada PEP attends Education, Wraparound, or Child & Family Team meetings.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PUBLIC AWARENESS

Nevada PEP provides outreach presentations for service providers, professional organizations and parent groups throughout Nevada. By educating community members, Nevada PEP continually enhances understanding of the needs of children with disabilities and their families.

Top 10 Reasons People Contact Nevada PEP

- Family Support: 30%
- Advocacy: 26%
- Behavior Issues: 12%
- Special Education/IEPs: 9%
- Disability: 7%
- Assessments: 4%
- Transition: 4%
- Placement: 3%
- Family Involvement: 2%
- Related Services: 2%

132,409 Number of yearly Website hits at nvpep.org

139 Number of public forums, information fairs, & community outreach events

86 Number of committees to which Nevada PEP representatives provided the parent perspective

360 Number of meetings attended to enhance the support systems for children with special needs and their families

188,769 Number of E-Newsletters sent

288 Number of schools visited across Nevada
Gender of Children Helped

- Male: 70%
- Female: 30%

Ethnicities of Consumers

- Caucasian: 51%
- Hispanic: 25%
- African American: 10%
- Asian: 3%
- Not Determined: 9%
- Native American: 2%

Ages of Children Helped

- 0 through 2: 1%
- 3 through 5: 9%
- 6 through 11: 20%
- 12 through 14: 22%
- 15 through 18: 43%
- 19 through 21: 1%
- 22 through 26: 1%

Consumer Relationships

- Parents: 73%
- Service Providers: 6%
- General Public: 7%
- Other Educators: 4%
- Special Educators: 2%
- Other Relatives: 2%
- Foster Parents: 2%
- Advocates: 2%
- Students: 1%
- Surrogate Parents: 1%

CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS
Nevada PEP has formed strong relationships throughout the community with corporations, professional organizations, and individuals. It is only through the ongoing support of our community partners that we continue to grow.

Our greatest need is for corporate sponsors. In giving to Nevada PEP, you will be rewarded with a lifetime of achievement and partnership.

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Visit our website @ www.nvpep.org
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Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness
MGM Resorts Foundation
National Institute of Mental Health
Nevada Department of Education
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Nevada Division of Child and Family Services
Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration
Wells Fargo Foundation

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BOB FM 107.9
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Camie Cragg Fitness
Chefs for Kids
Christ the Servant Lutheran School
Chuck E. Cheese
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
Courtney Blanchard Pastel Paintings
Cozine Elementary
David Barton Gym
Domino’s Pizza
EZ Cash Metro Pawn
Flip the Script
Foothill Montessori School
Griffith Methodist Day School
Härden Rock Café
iFocus Productions
Imperial Wine Wholesalers
International Gaming Technology (IGT)
JoJo’s Jerky
Josh Stevens Foundation
KRNV- Channel 4
KVBC- Channel 3
Las Vegas 51’s
Las Vegas Clark County Library District
Las Vegas Mini Gran Prix
Las Vegas Paiute Childhood Development Center
Majestic Behavioral Health
Merryhill Preschool
Monte Vista Hospital
Nature’s Bakery
Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities
NV Energy
Peppermill Resort Hotel
Pierro’s Italian Restaurant
Porchlight Grille
REI Sporting Goods
Reno Bighorns
Romo Films Photography
Run Vegas Run
Sam’s Club #4768
Shenker Academy
Smith/Peltier & Associates
Smoothie King
Spring Mountain Treatment Center
Southwest Gas
Taylor Barton Foundation
The Lovaas Center
The Sign Shop
Tivoli Village
United Way of Southern Nevada
University Center for Economic Development
Vegas Cheer Authority
Walmart #7048
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Western Village
You Microspa
Young Men’s Service League

Thank you to our Anonymous Donors. We are truly grateful for your continued support.
Over 25 years ago, I met a wonderful lady, Marjory “Midge” Turner. As a young mom who was struggling trying to find help for my five-year-old son with disabilities, I attended a state meeting and observed Midge in action, advocating for improvement in services for individuals with disabilities. She knew what children with disabilities needed and what families were experiencing; she really knew her stuff. She understood all the Federal and State laws and could quote them in any given situation.

Later I came to know that she was also a mother of a young man who was deaf-blind born in 1965. When she moved to Nevada, at the time our State didn’t provide education for children with significant disabilities in the public schools. The Federal Law, now called IDEA, had not been passed yet. Three years later, with her tenacious advocacy and the support from Governor Mike O’Callaghan, her son Jimmy was able to enter a public school.

Her advocacy was well documented in many articles in local, state and national publications. She wrote a column in the Las Vegas Sun for over seven years called, “The Handicapped Notebook”. These columns addressed the needs, policies and politics around children with disabilities. As I now read back over her columns, I see that she captured history in the making. Her columns educated the community and changed the way people felt about and treated children with disabilities.

Midge opened doors in so many ways, from inclusion in schools, to after-school care and to extended school year programs; from safe transportation to better quality care in state homes. Midge believed in the dignity and civil rights of individuals with disabilities and worked hard for over 50 years to pave the road for our children.

It is hard to grasp the full statewide and national impact Midge had on the lives of children with disabilities; past, present and future. I do know that her heroic efforts from the 1960s until the day she passed in 2013 made a historic difference for all of us working in the Disability Movement. Midge became not only a good friend, but my mentor and a loving adopted grandmother for our boys. I miss her every day and will continue to honor her legacy in the work we do at Nevada PEP.

I want to congratulate the recipients of the 2013 Hand in Hand Together We Can Appreciation Award. You join a group of dedicated individuals that make the difference in the lives of children. Nevada PEP is pleased to highlight the nomination stories in this year’s edition. The kind acts celebrated here show us that the road is continuing to be paved by so many. Together we will realize the day that individuals with disabilities have the dignity and civil rights that they so greatly deserve.

With sincere appreciation,

Karen Taycher
Executive Director
Marjory "Midge" Turner

Midge’s greatest satisfaction was from the results she achieved as an advocate for individuals with disabilities.

Marjory Turner (previously known as Midge Becker, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities). She was born on January 11, 1930 in Washington, D.C.

www.RememberingMidge.com
Natalie Filipic is the mother of two and grandmother of six. As the Director of Operations, Natalie is generally responsible for the business and information management of Nevada PEP, ensuring the smooth operation of the organization’s infrastructure. Natalie enjoys the day to day routine of office management, knowing that what she does makes a difference in the lives of others.

Robin Kincaid is the Director of Educational Services. Robin has over eighteen years of experience educating parents and professionals on special education law, advocacy, best practice, parent/professional collaboration, and positive behavior supports. Other responsibilities include outreach activities and individual assistance to families. Robin has served on the Interagency Coordinating Council for the past nine years, representing the parent perspective in early intervention services. As co-chair for the Families First Statewide Conference in 2007, Robin provided leadership and coordination for the conference program.

Stephanie Vrsnik is the Community Development Director. Stephanie is the mother of two and a very proud grandmother. Having a son with disability brought her to Nevada PEP. Her passion and expertise is focused on bringing public awareness and community support to Nevada PEP. “It is vital that the community supports our children to be successful contributing members of our community.” Stephanie is a member of the American Fundraising Professionals and the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. She oversees the Annual Statewide Run Walk Roll fundraising event, bringing awareness to the community on Bullying Prevention. Building a stronger community for our children is her primary goal.

Retta Dermody, Director of Program and Services for the Satellite Office and Certified Parent Support Provider (CPSP), has over twenty-nine years of experience in special education. Retta has advocated as a mom, step-mom, and grandmother of children with special needs. Her experiences include working as a teacher’s aide in resource rooms for the WCSD, and as a Child and Family Advocate and Director of Family Services for the Committee to Aid Abused Women. In her current position, Retta combines her responsibilities involving the “Collaborating for Children” grant, directing the Satellite Office staff, providing rural outreach, training and other individual assistance to parents and professionals. She serves as vice-chairperson on the Washoe County Children’s Mental Health Consortium.
Dorena Ash is a Family Specialist at Nevada PEP and is a Certified Parent Support Provider (CPSP). Her experience with her daughter’s disability has inspired her to work at PEP. She enjoys working with the families of children with disabilities. It helps to know that families don’t have to go through this alone. Dorena is honored to be a part of the PEP family.

Dorithia Coleman is a Family Specialist at Nevada PEP and is a Certified Parent Support Provider (CPSP). She is a wife and mother of an incredible teenage son with special needs. Dorithia serves as a member of the State of Nevada Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Program Advisory Group. She believes that the parents are the first and best teachers of their children. Her goal is to empower families with useful strategies and provide resources that address their child’s needs through PEP.

Havander Davis is the Communications Specialist at Nevada PEP. As the Communication Specialist, he enjoys talking to families who call or come into PEP looking for help, support, and resources. “I am proud to serve an organization that enhances opportunities for those with disabilities. I am honored to be a member of the PEP family and look forward to continue to help families who have children with disabilities.”

Cheri Day is a Family Specialist working in the Satellite Office. After her own personal experience, she discovered that there is wonderful help if you know where to find it. She joined Nevada PEP after a year of working with the staff on her own IEPs to assist her children with disabilities. Her goal is to help empower others as she has been empowered through PEP.
Santiago De La Torre is a Family Specialist, bilingual Training Specialist, and is a Certified Parent Support Provider (CPSP). Santiago enjoys working with families and finds it very rewarding when parents find their voice in order to help their children through education, empowerment, and encouragement. “I have two great kids, one of whom has autism. Working with families and helping them to find the help they need has been especially rewarding. I am proud to be a part of the PEP family.”

Charlene Frost is the Statewide Family Network Coordinator for Nevada PEP and is a Certified Parent Support Provider (CPSP). The Statewide Family Network focuses on systems change and helping families who are involved with more than one child service system, specializing in children with serious emotional disturbance and behavior disorders. As the parent of two children with emotional and behavioral disorders, Charlene has had personal experience advocating for children with special needs. Charlene has called Nevada home for over 17 years and has been an active part of the Las Vegas community working on behalf of children.

Belen Herrera is the Program Accountability Specialist at Nevada PEP. She makes sure the administration department stays running correctly. Her tasks include inputting memberships, donations, and many more fun things. She is always up for something new and adventurous. She enjoys helping others and PEP is a perfect fit for her. PEP does so much for families and she is proud to say she is a PEPper.

Stephanie Houle is the Educational Services Manager at Nevada PEP. Stephanie is the mother of a feisty little red-head with a developmental delay. She enjoys sharing information and resources with families who also have young children with disabilities. Stephanie is grateful for the opportunity to support children and their families through education, encouragement, and empowerment activities at PEP.
Bob Humphreys is one of our Transition Specialists in the Central Office. He is the father of a 20 year-old daughter with a learning disability and has a desire to assist families in the transition process from high school to post secondary education and competitive employment. He works closely with Challenger Little League and Traditional Little League by bringing the two together for all kids to enjoy, teamwork, friendship, and companionship.

Jennifer Jones is a Family Specialist working in the Reno Satellite Office. She is a single mom of a 15 year-old son who has unique emotional needs and a learning disability. Her work at NV PEP has increased her empathy for parents and families of children with special needs in ways she could never have imagined. Jennifer shares, “I find my work at NV PEP extremely satisfying because I am constantly learning more as I help families with situations similar to my own.”

Samantha King is the Transition Specialist in the Satellite Office. She has two children with learning disabilities. She works with middle and high school students getting ready to transition into postsecondary education, employment, and independent living. She believes that life after graduation can be overwhelming and wants to do the best she can to provide families and young adults with the self-advocacy skills they need.

Teri Kirby is a Family Specialist and is a Certified Parent Support Provider (CPSP). Teri was introduced to PEP over ten years ago while seeking help for her own family. She values the opportunities to give unparalleled support back to families who face challenges in the community and schools. Helping to educate, empower, and encourage families is not only an honor, but a drive for her.
Ron Kopicko is the Outreach Specialist for the Satellite Office. Ron knows that families can have a difficult time looking for support. He finds it rewarding to assist families in navigating the process. Ron has been actively involved for PEP in the Washoe County Juvenile Justice system. He is a member of the Washoe County Juvenile Services “Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative”. Ron also provides training through the Reno Police Department Regional Crisis Intervention Program for Northern Nevada law enforcement agencies, focusing on children and adolescents who have severe emotional disorders. Ron is glad to be a part of PEP.

Diane Lombardo is fulfilling her lifelong dream of helping families through Nevada PEP. She moved to Las Vegas in 1986 for a better opportunity for herself and family. After seeking help for her own two boys, she began volunteering to give something back. She has been helping families at PEP for over seven years. She has a dream of one day staging a huge fundraiser and ultimately helping children with disabilities through her musical talent and PEP.

Amanda Miller is the Administrative Specialist at Nevada PEP. She loves that she able to give back to the organization that helped her family. She has a BA in English and is looking into graduate programs that would allow her to work with children with special needs. As an individual with Asperger’s Syndrome, she made use of the accommodations provided to her while in college and wish that more students with disabilities would make use of such resources. She hopes to share her experiences in transitions in both school and work with other children and young adults with disabilities.

Dr. Christa Peterson is a licensed psychologist with over 27 years of experience developing, administering, and delivering services to youths who have developmental disabilities and behavioral health disorders. In the last eleven years, Christa has served as principal investigator for several grant initiatives, such as the Neighborhood Care Center Project. Christa has co-authored many research and other publications in professional psychology, including studies of the wraparound process. She is also the parent of a child with behavior health problems. Christa enjoys being a part of the Nevada PEP Family.
Robin Renshaw is a native of Las Vegas. “I’ve been with Nevada PEP for fourteen years as a Transition Specialist and I’m looking forward to fourteen more. There is absolutely nothing I would rather do; not only for youth with disabilities, but for myself. In the coming year, in addition to teaching youth personal advocacy skills, I want to show them how to advocate for others in our disability community.” Robin found that it’s powerful to advocate for yourself; but to him, it’s even more exciting to advocate for others!

Magdalena Ruiz is a bilingual Family Specialist. She is a proud mother of three boys; her oldest and her youngest son has a disability. Before she became part of the Nevada PEP family, she was lost and overwhelmed with stress. Thanks to the help she received from PEP, she was able to keep going. “I now feel confident and capable to do the same for all my families. My goal is to make a difference in a child’s life and to help families become better advocates for their loved ones.”

Michele Santee is the Intake Specialist here at Nevada PEP. She is a proud mom of two children, one who has special needs. Nevada PEP was such a great help to her family and to her son! She knew this was where she belonged. Being a part of the PEP family has given her the opportunity to help others with the same support she received when she first contacted PEP. Nevada PEP has taught her to be a better advocate for her son and helping families do the same for their children is definitely one of the most rewarding feelings!
Chad Uhl is the proud father of an energetic nine-year-old girl and the Web & Graphic Designer for Nevada PEP. Chad maintains the organization’s website, e-newsletters, and its online social media networks. He also designs all of PEP’s materials and publications for families. In addition, Chad helps to support PEP’s efforts in spreading awareness about the effects of bullying in our community. “I traveled a lot when I was younger, which helped me learn to see people for who they are. Bullying prevention is important because it allows us to build stronger relationships with one another in our community.”

Kelli Walker is the Information and Training Specialist for the Satellite Office. She has four children. Her youngest is 15 years old and has Autism. Since she has had many struggles getting what her daughter needs at school, she has wanted to help others learn how to advocate for their children. Working for PEP has given her the opportunity to help parents get the tools they need, let them know that they are not alone, and there is help. She is so thankful for the opportunity and privilege to work with families and make a difference.
Bullying is a serious issue that faces many children in Nevada. Nevada PEP is part of a nationwide movement to raise awareness of bullying prevention. In honor of National Bullying Prevention Month, Nevada PEP partnered with ten schools across the state to raise awareness about bullying. PEP provided “Our School is Against Bullying” banners and bullying prevention bookmarks and other materials to Bonner, Elmcrest, Lunt, Mendoza, Numa, Paradise, and Cannan Elementary Schools, as well as Hyde Park and Vaughn Middle Schools. These materials helped schools teach children about bullying and create a school-culture that values diversity and respect. During the month of October, PEP also offered eight “Is Your Child a Target of Bullying?” training and webinar workshops to parents and professionals throughout Nevada. Nevada PEP is dedicated to putting an end to bullying in our communities. Visit www.nvpep.org to learn more about Nevada PEP!

Check out Nevada PEP on the CCSD website: http://smarturl.it/PEP-works-with-CCSD

Nevada PEP has the pleasure of collaborating with all of these great schools to bring bullying awareness to the community.
Mrs. Nevada-America 2014

“Empowering our youth to step up and encouraging them to advocate for those in need of strength.”

Dear Family at Nevada PEP,

It is with great pleasure to express my endless support to the "Hand and Hand Together We Can" appreciation program at Nevada PEP. Congratulations to all the recipients thus far in their accomplishments in helping children with disabilities achieve their dreams. The recipients are extraordinary leaders and well respected with the impact they have made on our youth.

Nevada PEP's mission encourages parents and people to make a difference in the lives of children with special needs. Their organization has allowed me to reach for the stars and promote kindness within our community. I was blessed to have been apart of their annual Run, Walk & Roll event last September, to kick-start National Bullying Prevention month. This event was my first official 5k that I ran, however the message was strong that together we can collectively take a stand against bullying. Anti-bullying is an awareness I take stand with since I was bullied in junior high school. Together we can make a difference!

Now that I have been recently crowned, Mrs. Nevada-America 2014, I will continue to support my family at Nevada PEP and their mission to continue making an impact within our beautiful state.

It is with a loving heart that I submit this letter of support to Nevada PEP’s organization. Thank you for giving Nevada families hope, love and a place to belong.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lavetta Schneider
Mrs. Nevada-America 2014
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Reno, NV 89502

Dear Friends at Nevada PEP:

Our radio station, KNEV-FM, is pleased to partner with Nevada PEP in the effort to raise awareness about the ongoing epidemic in our schools and society al large with bullying. Magic 95.5 reached out to Nevada PEP in the early summer of 2013 and asked if we could help with the 2013 Run Walk Roll Against Bullying Event. It was our pleasure to do so.

KNEV aired over 300 public service announcements promoting the 2013 Run Walk Roll Against Bullying Event and included signage on our website and Facebook page. We played the music on the event day and had a team of walkers joining in the fun.

As someone who was bullied most of my childhood, I know what it is like to feel isolated and alone, feeling as if it was me against the world and not being able to see a way out of the torment and pain. The statistics are staggering and sobering with 160,000 students staying home from school each day to avoid being bullied. I stayed home from school over 200 times myself! The education I missed in middle-school hurt my academic progress in high school. No child should have to deal with the short and long-term negative effects of being bullied.

Nevada PEP is making a difference in the lives of children and their families at school and at home and I am proud to play a small role in their difference making.

Thank you Nevada PEP from all of us at Cumulus Radio Reno for what you have done, are doing, and continue to do, on behalf of the children in our community who need you most.

My Best,

[Signature]

Douglas Holzmeier (Daniels)
Morning Personality/Program Director/Operations Manager
Cumulus Reno – KNEV-FM – Magic 95.5
Thank you to our many community partners, sponsors, donors, participants, and volunteers for making the 2013 Statewide Run Walk Roll Event a tremendous success. This is leading to the perfect prelude; with October being National Bullying Prevention month. Our Run Walk Roll rocked Tivoli Village in Las Vegas and the IGT properties in Reno simultaneously. Morning festivities began in the South, performances included the Las Vegas Cheer Authority, “Put PEP in Your Step,” and the LVH Junior ROTC Wildcat Battalion Color Guard, as well as the National Anthem sung by Sujana Laurendeau from “O” Cirque du Soleil. The Notables also delighted the crowd with their rendition of the Star Spangled Banner in the North. Nevada PEP Governing Board Chairman, Sam Lieberman, welcomed participants in Las Vegas, while Retta Dermody and IGT Vice President, Don Hopkins, introduced Grand Marshall, Katherine Loudon. Emcees, Steph MacKenzie from 97.1 The Point and television and radio personality, Nathan Tannenbaum, did a stellar job keeping the action moving smoothly in Las Vegas, as did Melissa Carlson of Channel 4 in Reno.

Children laughed smiled and sang and danced to music from The Notables, Magic 95.5 Doug Daniels, and Michael Darby and Smile. Everyone scurried to get their raffle tickets in time for the drawings and award ceremonies. The crowds were treated to professional handling of the drawings, for which we would like to extend special acknowledgement and genuine gratitude to Trish Leavitt, Nevada PEP Governing Board Member, and Valerie Padovani and Jenna Holdridge at IGT for their energy and expertise.

Once again, talented artist, Courtney Blanchard, presented the hosts with pastel self-portraits. These self-portraits are priceless. Each year we are truly amazed of her generosity and her elegant talent.

Closing comments, “Today’s Steps...Tomorrow’s Steps,” by Sam Lieberman in the South and Executive Director, Karen Taycher in the North, inspired one and all to come together as one again next year in support of this great cause. Remember, “The end of bullying begins with you!”

Nevada PEP would like to extend its deepest appreciation to all the hard working volunteers that made this event such a success. Without their dedication and support, this event would not have been possible.

Take a STEP with PEP to STOP Bullying!

Watch 2013 Event Video: RunWalkRoll2013video.NVPEP.org
Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for their time, dedication and support. We couldn’t have done it without you!

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Nevada PEP’s Include Me Puppet Program enjoyed a successful year performing for over 560 preschool children and over 100 parents and professionals in local preschools and Las Vegas Clark County Libraries in Southern Nevada. Nevada PEP has developed a great partnership with the Las Vegas Clark County Library District educating preschoolers, their families and staff on inclusion and bullying prevention.

Our dedicated puppeteers have volunteered many hours to perfecting the scripts and bringing the puppets to life. The children are excited as they interact with the puppets by asking questions about different disabilities and bullying prevention. Educating younger generations with parents and professionals is an encouraging step towards building friendships and positive outcomes. The response we have received in our community has been extremely positive. Professionals, educators and parents all commented and said the program is very educational for children and they would like to see it expand to all children throughout the community. Our multicultural, child-size, hand-and-rod puppets represent Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Learning Disability, Spina Bifida, Visual Impairment, and Hearing Impairment.

Our goal is positive inclusion for all children, with and without disabilities. By educating our community on disabilities, we are building a brighter future for all children.

For more information contact Nevada PEP: 702-388-8899

Include Me Sponsorship

$100 - $300 - Puppet Partner
• Receive a unique PEP Puppet Partner Certificate
• Individual recognition in the PEP POST newsletter and Hand in Hand Yearbook

$301 - $699 - Exceptional Partner
• Attain a personalized Exceptional Partner Certificate
• A photo of you and the puppets as a keepsake
• Individual recognition in the PEP POST newsletter and Hand in Hand Yearbook

$700 plus - Proud Parent
• Honored with the prestigious PEP Proud Parent Certificate
• A photo of you and the puppets as a keepsake
• Individual recognition in the PEP POST newsletter and Hand in Hand Yearbook
• Recognition on Include Me Puppet Program materials

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Volunteer Connection

Actions are priceless when they are the reflection of a kind and loving heart that cares about its community. Volunteering not only helps families, but it gives a sense of accomplishment and personal fulfillment. Nevada PEP provides opportunities for families, youth, school groups and other community members to experience the rewards of contributing time and effort to an organization that cares about others. We are very proud of our volunteers statewide and appreciate their commitment to Nevada PEP and the communities in which they live. Volunteering is, without a doubt, a “noble” profession.

CRS Volunteers Make A Difference!

Our Community Resource Specialist Volunteers are parents and professionals who represent Nevada PEP by providing information about PEP services and resources at community events, assisting in parent training and providing public awareness in their own communities throughout the State of Nevada.

Volunteer Hours:

5,432

VIP Program Very Important Partners!

Nevada PEP has provided our Very Important Partners with volunteer experiences in our Central and Satellite PEP offices. Parents, students and community partners, including our school groups, have volunteered their time in business related activities, community-based activities and back to school fairs. Not only does Nevada PEP benefit from their assistance, the VIP volunteer learns new skills and experiences that will contribute to their success in future opportunities.

Lavetta Schneider,

It is an honor to be Mrs. Nevada-America 2014 and be able to promote my platform in Southern Nevada. My focus is centered upon raising awareness to step up and take a stand against bullying. While serving my previous title, Mrs. Paradise City-America 2014, I reached out to Nevada PEP to participate in their annual Run Walk Roll Event to kickstart National Bullying Prevention month. Prior to the event, I was introduced to the amazing staff and felt a part of their family instantly. Nevada PEP has given me the opportunity to be a leader in my community and take a stand against bullying. Their dedication to making an impact and difference in Nevada has inspired me to help in various directions to support their mission. Thank you all at Nevada PEP and making me a part of your family!
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The “Hand In Hand, Together We Can” appreciation program was designed to proudly recognize and honor special people who have made a positive difference in the lives of children with special needs. The program began in October 2002, when Hand In Hand forms were mailed to thousands of interested parents and professionals across the state. With each special story sent to us, Nevada PEP delivered the Hand in Hand award recipient a beautiful certificate and lapel pin to display as a proud supporter of Nevada’s community of people with disabilities.

The stories are also recognized in our quarterly PEP Post newsletter. The inspiring stories you are about to read are celebrations of wonderful teachers, doctors, therapists, family members, and many others who have worked with children with disabilities and have gone above and beyond to make a positive difference in a child’s life. Touching and original, the stories in our 2013 Yearbook span over a one year period. We, at Nevada PEP, are excited to honor these very special Hand In Hand recipients and will continue to do so throughout the years to come.
Carl Baker  
*Band Director*

The Bostic family wishes to honor Mr. Carl Baker, Band Director of Bonanza High School for his dedication to Inclusion. Mr. Baker has gone above and beyond to include our son in the Bonanza Band and in the classroom, at football games and at Clark County School District Band competitions. Mr. Baker’s patience and kindness has helped our son’s school experience be positive and productive. His mentoring of students has shown a consistent belief that Inclusion is positive for all students, staff and family members. As a worried mother his words to me “there are some things in life and education more important than winning band competitions” will remain with me forever. I know our son is learning, safe and happy while participating with his peers in the Bonanza High school Performing Band. Thank you Mr. Baker you have proven hand in hand together we can make a difference.

*Bostic Family*

Ms. Regina Ballard  
*Assistant Principal*

My son started Kindergarten at Lucille Rogers ES. He really struggled with his behavior and academically. Ms. Ballard the Assistant Principal was always willing to help me and my son get through these rough times. She never gave up on finding solutions for him and was always understanding of the situations and issues that arose. My son and I were very grateful to have the support of an Administrator such as herself. Thank you Ms. Ballard for always having a smile, and for always looking out for the students, families and your staff.

*Kerry Trinidad  
*Parent*

Yahaira Bondet  
*Student Assistant*

Le doy gracias a Yahaira Bondet por la ayuda que me a dado con mi hijo, con las terapias y lo de escuela. Ella a servido mucho para que siga su camino y pueda llegar hasta el final del camino que el y yo tenemos que llegar, graduacion de High School y recibir su “Diploma”

*I’m very thankful for Yahaira Bondet for all the support that she has provided my son. She helped him at school and with his therapies. It has helped my son get to where he is now and encouraged my son and me to set new goals in order to get to high school and receive a “Diploma”.*

*Dora Llanas  
*Parent*
Josefina Cardenas  
*Friend*

Josefina siempre a estado conmigo muchos anos. Apoyandome con el cuidado de mis hijos y dandome apoyo moral, apoyo economico y recomendandome lugares donde puedo solicitar ayuda. Mil gracias por ser como eres y por nunca dejarme sola.

Josefina has always been there for me many years. She supported me with the care of my children as well as giving me moral and economic support, she recommended me to places where I can receive services. Thank you for being you and never leaving me alone.

Veronica Castro  
*Mother*

Teresa Cragon  
*Aunt*

Teresa is an amazing, giving and loving person. She has been extremely helpful, supportive to me and my son. Teresa is the only person I have in my life that will take my son for a break, to just love him, and to be at meetings for him as well. Teresa is there every step of the way and is part the reason we have made it this far. We are very grateful.

Benhur Cardona  
*Professional*

Le agradesco por ver ayudado ami hija y ami con las citas atraducir en los IEP’s y en todo lo que necesito y espero que pase una linda Navidad usted y su familia muchas gracias.

I appreciate the help I received with my daughter’s appointments, interpreting at my IEP meetings, and helping me in everything that was needed. I hope that you and your family have a Merry Christmas. Thank you very much.

Araceli Sanchez  
*Parent*

Cheri Day  
*Nevada PEP*

This wonderful, knowledgeable and professional woman has been there every step of the way. When we needed someone the most, she really stepped in and made a difference with her presence and her input. I have really been blessed and touched by Cheri Day’s support through our family’s roughest and toughest moments in our lives. Thank you for all you are willing to do and going that extra mile for families and their success.

Lucia De La Riva  
*Parent*
Betty Dupuis  
*Family Advocate*

I would like to thank Betty Dupuis for her support and encouragement. Betty gave me the courage to advocate for my son. Her support gave me the self-esteem to believe in myself and have a voice. When I did not like the way things were handled with my son and she stated “Stephanie, do something about it this is your son” Betty is a family advocate at the Head Start Program and has a very busy schedule yet she always made time for me. She willingly attended all the IEP meetings and never told me that she didn’t have time to go. Betty Dupuis was the one who referred me to Nevada PEP. She said “They will assist you and give you the support you need.”

**Stephanie Trujillo**
*Parent*

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Meliton Escamilla Garcia  
*Dad*

Meliton Escamilla es la persona en la vida de mi hija muy especial porque a ayudado a salir adelante ami hija le ayuda con la tarea y aunque el yega cansado del trabajo siempre le presta atencion la la lleva al parque o la lleva a nadar o simplemente se ponen a bailar y a jugar alo que ella quiera y le cuenta cuenteos de adas. Por eso el a hecho cosas muy bonitas en la vida de Rachel gracias por tanta ayuda y lo amamos mucho. Tus hijos y tu pareja te queremos. Meliton Escamilla is a very important person in my daughter’s life. He has helped my daughter achieve in many areas. Even though he comes home from work tired, he always makes time for her, he pays attention to her needs. He takes her to the park and swimming, or to just simply dance and play to whatever she wants, he even tells her fairy-tale stories. He has done so many wonder things for my daughter. Thank you for all your help, your family loves you so much.

**Maria Orea**
*Wife*

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Julian Gomez  
*Husband*

Esta dedicatoria hoy ba dirigida para mi esposo Julian aunque nunca selo he dicho personalmente hoy quiero darle las gracias por siempre apoyarme y entenderme estar conmigo en las buenas y malas. Y siempre al pendiente de la salud de mi hijo y con todas sus operaciones el ha tenido un total de 9 operaciones y sin su apoyo, ayuda y comprenicion nunca uviera podido sola es un poco dificil y deprimente tan solo de pensar lo que pudiera pasar. Tambien quiero darle las gracias a Nevada PEP por apoyarme ami y ami familia.

I would like to thank my husband Julian for his support. He has been with me through good and bad times; he has always been very supportive, caring, and understanding. He’s always concern with my son’s health. My son had a total of 9 operations and without his help, support and understanding, it would be difficult. I also want to thank Nevada PEP for helping me and my family.

**Maria Orea**
*Wife*
Angelisha Groves
Teacher

I would like to thank Ms. Grooves for her support that she gave me during my son’s IEP meetings. Her positive and caring ways made me see her dedication in helping my son to the best of her ability. During the IEP meetings she praised my son’s hard work and his progress. Ms. Grooves always gave my son the opportunity to express himself and explain his feelings and needs. She cares about him. Ms. Grooves you are an excellent teacher and I am so happy that you have helped us this year. It means a lot to me and my son.

Stephanie Trujillo
Parent

Cindy Hall
Teacher

This nomination has been overdue for Mrs. Cindy Hall. She has been teaching my daughter for the last five years. She is caring and never gave up on her when others had. She constantly develops methods to help her learn and understand a concept from line number to touch points. Her patience and guidance helped me be a better mother. My family is very grateful to have met such an extraordinary person who made our life easier to handle. Thank you, Mrs. Hall for all your contributions to my daughter’s well-being.

Melanie Luong
Mother

Dr. Jerry Holloway
Father

My father was so excited and prepared to take full responsibility of my son’s disability, he brought us home from Arizona 3 months after my son was born. Once home he retired and became a full time grandfather, father and mother. My father left his career of 45 years in the School District as an administrator. Education has been his life, but my son’s challenges brought new meaning. He has been the most stable and influential person in my son’s life, and in the intervention process along with integrating him into the Washoe County School District. He has always been #1 to me and the District has known him as a #1 administrator in his day now he is a hero to my son.

Erika Holloway
Daughter

Patricia Houle
Grandmother

My mom is one of the most amazing and selfless people I’ve ever met. More than being a great mom, she is a wonderful grandmother. Because of her, I know what it means to be a mother and I can only hope I will be able to show my own daughter the tremendous love and generosity that my mom shows me everyday. Thank you for all that you have done for my daughter and me. I love you, mom.

Stephanie Houle
Daughter
Velisa Johnson-Walker
Teacher

I would like to thank Ms. Johnson-Walker because she took the time to help my son when he was struggling with his classroom work. She dedicated her time and found strategies that work best for him. Ms. JW could see the potential my son had and believed in him. Her encouragement and support helped me advocate for my son. She believed that he deserves the quality education and teachers should take the time to work with him. That encouraged me to stand up for my son so he can succeed and be strong. Ms. JW is like a second mother to my son and I am grateful that she’s been there.

Stephanie Trujillo
Parent

Teri Kirby
Nevada PEP

When I first came to Nevada PEP I was a mess. Teri calmed me down more times than I can count. She explained and showed me the IEP process. She helped me with everything I wanted to know about autism but didn’t know how to ask. She also helped me find the right people to bring with me to my son’s IEP. After the IEP, Teri has called to checkup on me and my son. If it wasn’t for such an angel like Teri I don’t know where we would be right now. Thank you so much for being such a great person I appreciate all the help I have received during my IEP meetings, and in everything. Thank you very much.

Belinda Merchant
Parent

Angel Lopez
Parent

Teri Kirby
Nevada PEP

Teri Kirby has worked with our family for a year and a half. This woman is amazing. Whenever we needed information or support or just someone to talk to she was always there. She has become part of the family my children, my husband, and I trust her and look to her for answers. She goes above and beyond with any questions or info we may need. She is just an awesome person. I would be able to go on and on about her she is very dedicated to her families and truly cares and understands. She makes our family feel special and allows us to understand. She’s just part of the family.

Michele Schutte-Fuchs
Teacher

Deb Korhonen
Parent

Deb is an incredible parent and advocate for children with special needs. She demonstrates strength and acceptance when facing the daily challenges of being a mother of a child with Charge Syndrome. She has watched her son endure 40+ surgeries in his short 9 years of life. She continually learns more to better understand the challenges her son faces and shares what she knows with other parents to help empower them as advocates for their children. She has been a tireless member of this educational team with the school district facing obstacles and setbacks with dignity. I feel privileged to know her and be a service provider for her son and his family.
Carmen Mendoza  
Teacher

When my son started kindergarten at Lucille Rogers ES, Mrs. Mendoza was his teacher. She implemented different strategies to help my son academically. Mrs. Mendoza helped his behavior by implementing a reward system and a check-off strategy to help him accomplish school-day tasks. She was always very kind and loving to my son, he had a hard time leaving her side. Mrs. Mendoza is an exceptional teacher and any student is always lucky to have her.

Kerry Trinidad  
Parent

Mr. Jeffrey Myers  
Teacher

Mr. Myers was my son’s first grade teacher at Lucille Rogers Elementary School. I was very concerned how he would respond to a male teacher, especially after having such a gentle teacher for Kindergarten. Mr. Myers was exceptional in the way he taught my son. I know it was a struggle most days but Mr. Myers stayed respectful and true to his teaching methods. Mr. Myers is an admirable teacher in how he handled my son’s challenges on a daily basis.

Kerry Trinidad  
Parent

Mr. Ortiz  
Teacher

Mr. Ortiz went above and beyond to help my son get all the help that he required. Whether it was before or after school he made sure I fully understood exactly what was going on. Not only did he help navigate me through the process he made sure everyone involved had the best intentions. He motivated my son and helped to keep him focused and positive throughout the process.

Tiona Whitney  
Parent

Aaron Paul  
Case Manager

Mr. Aaron Paul is an exceptional case manager at Desert Regional Center. He has always been there for our family. He supports our two sons’ with special needs at school meetings and has made numerous hospital visits. He continues to help our family as our boy’s transition into High School, graduation and beyond. He deserves this prestigious Hand In Hand recognition.

Yolanda Strauss  
Parent
Bonnie and Jim Riffenburg  
*Grandparents*

My parents have been the one constant in our lives. We have four children, our youngest has Autism. My parents have always focused on how far my daughter has come and what she can do, always seeing the best in her. They are always there for baseball games, IEP meetings, Drs. appointments and more. I have just started working at Nevada PEP and even that wouldn’t be possible without them helping out with childcare. I am so thankful for their support and help over the years and I know we wouldn’t be where we are with my daughter if it weren’t for them. I love you Mom and Dad and I’m proud to be your daughter.

Kelli Walker  
*Parent*

Rachel Ruttan  
*Teacher*

I was so happy I got to have you for a geography teacher this year. I had a good time in your class. You made it very easy for me to learn. You are a fabulous teacher, you make everything easier and you made it fun and not boring. It was good that you didn’t make it boring if it was I don’t think I would have learned. I absolutely loved having you as a teacher and I will miss you.

Mackenzie and Jennifer Chavez  
*Daughter and Mother*
Dr. Dorothy Scott
Teacher

My daughter was born November 12, 1997 and we realized from day one she had problems. She was delayed in her speech and her walking, she did start walking but her speech was very slow in developing and continued having many problems until she went to Kim Elementary School. She was put into Special Education with Dr. Dorothy Scott which changed her greatly. Her speech improved, her sentence structure improved, and her behavior towards school and education improved. Dorothy was like a family member, she always was involved with her students and years later still kept in touch. My daughter was eight or nine years old when Dr. Scott was her teacher. There needs to be a lot more teachers like Dr. Scott, if there were there would be fewer problems in our schools if teacher’s got more involved with the student’s lives and home. This is why my family and my daughter feel Dr. Scott should be nominated for Hand in Hand. I also want to add Dr. Scott is retiring this or next year, she is truly a great teacher and human being. Thanks!

Paul Ross and Family

Jill Wyant
Teacher

Jill Wyant me a ayudado bastante en la discapacidad de mi hija y en su implante coclear sin nada a cambio. Lo hace de todo corazon y no tengo conque pagarle lo que ha hecho por mi hija y mi familia.

Jill Wyant has provided me unconditional support with my daughters’ disability and also during the cochlear implant without asking for anything in return. She does it with all of her heart, I have no way of ever paying back for all of what she has done for my daughter and my family.

Thea Westin
Parent

Harry Zilberman
Pediatrician

Dr. Zilberman has been following up on my son as his Pediatrician. He takes his condition seriously and addresses all concerns that I have without any hesitation. Dr. Z, follows-up with him every time my son goes in the hospital; he calls me personally and he makes sure that my son is getting the utmost care, and we usually receive a response from him no more than 2 hours, if I have any concerns. He is very smart, attentive, caring and professional. We are very lucky to have him as part of our TEAM!

Katherine Ang
Mom
Show your support for the remarkable people across the state who make the lives of children with special needs better by becoming a sponsor of the Hand in Hand Appreciation Program. Help us to recognize, honor, and publicly applaud those who partner with parents and make a difference for these special children.

**Silver Sponsorship $100 up to $1,000**
- Recognized in the Yearbook
- Receive Yearbook
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- Recognized on the Website
- Receive a Lapel Pin
- Hand in Hand Sponsorship Plaque
- Honorable Mention in “Hand in Hand” Literature

Every October, Nevada recognizes children with special needs. In honor of this annual recognition, Nevada PEP will produce the “Hand in Hand” yearbook. Honorees will also be highlighted in the quarterly PEP Post throughout the year.