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Expand School-based Health Services

U.S. Education Department (ED) Secretary Miguel A. Cardona and U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra today reaffirmed their commitment to children and youth by launching a joint-department effort to expand school-based health services, ensuring children have the health services and supports necessary to build resilience and thrive.

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Check Out our New Program: Families SHARE

Nevada PEP understands that children and youth with disabilities including those with mental health needs and their families face challenges that the pandemic has only heightened. More needs to be done to strengthen families to achieve home, community, and school success. In keeping with our Mission to increase opportunities through education, encouragement, and empowerment activities, we proudly introduce Families SHARE- Solutions for Hope and Resiliency Exchange. [Families SHARE](#) is an interactive program tool for families and youth to reduce stress, stay hopeful, and build resilience. Families SHARE has a Facebook Group for parents to share ideas, tips, and interact with other parents. Request to join this unique group by [clicking here](#).

How Assistive Technology Can Help Your Child

Assistive Technology can help children with learning disabilities have a positive experience in school. Students who struggle with learning can use assistive technology to help with subjects like reading, writing, and math. Assistive technology can also help kids with the tasks of daily life. Using Assistive technology can help children be more confident and independent. Read how to get assistive technology for your child in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

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- Presented by Nevada PEP

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What is Extended School Year?

With summer upon us, this is the time that parents should be talking to their child's IEP team about Extended School Year (ESY). ESY is for students with disabilities who are on an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) and may need an extended school year to help retain their knowledge and skill levels and prevent unnecessary regression when school is not in session. All school districts, including charter schools are required to provide ESY services to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Parents need to remember that they are a part of the IEP team, and their voice and concerns are important. If the IEP team determines that the student is eligible for ESY, then it's provided at no cost to the parents. ESY is not the same as summer school. Talk to your child's school for additional information on ESY or other summer school programs. Here is more information on [Extended School Year](#).

Supporting a Child's Physical Environment and Assistive Tool Journey- Birth to Five

[PEAT's Suite](#) is a comprehensive package of materials that helps service providers (educators, home visitors, therapists, etc.), families, and other stakeholders support the participation of young children with differing abilities in typical routines and activities. Each copy of PEAT's Suite includes a printed publication and folder of digital resources. Learn more [here](#).

Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA)

Designed specifically for students with significant cognitive disabilities, the NAA is the state assessment of alternate achievement standards. The NAA consists of assessment items in English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11, and Science in grades 5, 8, and 11. For more information click the [Questions and Answers](#).



Bullying in Elementary School

Most people think that bullying is a problem confined to middle school or high

school, it can begin as early as kindergarten and becomes part of a school culture by the second or third grade. Elementary schools are an environment where children continue to develop their social-friendship skills, they are learning about emotions and how to solve problems. Here are some [tips](#) for parents, and how to [teach](#) kids not to bully. Go to [#SafeAllies](#) for more information and resources on bullying.

Early Childhood Inclusion

An Inclusive Classroom

When inclusion is done well, everyone in the class benefits. It strengthens the ability of all kids to work together, understand and value different points of view, think critically, and be successful learners. Inclusive classrooms also reduce stigma. Imagine this kind of learning community: "Inclusive classrooms are filled with diverse learners. Learn more about [inclusion](#), and how it can benefit all students.

Endless Reader App

Kids will have a blast learning sight words and their context and usage with the adorable Endless monsters. Each word features an interactive word puzzle with letters that come alive, and then a sentence puzzle with words that become what they describe. See the word "dog" as a barking dog, and the word "up" reach for the sky!



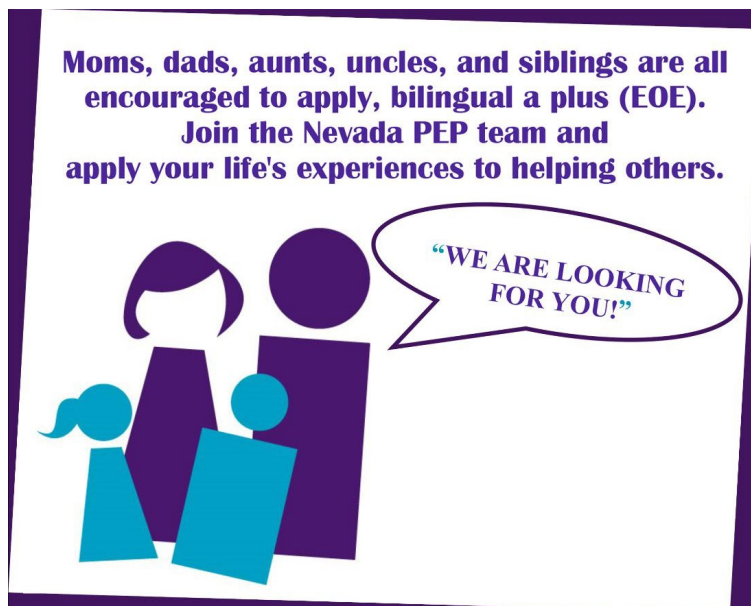
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Early Care Civil Rights Principles

The Civil Rights Principles for Early Care and Education were developed collaboratively by members of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and by The Leadership Conference Education Fund. Read the [Ten Civil Rights Principles](#) for Early Care and Education.

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

Spring is here and the Youth MOVE Nevada team is already working hard preparing for the upcoming Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week, which will take place during the first week of May. We have a lot of exciting stuff planned, but in the meantime we encourage you to check out the latest episode of the Youth MOVE Nevada Podcast, our guest, Bianca McCall, joined us to discuss the power of lived experience in mental health. For more information about YMNV or 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](#).

Transition Corner

Transition For Students Who Use Mobility Devices

Students with physical disabilities who are transitioning to college will need to apply extra scrutiny to the college selection process to identify a school that is physically accessible for them. This article offers a roadmap of some often-overlooked aspects of physical accessibility for students. Read more [here](#). Register for [Transition Planning- Navigating your Future](#) on-demand training for strategies as students move towards college.

Statewide Family News

Mental Wellness is at risk when children and youth experience traumatic events. Over the last two years youth have been exposed to events and news throughout our country, and globally that can be overwhelming. The Child Mind Institute has prepared [free trauma resources](#) in 11 different languages to aid parents in talking to children and youth about traumatic events. Additionally, the [Statewide Family Network](#) invites parents to join us as we continue to host weekly virtual support groups! Give us a call at 800.216.5188 to register!

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.



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