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The McKinney Vento Act

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, or economic hardship. Did you know that school districts must ensure homeless students are enrolled in school, and have a full 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](#).



Resilience: Build Skills to Endure Hardship

Resilience means being able to adapt to life's misfortunes and setbacks. Test your resilience level and get tips to build your own resilience. [Click Here to Learn More.](#)

7 Tips to Help Children Cope with Anxiety

Going back to school after summer vacation can be a big deal. For some children, it means moving into a new classroom with a new teacher. Others will be going to a new school altogether. Change can be exciting, but it's often scary, too. If your child is feeling fearful and anxious about the return to school, here are [some steps](#) to take to help your child with their return to the classroom.

UPCOMING WEBINARS LIVE ONLINE



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

- Presented by Nevada PEP

Help Your Child Focus on Learning

Tuesday, July 15

5:00pm-6:00pm

Does your child struggle with focus and attention? Do they have trouble staying on task at home and at school? This workshop will provide tips to improve your child's focus, learning and positive behavior.

Developing the IEP to Meet Your Child's Needs

Tuesday, July 22

5:00pm-6:00pm

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.

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Getting the First Job

Thursday, July 17

5:00pm-6:00pm

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.

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Coffee Tea and IEP ([In-Person Workshop](#))

Las Vegas Office

Thursday, July 24

1:00pm-2:00pm

Don't miss this small group in person learning opportunity for families! This guided interactive discussion will explore the special education process and encourage meaningful participation in IEPs. You'll leave with new ideas that encourage high expectations that lead to success for students with disabilities. **Please call 1-800-216-5188 to register.**

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

Teaching Children About Respect

Respect is a skill for kids to learn, just like any other [social-emotional](#) skill. Showing respect is about feeling empathy, understanding boundaries, and treating others the way you want to be treated. It's a skill that has to be learned, so we shouldn't expect kids to know how to do it automatically. Here are some ways to explain to young children why respect is important and [tips for teaching them how to show respect to others](#).

WHAT'S NEW IN SCHOOL?



Do You Know About SafeVoice Nevada?

A new school year is right around the corner. Many children are afraid to go to school for fear of being bullied. It's important that Parents, students, and school personnel are familiar with [SafeVoice](#), an anonymous reporting system used to report threats to the safety or well-being of students. The SafeVoice program is in partnership with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, the program provides students with a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others. A fully trained professional team of experts responds in an appropriate manner 24/7/365. Tips always stay anonymous. Check out the [FAQ for Parents](#). Learn how [to make a report using SafeVoice](#). Go to our [#SafeAllies](#) page to learn more about [your rights](#) and the [Nevada Bullying Reporting and Investigation Process](#).

You're Invited: Monday, July 28th 2:00PM

The State of Nevada, Nevada Health Authority (NVHA) Stakeholder Meeting

The purpose of this workshop is for Nevada Health Authority (NVHA) leadership to provide updates for stakeholders regarding an overview of the new NVHA, Nevada Medicaid Legislative Updates, and NVHA major project updates.

[Click Here](#) to view the agenda and join the meeting.



Apps & Sites Commonly Used by Youth

Digital media and apps allow children to communicate with peers and share their thoughts or feelings. This can be an avenue in which [cyberbullying](#) can occur. There are many types of apps and sites available for free that give users the ability to search for people and share or post information anonymously. Parents may not be aware of the apps that their children use regularly. Click [here](#) to see "Popular Social Media Apps and Sites. To learn more about Bullying Prevention visit our [#SafeAllies](#) page.

Assessments: Why are They Important?

The National Center on Educational Outcomes ([NCEO](#)) published a video on why assessments are important, and why children with disabilities should participate. School-wide assessments are a good opportunity for their children to show what they know; the results give parents and the school information to better understand children's needs. Get tips on how to support children when they take assessments. The videos are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



Key Roles for Children's Literacy Success

Families and educators can work together to ensure children have successful literacy experiences. Children with reading difficulties have specific instructional needs that are best addressed with a comprehensive approach to literacy development that includes support at school and home. Families and educators play important roles in a comprehensive approach to reading through four key actions: 1) Learn, 2) Advocate, 3) Partner, and 4) Support. Read more [HERE](#).

Nevada Medicaid New Website

[Governor Lombardo and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services](#) are pleased to announce the launch of the [Nevada Health Authority \(NVHA\)](#). The NVHA was created through Senate Bill 494, one of the Governor's key health care bills. The new [Nevada Health Authority](#) will house several key

health care programs, including [Medicaid](#) the state's health insurance exchange, and public employees' benefits program.

Focus - Train Your Brain

Make brain training a fun family activity with Focus – Train your Brain! With more than 25 games designed by experts, kids can boost memory, attention, and more. Learning and fun, all in one place!



App by: [Tell Me Wow](#)

Planning Tool for Parents and Teachers

With the new school year beginning soon parents need to know they are the experts on their children and understand that teachers are the experts of classroom learning. By creating a plan together, your child will be set up for success. Check out this [Parent-Teacher Planning Tool](#). By knowing where your child is doing well and where they need support, you can help them succeed this year. You are your child's learning hero!

Youth MOVE Nevada News

July is Disability Pride Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the experiences of people with disabilities, including youth. This [resource](#) explains what Disability Pride is and ways to show support. Youth MOVE Nevada is dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming space where all youth feel seen, heard, and supported. We have several [podcast episodes](#) related to disability, and our [weekly youth-led meetings](#) discuss disability, mental health, and speaking out! Stay connected and up to date by following us on [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [Facebook](#)!



Congratulations on Seven Emmys!

The [Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities](#) documentary "[Our World in Our Words](#)" follows four women who speak about their impairments and daily experiences. The work produced by the NGCDD in partnership with Mountain Dog Visual Media and Tanglewood Productions, received seven Emmys in four categories from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Pacific Southwest Chapter.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that IEP Teams develop supports and services that help students with disabilities get ready for life after high school. This could mean preparing for college, job training, work, independent living and/or being active in your community. [Check out what the IDEA law requires.](#)

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.



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