

[View this email in your browser](#)



April 10, 2025

Learning the History of IDEA

In the 1983 IDEA amendments authorized State Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI) to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive high-quality, relevant, and useful training and information to help improve outcomes for their children. Parent training and information centers serve parents of children birth to 26 and all types of disabilities. There is a PTI in every state. Nevada PEP has been the PTI for Nevada since July 1, 1995.

The 1980s saw a national concern for young children with disabilities and their families. Did you know before 1986 a child born with disabilities would not receive service until they reached the age of three. While the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EHA) mandated programs and services for children 3 through 21 years that were consistent with state law, it wasn't until the [1986 reauthorization](#) when early intervention was addressed mandating individual states to provide services to families of children with disabilities from the time they are born. These early intervention and preschool programs prepared young children with disabilities to meet the academic and social challenges that lie ahead of them, both while in school and in later life.



Staying Optimistic

There are always rainy days in life. But there are ways to remain positive during those hard times. Learn ways to cope with life's challenging moments. [Click here to learn more.](#)

2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines

As parents, our top priority is to be sure our family has access to essential services and programs. The good news for some families is that the income thresholds are now slightly higher, meaning that some families who did not qualify for programs and services may now be eligible. Here is the [guideline chart](#).

UPCOMING WEBINARS



Great opportunities to increase your advocacy skills and improve education opportunities for your child. Register for these informative FREE trainings.

- Presented by Nevada PEP

¡Seis Consejos que Gira de un No a un Sí!

jueves, 10 de abril

5:00pm-6:00pm

¿Está cansado de que le digan "No"? Usted es el experto en su hijo y usted sabe las necesidades de su hijo y usted sabe las necesidades de

Considering College - What You Need to Know

Monday, April 21

5:00pm-6:00pm

Do you have a disability and want to go to college? In this webinar we break down what youth with disabilities and their parents need to

su hijo. Aprenda cómo conseguirlo con estas seis estrategias increíbles!

REGISTER NOW >

Student-Led IEP

Monday, April 14

5:00pm-6:00pm

Join Youth MOVE Nevada to learn how youth can participate in their own IEP meetings. Both youth and parents will learn ways that youth can strengthen their advocacy skills as they work with their IEP team in creating an Individualized Education Program.

REGISTER NOW >

My Child is Struggling in School: What is My Next Step?

Tuesday, April 15

5:30pm-6:30pm

In this workshop we will discuss what to do if your child is struggling at school or if you suspect they may need special education. You will learn what schools can do to help and about the special education evaluation process.

REGISTER NOW >

know about preparing for, applying to, and succeeding at college.

REGISTER NOW >

Positive Supports for Challenging Behaviors

Tuesday, April 22

5:00pm-6:00pm

Do you need new ideas to support your child's behavior? This webinar will help parents understand their child's challenging behaviors and learn evidence-based practices to teach your child new positive behavior skills.

REGISTER NOW >

Developing the IEP to Meet Your Child's Needs

Thursday, April 24

5:30pm-6:30pm

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.

REGISTER NOW >

Looking for more convenient times? Did you know our Free On Demand webinars are always available 24/7 in English and Spanish [click here](#).

Help for Challenging Behavior

The UNLV Caregiver Coaching Project provides **free virtual** coaching sessions! The purpose of the project is to help families implement interventions to reduce challenging behavior and increase appropriate skills for their children. Families of children younger than 11 years old with a developmental disability who live in Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, and Nye Counties may qualify for the program. To learn more, click [here](#) or call 702-895-1532.



UNLV PRACTICE



Diploma Options

This is an exciting time for many students. The 2024-25 school year is almost over, and many students are looking forward to graduation and begin their journey into adulthood. There are two general-education and two inclusive-adaptive diplomas available by law to Nevada students graduating from public high schools, see the [24-25 Diploma requirements one-pager](#). This includes information on the **Advanced Diploma** and the **Standard Diploma**. Districts may have requirements that extend beyond State requirements that students need to meet. It's important for parents and students to contact their school for more specific information on necessary credits and the type of class that matches up with each subject on the graduation requirements list. The two inclusive-adaptive diplomas include: The **Alternative Diploma** requires credit units and participation in the special education NAA see the [Nevada Alternative Diploma Implementation Guidance](#). The **Adjusted Diploma** is adapted to student needs according to their IEP. "Adjusted diploma" means a diploma which evidences the graduation from high school of a pupil with a disability after the pupil has met special requirements or adjusted standards per their IEP. Transcripts and diplomas for students who receive the "Adjusted Diploma" may not show any indication that the student received this type of diploma. It is important to discuss diploma options with your youth's IEP Team. If you have any questions, you can contact Nevada PEP for more information.

Teaching Social Awareness Skills

Social awareness is an essential skill for kids, helping them navigate the world with empathy, kindness, and understanding. When children begin to understand how others are feeling, they are showing empathy. And having empathy makes it more likely they'll help others and show compassion. Here are a [few simple ideas](#) to help your child build social awareness skills.



Bystanders are Essential

Bullying can have significant mental, developmental, and social effects, which is why it is a public health concern. When it comes to prevention many people can take an active role to intervene – especially bystanders. When [bystanders to bullying intervene](#), bullying stops within 10 seconds 57 percent of the time.

Check Out Our 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 Challenging Behaviors, The Parent Voice in the IEP, Evaluations and much more. Each podcast is filled with important information for parents.



How Toddler's Language Develops

During the toddler years (12 to 35 months), children's language development grows rapidly. Toddlers gain the ability to say words clearly, combine words into phrases, and express their needs and wants. Learn more about how you can [support your little one](#) here!

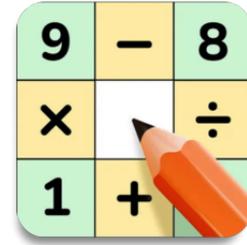
What's the Difference Between an IFSP & an IEP?

The major difference between an IFSP and an IEP is that an IFSP for infants and toddlers birth to 3 years old and it focuses on the child and family and the services that a family needs to help them enhance the development of their

child. The IEP is for eligible children in Nevada ages 3 through 21 and it focuses on the special education and related services that the child needs in school. Learn more [here](#).

Math Crossword — Number Puzzle

Math Crossword is an engaging and educational puzzle game that combines the challenge of crossword puzzles with the excitement of solving math problems. This unique twist not only tests players' arithmetic skills but also enhances their problem-solving and logical thinking abilities.



Aimed at learners of all ages, it's perfect for students looking to practice math in a fun way!



App by: [Tripledote Studios](#)

10 Reading Tips for Parents

Reading is good for kids. When books are part of the family routine, kids' language skills grow. Reading can be a great way for children to [relax](#) and escape to a different world. Here are [10 ways](#) parents can help build and support a child's love of reading.

Youth MOVE Nevada News

With the end of the school year approaching, now is a great time to explore how Pre-ETS can help youth prepare for life after high school. Tune in to our latest podcast [episode](#) to learn about career exploration, job training, and workplace readiness. As always, our weekly [youth-led meetings](#) are open to those across Nevada between the ages of 14 and 24. We encourage youth between the ages of 14 and 24 to join our



weekly. We also encourage you to follow us on [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [Facebook](#)!

How to Help Your Child Learn Impulse Control

Impulse control challenges can be developmentally appropriate for many kids, particularly little ones. However, impulse control is a vital skill that can be nurtured and improved upon at any age. This is especially important as a lack of impulse control is at the root of many [behavior problems](#). This [resource](#) offers some great ideas for parents.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Assistive Technology for Independent Living

Exploring [assistive technology](#) for independent living is an important step toward independent living for young adults with disabilities. The [Nevada Assistive Technology Resource Center](#) can help explore how assistive tech can help you with greater independence. To learn more about preparing for the future, visit our [webpage](#) or call your Nevada PEP Specialist.

Hand in Hand

Nominate someone special who has made a positive difference in your child's life. Your special individual will receive a beautiful certificate, and a Hand in Hand lapel pin. Your story will be in our Hand in Hand Annual yearbook. Click [HERE](#) to make a nomination.



Different Ways to Support Nevada PEP

SUPPORT NEVADA PEP

iGive.com®
Change online shopping for good.

Support Nevada PEP at Smith's

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!)

Support Nevada PEP with a recurring donation!

Help our organization by donating today! All
donations go directly to making a difference for
our cause.



Donate Now >



Copyright © 2025 Nevada PEP, Inc., All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you opted in via our website.

Statewide:

Toll-Free (800) 216-5188

7211 W. Charleston Blvd.

Las Vegas, NV 89117

p: 702-388-8899

f: 702-388-2966

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.