Medicaid Members: Protect Your Coverage

For the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, members may be removed from Medicaid because the Continuous Coverage Condition has ended. For you and your family to stay insured, if you still qualify, update your address to make sure you receive important notices in the mail and respond to any requests for information. Eligibility reviews will start April 1, and continue for 14 months. Here is a flyer in English and Spanish. You can update your address here or download the form and email it to welfare@dwss.nv.gov or mail it to DWSS, P.O. Box 15400 Las Vegas, NV 89114. People may also call the Department of Health and Human Services office at 702-486-1646, you may experience long wait times. Click here to learn more. Watch an informative video.
New Kindergarten Age Requirements

A new bill signed into law by Governor Joe Lombardo will make changes to kindergarten enrollment across the state. Assembly Bill 65 (Sec. 12. NRS 392.040) requires a child to be 5 years old by August 1 to enroll in kindergarten. This law will take effect on July 1 ahead of the 2023-24 school year.

How Does the ADA Benefit Students?

The ADA requires that reasonable accommodations be provided to students with disabilities who meet the requirements, even if those students are not eligible for services under IDEA. A school is required to provide a student with those accommodations that help him or her learn most effectively. On July 26, the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) turn 33. Here is more information about the ADA and Back to School.

Tips to Build Resilience

Children can struggle with the uncertainties that are part of growing up in a complex world. The ability to thrive despite these challenges arises from the skills of resilience. Resilience skills can be learned. Here are 10 Tips for Building Resilience in Children and Teens. Our Families SHARE Facebook page is a place for families to connect and share their experiences with other families. Join TODAY!
Great opportunities to increase your advocacy skills and improve education opportunities for your child. Register for these informative FREE trainings.

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Dessarrollo del IEP para Satisfacer las Necesidades de su Hijo
Miércoles, Julio 12
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Únase a nosotros para conversar sobre la educación especial y los pasos a seguir en las reuniones de IEP, incluyendo la manera en que los padres pueden colaborar con el equipo y participar activamente en el desarrollo del programa de educación individualizado de su hijo.

How Is My Child Reading?
Thursday, July 13
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Do you worry about your child’s reading? You will learn how children learn to read and how to partner with the school on reading improvement.

Developing the IEP to Meet Your Child’s Needs
Thursday, July 20
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Join us as we discuss special education and the IEP meeting process, including how parents can partner and actively participate in the development of their child’s individualized education program.

Getting the First Job
Tuesday, July 25
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Are you ready for your first job? Parents and youth can join us as we discuss tips for the job search such as how to find job openings, writing a resume, preparing for an interview, and requesting job accommodations.
News from the Nevada Department of Education

A recent Press Release from the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) celebrated the accomplishments of the 2023 Legislative session. “This successful legislative session marks a tremendous milestone for education in Nevada, as we have secured the largest increase in K-12 funding in state history. It is a testament to our shared belief that investing in education is investing in the future of our state,” said Jhone Ebert, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Nevada Department of Education sponsored three bills passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Lombardo. The three bills will support childhood literacy, improve school safety, and streamline reports and assessments. Assembly Bill 65, Assembly Bill 54, and Senate Bill 9. Support was provided by NDE on many education-related bills, including two bills sponsored by Governor Lombardo that were passed into law - Assembly Bill 330, Assembly Bill 400.

The McKinney Vento Act - Registering for School

The McKinney Vento Act provides rights and services to children and youth experiencing homelessness, which includes those who are: sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship. Did you know that school
districts must ensure homeless students are enrolled in school, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school? This resource can help parents who have children with disabilities. Read more about McKinney Vento act in English and Spanish and check out this Infographic.

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**Ideas to Work on IEP Goals Over the Summer**

Sometimes children with IEP’s go to Extended School Year (ESY) during the summer. If your child didn’t attend ESY this resource has some great ideas on how you can help your child work towards goals over the summer. Read more here.

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**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.
What Parents Can Do if Their Child is Being Bullied

This resource has tips for parents if their child is being bullied. Go to our #SafeAllies page to learn about your rights in the Know Your Rights Handbook and Reporting and Investigation Process.

2023 IDEA State Determinations

OSERS' Office of Special Education Programs issued its 2023 determinations for states on their implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for Part B and Part C. Annual Performance Report documents for states and territories will be publicly released in August on the IDEA website.

Positive Language Improves Behavior

When you focus on using positive language with your child, you will find it provides a powerful positive change to the tone of the conversation. Using positive language, you are more likely to see fewer tantrums, whines less and overall fewer challenging behaviors. See this tip sheet in English and Spanish.
Smart Tales
Smart Tales is a rich library of interactive stories and animations that teaches STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to children aged 3 and up.

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Do You Know About PEP Talks Podcast?
Nevada PEP presents a series of podcasts on topics of interest for families. Listen to these informative podcasts. These podcasts help parents with Back-to-School Tips, Parent Voice in the IEP, Evaluations and much more. Each podcast is filled with important information for parents, check it out.

**Proactively, Positively Address Behavior**

In the seventh blog of OSEP’s Discipline and Behavior series, OSEP Director Williams discusses preparing future educators to proactively and positively address behavior by identifying issues and outlining innovative strategies States and local communities can take to address these shortages.

**Tips for Self Advocates**

Advocating for yourself is very important, it is the best way to express your needs and to have your voice be heard. Self-advocacy can begin at any age. This fact sheet includes tips to help you prepare for meetings, develop a service plan, and resolve conflicts that may arise.

**What is Dyslexia?**

This toolkit helps parents and educators learn about dyslexia and how to support the literacy development of students with dyslexia. Dyslexia affects about one in every five individuals, making it the most commonly diagnosed learning disability. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) describes dyslexia as a brain-based learning disability that specifically impairs a person's ability to read. Check out this Informational brief.
Youth MOVE Nevada News

Here at Youth MOVE Nevada we understand how difficult it is as a teenager or young adult to feel like they don't fit in. It is completely normal to feel awkward and insecure at times, this resource has some tips to make it a little bit easier! And don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for positive messaging all month long!

Resource for Housing

One important decision that comes with approaching adulthood is where to live. There are many options that can be considered for young adults with disabilities including living with family, living on their own, living on their own with organized support or living in a care setting. It may take time and some creative planning to find a good housing option that fits the young adult's needs and desires. This resource from PACER has great information about different housing options to consider.

Statewide Family News

With school right around the corner, the Statewide Family Network wants to remind parents that being in middle and high school is hard. Social acceptance is hard-wired into the adolescent brain. Parents and school staff can all play a role by helping youth to build confidence and connect with each other. Check out these tips!
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