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I Care, We Care Kindness Can Be Everywhere

Nevada PEP recognizes October as National Bullying Prevention Month! #SafeAllies and I Care, We Care are joining forces to raise awareness about bullying prevention. In partnership with Findlay Automotive Group and Fox 5's Take 5 to Care launching a social media awareness campaign called "I Care, We Care Kindness Can Be Everywhere!" Check out the Kindness Across Nevada [Roadmap](#). Submit your Bullying Prevention [Care Message on a Template HERE](#) for a chance to **WIN Tickets to, "The Happiest Place on Earth"** 4-1day Hopper Disneyland tickets. Check out the [Gallery Wall Here](#) to see the Care Messages. Get involved!

General Education and the Inclusive IEP

This resource is designed to guide IEP teams in a comprehensive inclusive education planning process based on the expectation that each student can actively participate, belong, contribute, and learn in the school and larger community. [Read the full article here.](#)

Advocating for Your Child's Literacy Needs

This toolkit helps families learn about children's literacy needs and the use of evidence-based literacy practices in school and early childhood settings. [How to advocate for your child's literacy needs](#) has multiple ways to advocate for your child's literacy needs and can help parents be better prepared to work with their child's school to ensure the needs of their child is being met.

Make Your Voice Heard: Deadline for Input 10/15/21

The American Rescue Plan was passed by Congress earlier this year and provides \$1.9 trillion in aid to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic and the resulting social and economic impacts. Nevada will receive over \$6.7 billion to pay for programs and services that help the residents of Nevada recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Make your VOICE heard and complete the survey in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) on how the State should invest this money.



Guidance Focusing on IDEA Requirements

The purpose of the [Return to School Roadmap](#) IDEA guidance is to support the full implementation of IDEA requirements. The guidance published on September 30, 2021, clarifies that, regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic, or the mode of instruction, children with disabilities are entitled to FAPE. This question-and-answer document highlights requirements related to the development and implementation of individualized education programs (IEPs) and other information that state educational agencies and local educational agencies regular and special education teachers, related services providers, and parents should consider. Some of the topics include meeting timelines, ensuring implementation of initial evaluation and reevaluation and providing the

full array of special education and related services that children with disabilities need to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

Traveling with Children

With the holidays around the corner, families may be planning to travel. It is a good idea to know before you go that the [Transportation Security Administration](#) requires all passengers to go through security screening while traveling. There are modified screening procedures for children under the age of 13, as well as for [children with medical conditions, disabilities, or mobility aids](#). Face mask requirements have been extended through January, 18, 2022 by [TSA](#). For more guidance visit the [CDC](#) website.

Make Reading Fun

The Kid Zone is a place where parents can participate as their child builds literacy skills in a fun and interactive way. This [site](#) is designed to support children who are finding learning to read a challenge. More information can also be found under the "Parents and Families" tab at the home page of the [National Center for Improving Literacy](#).



Understanding the Roles of Parents in Bullying Prevention

Parents have a big influence on the attitudes and behaviors of their children. By treating others with kindness and respect, adults show the kids in their lives that there is no place for bullying. Our children are learning from how adults manage stress and conflict, and how they treat their friends and other family members. This [resource](#) has some great tips to promote community-wide bullying prevention efforts.

Special Education in a Pandemic

As we think about the upcoming school year, it is important to remember that special education is designed to meet the unique needs of the individual student. Schools will need to be flexible and sensitive to family circumstances. Being creative and working collaboratively with families will help to ensure student success.

For more information [Click Here English](#) | [Spanish](#)

PEP Webinars

Great opportunities to learn information to improve education opportunities for your child. Click the links below to get a description and register for these amazing FREE trainings. For a complete list of our on demand webinars [click here](#).

- Presented by Nevada PEP

[Understanding Section 504 - A Civil Rights Law](#)

Wednesday, October 13, 2pm–3pm

[Getting the First Job](#)

Tuesday, October 19, 5pm–6pm

[Bullies, Targets, and Bystanders: Responses That Work](#)

Thursday, October 21,

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Early Childhood Inclusion

Developing Executive Function Skills

Supporting executive function skills in early childhood is an important part of a child's overall development. This [infographic](#) offers tips and ideas, adapted from Building Blocks for Teaching Preschoolers with Special Needs, can help you to support the executive function skills of young children.

SafeVoice App

SafeVoice was established by the Nevada Department of Education under SB 212 in 2017 to protect student wellness, prevent violence and save lives. In partnership with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, the SafeVoice program provides parents and students a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others. Tips always stay confidential. SafeVoice reports can be made through the hotline 1-833-216-SAFE (7233), electronically at [SafeVoicenv.org](#) or through a free mobile app.



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SafeVoice App By: Navigate360, LLC

Suicide Proofing Your Home

The Pandemic has put a lot of stress and anxiety on families. Children are struggling with mental health needs such as depression. According to the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention suicide is the first leading cause of death for Nevadans ages 12-19 and second leading cause of death for ages 20-44. In these stressful times, parents might want to think about Suicide Proofing their home. This brochure is in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) which offers tips and ideas for keeping your family safe.

Youth MOVE Nevada

We hope everyone is having a wonderful start to their autumn season. October is National Bullying Prevention Month and we are talking about bullying prevention and advocacy all month long! Join us on October 20th for a [Unity Day Twitter chat](#) and engage in our efforts to bring awareness to bullying prevention. [Register](#) to participate in our meetings, visit our [website](#) and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Transition Corner

Graduation Requirements

High school students are thinking of graduation and looking at the requirements needed to graduate. In 2013, Nevada changed its graduation requirements. Students must still complete their required course work, take tests required by the state and earn 22.5 credits in certain subjects. Additionally, beginning with the Class of 2016, all students must take a college and career readiness assessment in Grade 11. The following informational pamphlets explains the new high school assessments and graduation requirements. Check out the [College and Career Readiness Assessment Requirements](#). This document explains [Credit and Assessment Requirements](#) which outlines the different types of diplomas. Information on the [Nevada Alternative Diploma](#) can be found in this guidance document.

Statewide Family News

For October, we are raising awareness about [National Bullying Prevention Month](#). Children and youth with behavioral and mental health concerns

experience or are often involved in a bullying incident. The Statewide Family Network is here to provide support to families regarding the [consequences of bullying](#), and information [if your child is the one showing bullying behavior](#). Also, Nevada PEP will be celebrating [Unity Day](#). Please join us on October 20, 2021, in a live Twitter Chat with [Youth MOVE Nevada](#) and post your pictures on social media wearing orange to spread the message of kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

PEP Support Groups

Join Nevada PEP's support groups, meet other parents, learn about different resources, and make new friends. Support groups are in both English and Spanish go to our [training calendar](#) to register. These are challenging times for families our support groups will make you feel that you are not alone, PEP is here to support you. To join our zoom meeting follow these simple instructions [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

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