

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▾

RSS 📡

[View this email in your browser](#)



January 10, 2022

New Nevada Laws Take Effect on January 1, 2022

Many new laws enacted by the Legislature in 2021 took effect on January 1. New laws include voting access for individuals with disabilities; cultural competency training for professionals; crisis training for peace officers; car seats requirements; and many more. For more information on all the new laws, [click here](#).

Guidance Focusing on Special Education

The [Return to School Roadmap](#) provides schools with guidance on implementing special education before, during and after the pandemic. The guidance states that regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic, or the mode of instruction, students with disabilities are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). The question-and-answer document highlights the responsibilities schools, districts and the State departments of education have related to the development and implementation of individualized education programs (IEPs). The Nevada Department of Education Office of Inclusive Education has also developed guidance to assist schools and districts in fulfilling their responsibilities to students with disabilities. This [guidance](#) provides IEP Teams with information about how to meet the requirements of IDEA during the pandemic.

What is a Functional Behavior Assessment?

When children struggle with challenging behaviors in school, it can interfere with their learning. Parents can request a functional behavior assessment (FBA) for their child. An FBA is a process to gather data/information that will help to identify challenging behaviors and provide information on why behaviors

are happening. Here is a [Parent Overview](#) on what is a functional behavior assessment and how is it used. Nevada PEP offers free on-demand trainings. If you would like to learn about how [Positive Behavior Supports](#) can help and other strategies, register for the free on-demand training [Behavior and Discipline in Schools](#) workshop.

Is Your Family Covered by a Medicaid MCO?

Nevada Medicaid now has 4 Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to provide more choice for their members! Some members may have been automatically [moved to different](#) MCO's and received notice in December. Each MCO has different value-added options which can be compared [here](#). If you would like to change your MCO provider it's as easy as filling out a [form](#). This is your chance to enroll in a plan that best meets your family's needs, you have until March 31, 2022 to change their plan.

Calling All Artists Here's a Logo Contest

The [Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium](#) is looking for a new logo designed by a youth ages 24 & under who lives in Clark County. Youth are encouraged to submit a design for a logo by February 13th. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries will receive prizes and the 1st place logo will be used on all Consortium publications! Any youth interested in participating can submit their design [here](#).

Learn More About the Family Navigation Network

The [Family Navigation Network](#) offers support, resources, and guidance for families of children and youth with special health care needs to navigate healthcare systems. Need assistance from Family Navigation Network? For more information and assistance fill out the [intake form](#) and you will be contacted by staff. Click [here](#) for more resources.



What's Up with Attendance in a Pandemic?

Regular school attendance is an important key for being successful in school, however regular school attendance can be impacted by a disability, mental healthcare needs, anxiety, or services only available during school. Since the onset of the Pandemic, families have voiced concerns about unclear and

inconsistent attendance policies. Nevada PEP has developed this [informational handout](#) on attendance to help families understand the requirements on attendance for public and charter schools including children who are enrolled in virtual learning. [Nevada PEP](#) offers free, [On Demand trainings](#), register for to register for Special Education in a Pandemic.



Go from a Bystander to an Upstander

When bullying occurs, many times there are bystanders. A bystander is anyone who witnesses bullying, either in person or online. Peers, teachers, school staff, parents, coaches, can be bystanders. Bystanders can choose to become an Upstander and make a positive difference in a bullying situation. Listen to our podcast called from **Bystander** to **Upstander** on the [#SafeAllies](#) page.

Choosing to become an upstander can help to stop bullying, and support the person being bullied. It can also limit the traumatic effect that bullying can have on a person.

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

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

Tuesday, January 11, 4pm – 5pm

[Special Education in a Pandemic](#)

Wednesday, January 12, 1pm – 2pm

[Transition Planning: Navigating Your Future](#)

Thursday, January 13, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

[Introducción al Curso del IEP](#)

Tuesday, January 18, 3pm – 4pm

[Help Your Child Focus on Learning](#)

Wednesday, January 19, 3pm – 4pm

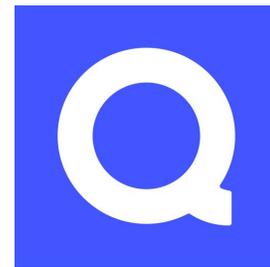
ABCs Early Childhood Inclusion

Calming Ways to get Through Temper Tantrums

It is often difficult for parents to handle kid's explosive and angry behavior but understanding why they're acting out can help. Some children don't know how to let their anger or stress out, that could lead to temper tantrums. These tips can help parents deal with [explosive behavior](#). The following infographic offers strategies in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) that can help you and your child to stay calm during challenging behaviors. Positive Solutions resource offers [8 practical tips](#) for parents of young children with challenging behaviors.

Quizlet: Learn with Flashcards App

With new expert explanations, an AI Learning Assistant and our ever-effective flashcards, get a suite of science-backed study tools at your fingertips. Quizlet is the easiest way to study, practice and master whatever subject you're learning.



-Happy Apping



Quizlet: Learn with Flashcards App By: Quizlet Inc.

Are You Passionate About Helping Families?

[Apply Here](#) for employment opportunities in Northern, Southern, and Rural Nevada.



Military-Connected Children News

New EFMP Podcast Episodes

Have you heard? Season 2 podcast on Exceptional Family Member Program essentials is now streaming. [Listen to the six new episodes today](#) to hear experts, speak about topics like deployment prep., advocacy tips and more.

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

In December 2021, the preliminary results of a [study](#) of American rapper Logic's hit single titled with the number of the [U.S. National Suicide Hotline](#) "1-800-273-8255" were released. Early findings suggest the potential power that [music lyrics](#) can have on inspiring hope and reaching out for help. Studies like this are critical to our goals as an organization because it shows that destigmatizing mental health does enable people to seek the support they need. For more information about YMNV or to become a member to get involved in future weekly meetings and activities, be sure to check out our [website](#) and don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).



Be Involved in Planning for Your Future

Transition planning is a process to help students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) decide what they want to do after high school. It is important for the student to be involved in their own IEP especially when transition is being discussed. Students can get some great ideas on [self-advocacy](#) that may help them in their IEP meeting. Here are some tips for parents for successful transition planning. For more information check out this [transition guide](#) and a [Student's Guide to Transition planning](#). Nevada PEP offers a free on-demand trainings, sign up for [Transition Planning- Navigating your Future](#) workshop from the comfort of your home when it's convenient for

you, learn some great ideas, and strategies to help students move toward college, employment, and living independently.

Statewide Family News

The past year has been challenging for parents that have juggled working from home, distance learning, and transitioning back to in-person school and activities. With the stress of the pandemic parents may be experiencing symptoms of what is known as compassion fatigue. [Recognizing the signs](#), practicing self-care and asking for help can ease stress. Families can [contact us](#) for tips, resources, and support throughout the year.

PEP Support Groups

Join Nevada PEP's support groups, meet other parents, learn about different resources, and make new friends. To register for a support group in English or in Spanish, call and speak to any of our Nevada PEP staff. Parents are a great support to one another; we hope to see you there.

Shop through
amazonsmile
to support Nevada PEP

You shop. Amazon gives.



AmazonSmile Program

When you use your existing Amazon.com account to shop through AmazonSmile, 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be donated to Nevada PEP. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Learn more or get started today!

Go to: [AmazonSmile for Nevada PEP](#)

Smith's Inspiring Donations

Helping Nevada PEP is easy! Simply enroll your rewards card by going to [Smith's Inspiring Donations](#). Once you're successfully enrolled, choose Nevada PEP as your organization of choice. A portion of your purchase will be donated from Smith's. (Does not affect your normal Smith's card rewards!)

Watch a step by step ["How to" video here](#)



Copyright © 2022 Nevada PEP, Inc., All rights reserved.

p: 702-388-8899

f: 702-388-2966

Satellite Office:

4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite I-202

Reno, NV 89502

p: 775-448-9950

f: 775-448-9603

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

Nevada PEP provides links and references to information and applications for your own use and is not able to offer any warranty regarding their use or application. Visitors that download information from this site do so at their own risk.