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February 10, 2026

Special Education Disagreements

Facilitated IEP Meeting

Facilitation gives parents and districts the chance to resolve their special education disagreements. A facilitated IEP is provided at no cost to parents. A facilitated IEP meeting is the same as an IEP meeting, except that a facilitator joins the meeting and helps with communication among team members but does not make decisions about the student's IEP. Here's more information in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This [video](#) explains the benefits of a facilitated IEP, and how to access a facilitated IEP. Nevada PEP offers on our On-Demand trainings, The Introduction to Individualized Education Programs workshop has great information right at your fingertips. [Click Here to View](#) this informative training.



The Positive Impact of Parental Encouragement

Parents want the best for their children, including giving them needed emotional support. While positive encouragement may seem like a good parenting concept, research has shown that encouragement improves children's behavior. Using positive encouragement in a child's everyday life has been shown to improve their behavior and help develop more positive relationships with parents. [Learn More Here](#).

Strategies To Improve Your Child's Math Skills

Supporting your child in developing their math skills at home can feel overwhelming for parents. In this article, you'll see several suggestions intended to help increase your child's [understanding of math skills](#) and to develop confidence in learning.

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

Take Steps to Stop Bullying

Tuesday, February 10

5:00pm-6:00pm

If you are concerned about bullying, this workshop is for you! Join us as we discuss what bullying is, what to do if your child is being bullied, and what to expect after a report of bullying is made.

[REGISTER NOW >](#)

Coffee Tea and IEP

[\(In-Person Workshop\)](#)

Reno Office

Thursday, February 12

Desarrollo del IEP Para Satisfacer Las Necesidades de Su Hijo

Martes, 17 de Febrero

5:00pm-6:00pm

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.

[REGISTER NOW >](#)

11:00am-12:00pm

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.**

How Is My Child Reading?

Thursday, February 12

5:00pm-6:00pm

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. Do not miss these strategies that help children become good readers!

REGISTER NOW



Help Your Child Focus on Learning

Thursday, February 19

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.

REGISTER NOW



Getting the First Job

Tuesday, February 24

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.

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](#).

Navigating Related Services for Your Child

Related services help a child benefit from special education, attend school, meet the IEP annual goals, participate in the general curriculum, and participate in extracurricular or nonacademic activities. Services can be delivered in various settings, including the general education classroom, special education settings, or group/individual sessions. Who decides which related services are right for a child? A child's IEP team decides which related services are necessary. Parents are important members of the IEP team. Qualified related service providers may also be members of the team. The team gathers information from evaluations and uses this information to determine a child's

needs. These services are mandated under IDEA under [Sec. 300.34](#) related services are provided at no cost to parents.



Nevada Assessments

It's that time of year again Nevada Standardized Testing is coming up in the next few weeks. These are tests that are given to all students to measure achievement. It is one way that schools determine how well and how much students are learning. It's important to note that all students are tested, and they are offered appropriate accommodations when needed. See the [accommodation form](#) that is filled out for each student that may need accommodations. There are different assessments for each grade level. To find out which test is used for each grade go to this [document](#) provided by the [Nevada Department of Education](#). [Click here to view](#) testing dates for each grade. This article in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) has some great tips to help children with standardized testing.

What is Chronic Absenteeism?

The Bright Futures Coalition is here to help students learn and grow! We are wrapping families with support to address chronic student absenteeism by bringing partners to the table, mapping out resources for students and families, and breaking down silos within the community. Families can use this [website](#) to find tips and tools to remove barriers to school attendance and success.



Social Media, Apps, and Sites Commonly Used by Children and Teens

Digital media and apps allow children to communicate and express their creativity, connect with peers, and share their feelings. However, they can be

an avenue through which [cyberbullying](#) occurs. 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 about them anonymously. This guide offers Parents tips on things they can do to [Prevent Cyberbullying](#) and protect your child from harmful digital behavior.

Is Your Child Being Bullied? SafeVoice Can Help

The [SafeVoice](#) program provides students 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. Watch the [video](#). Make a report [here](#). Learn about the reporting and investigating process in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Download the SafeVoice Nevada app on the Apple Store or Google Play.



Early Childhood



Act4Kids Nevada Family Engagement Workshop

The [Family Engagement Workshop](#) is a free opportunity for families to learn how to engage with the healthcare system and advocate for your child. This workshop addresses various topics such as working with your child's school team, partnering with your pediatrician, or using your story to change health policy and many other topics. Registration is open to all Nevada parents and caregivers, with both an in-person and virtual option. Click [here](#) to register.

2026 Federal Poverty Guideline Changes May Help More Families

As a parent, ensuring that your family has access to essential services is a top priority. Each year, the federal government releases the poverty guidelines, which are used by many programs to determine eligibility. The [2026 poverty guidelines](#) shows increasing the income eligibility limits for several programs. These guidelines help determine who is eligible for many government assistance programs, including Medicaid, Nevada Check Up, SNAP, TANF, WIC and Nevada Ready! PreK, among others. The guidelines are based on household size and income, with different thresholds for families of various sizes.

Learn Spanish by Studycat

Learn Spanish by Studycat helps kids ages 3+ learn through immersive, game-based lessons created by education experts. With bite-sized activities, songs, and speaking practice, children build real-world vocabulary and gain confidence to understand and speak Spanish over time.



App by: [Studycat](#)

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Get Your Taxes Done for Free

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. Click [here](#) or more information. See [flyer](#) for locations.

Youth MOVE Nevada News

This February, love is in the air- but not just any kind of love: self-love! This [resource](#) includes seven strategies you can implement daily to practice self-love and increase confidence. One of these suggestions is to surround yourself with people who support you, which you can find by joining our [weekly youth-led meetings](#), open to young people in Nevada ages 14–24. Always remember that you belong, you matter, and you are loved. Don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [Facebook](#) to learn more and stay connected.



Nothing About Us Without Us

Recognizing the Rights of People with Disabilities

People with disabilities have a voice that should and must be at the table from the beginning of any planning process and should never simply be an after-thought. One example of words that can help insure people with disabilities are not cast aside is the phrase “Nothing About Us Without Us.” It is a slogan with a simple message: no decisions should be made regarding people with disabilities without their input. Read more [here](#).

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

There are many financial considerations when a youth with a disability approaches adulthood; do you know how these may affect your taxes? The IRS has put together this [helpful tip sheet](#) that outlines how things like work related employment expenses, care for a disabled child, medical expenses, or working

at a sheltered workshop affect your taxes. For more preparing for the future resources, check out [our webpage](#) or talk with your Nevada PEP specialist.

Helping Kids Enjoy Reading

For many kids, reading doesn't come easily. Some kids have trouble making the connection between letters and their sounds. Other kids have not yet found a story that interests them and shows just how fun reading can be. For all kids, though, knowing letters, sounds, and words are important skills for learning throughout life. Read with your kids often [try these simple ways](#) to help your child become excited about reading. Join our On-Demand workshop [How is My Child Reading](#) helps parents understand terms that are used when discussing reading and writing. This workshop is full of valuable information on how students learn to read and write.

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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