Behavioral Health and Social Media  

For several thousands of years people talked to their friends and family as a means of communication. Opinion has it that talking was the original social networking! Even after the beginnings of the technologial age, in the early years of the twentieth century, people used the telephone to talk to others. The new method of communication, social media, is changing the way people interact with each other. Some folks say it is good because it opens up outreach to one another. Social media allows for instant feedback and creates virtual communities. Other opinions state that people are actually using social media to place an electronic barrier between one another. Time will tell the personal effects cyber communication will have on behavioral health.

People of all ages are using texting, e-mail, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and blogs. Facebook alone has 700 million subscribers! When you add users of Twitter, YouTube and blogs, the number is almost overwhelming. People of all ages use these social media applications to update family friends and colleagues on information, events, personal stories and virtually all kinds of information. It seems as though the whole world is occupied by this virtual society.

The President made a pledge for the United States to have an open government. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) responded by beginning a program to use those social media outlets, available through their website, to keep their audience informed and connected about behavioral health issues. SAMHSA provides an opportunity for the public to make comments and ask questions about behavioral health. By using the social media method of contact, it is a lot easier for the public to get the information on behavioral health that the public needs. You can visit SAMHSA at http://samhsa.gov. SAMHSA has Facebook and Twitter connections that are used by the public to open dialogues online and assist the public to receive the information it needs about behavioral health.

The use of these social media outlets offer tools and opportunities that many people never had before. Social media is a two way street. SAMHSA gets to inform the public and the public has input to SAMHSA. These new tools provide outreach to the providers of services and the public. In turn, the feedback to SAMHSA and the information posted goes out to millions of people.

SAMHSA uses the social media platforms to partner with nonprofit organizations and coalitions in its mission to bring messages about prevention and treatment to all who need it.

Nevada PEP is one of the organizations which, like SAMHSA, also use these social media outlets to help. Please visit us at: www.nvpep.org and try out our Facebook, Twitter And Youtube links to find more information concerning behavioral health.

GREEN RIBBON DAY IN CARSON CITY  

ON May 3, 2011, Nevada joined the Nation to celebrate children’s mental health awareness day. Green ribbons unify the nation to heighten awareness of children’s mental health care. The Rural, Clark and Washoe County Consortia came together with the Nevada Children’s Behavioral Health Care Consortium to educate the Nevada Legislature on the current status of the system of care for children’s mental health. Organizer Pam Becker, Chairperson of the statewide consortium, worked with the First Lady of Nevada, Kathleen Sandoval, and hosted a luncheon where individuals from the local and state consortia were honored for over 10 years of membership and work to improve children’s mental health care in Nevada.

Wearing his green ribbon, Governor Brian Sandoval provided opening remarks and thanked the attendees for their efforts throughout the state on behalf of children and families. The First Lady provided inspirational comments to the group, and Pam Becker provided a brief snapshot of the Consortia efforts over the past ten years. They both then presented certificates of appreciation to: Patty Merrifield, Hilary Westrom, Dr. Christa Peterson, Karen Taycher, Pam Becker, Joe Haas, Mike Pomi, Larry Robb and Ted Tuso. A special recognition was presented to Retta Dermody for her tireless work with both the Rural and Washoe Consortia.
NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

BY LYNN WINDLE

Our Neighborhood Family Service Centers (NFSC’s) were designed with the System of Care Principles in mind. Interagency Collaboration, Community Based, Accountability, and Child and Family are some of those principles.

Families are served best when agencies work together and the family can depend on them. When there is Interagency Collaboration the families aren’t going from one agency to another. The family is working on one plan that the child and family has given their input on.

One of the original ideas of the NFSC’s was co-location to serve the families in their communities in which they live so that families have easy access to appointments and resources. That is why there are five neighborhood sites throughout the Las Vegas Valley, including North Las Vegas and Henderson.

Agencies work together serving families as a team and holding one another accountable for producing better outcomes for the families. Data collection is one way to maintain accountability. The teams track what is working and what is not. The data is also used to help drive the way services are delivered to meet the changing needs of the child and family.

The agencies that work together in the Neighborhood Families Service Centers, including Nevada PEP, have all agreed on the System of Care Principles. We are working for families involved with multiple service agencies and children behavioral health services. If you have questions about System of Care in Nevada or about Neighborhood Family Service Centers, call Nevada PEP in Northern or Rural Nevada at 1-800-216-5188 or in Southern Nevada at 702-388-8899.

Inspirational THOUGHT

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”
- Albert Einstein

Federal Highlight

ASK SAMHSA!

QUESTIONS ABOUT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH?

Twitter, Facebook, and SAMHSA’s blog has just introduced Ask SAMHSA! This new feature offers families and youth an opportunity to ask the nation’s experts questions on behavioral health. Families and youth will be able to post their questions on a specific topic through SAMHSA’s Facebook and Twitter pages. Behavioral health experts will then post the answers to the questions to the SAMHSA blog on video.

The idea behind “Ask SAMHSA!” is very similar to the White House’s “First Question” project. This is how it works:

- Monthly, SAMHSA will post a topic and request questions from families and youth through Facebook and Twitter on the subject.
- All questions will be reviewed and then some will be chosen for a video response.
- A video response is then posted to the SAMHSA blog at http://blog.samhsa.gov.

When choosing questions for video response, the following criteria will be considered:

- Is the question on topic?
- Can the expert answer the question?
- Are resources available to answer in a timely manner?

If your question was not chosen for video response SAMHSA will try to respond to questions in a follow-up blog post.

Look for SAMHSA on Facebook and Twitter and submit your questions! When submitting questions on Twitter, be sure to use the hashtag #BHQ.

Visit SAMHSA’s blog at http://blog.samhsa.gov.

Information for this article was taken from SAMHSA News, JAN/FEB 11, http://www.samhsa.gov/samhsaNewsletter
Nevada Highlight

BY JUDY MARTIN
MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Family Specialists from Nevada PEP attended the quarterly NMHPAC (Nevada Mental Health Planning Advisory Council) meeting and presented an overview of the services that PEP provides for families and children. As a full system partner, the role of Nevada PEP is to ensure that family voices are heard and incorporated into both individual service delivery and the larger system of care. PEP provides leadership through activities that encourage family-driven, child-centered, strength-based, culturally competent service planning and delivery. PEP represents the parent perspective to all system partners ensuring that the system is working in the best interest of families and children. Nevada PEP provides community outreach, education, advocacy, information and referral services, assistance in accessing benefits and services, and family to family support groups for families with children having emotional and behavioral challenges.

A. System Level Family Services:
On a system level, Nevada PEP advocates on behalf of parents and families through participation on a variety of system level work groups, local and statewide committees and task forces. We educate our system partners and those developing policy, service programming and expansion of services for children, advocating on behalf of the parent’s perspective.

B. Outreach Activities and Services:
Nevada PEP participates in activities that encourage families to access appropriate social, educational, legal or other services such as health fairs, back to school fairs and community events. We work with our System of Care partners to improve the coordination and delivery of education, health, and mental health services.

C. Training and Education Services:
Nevada PEP participates in, coordinates and presents trainings related to system of care, child and family teams, care coordination plans, positive behavioral supports, wraparound processes, natural supports, and available services for families.

If you are interested in attending or joining the State of Nevada Mental Health Planning Advisory Council, please feel free to contact the Administrative Assistant for the Council at (775) 684-4295 or visit their website at www.mhds.nv.gov for information and an application.

If you would like more information on System of Care, contact TJ Rosenburg at 702-388-8899 or Retta Dermody at 775-448-9950 or statewide 800-216-5188

Social Networking!

By Melanie Kauffman, on behalf of Family Ties of Nevada, a Family Voices State Affiliate Organization

In recent years social networking has become the “norm”, a new age phenomenon that is appealing to many regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, disability, or geography. According to disability advocates across the nation, social media and networking platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and online discussion groups are not only engaging people with developmental disabilities and chronic illness in a positive way, they are quickly becoming a great equalizer, eliminating common barriers such as time and distance.

Communicating via the web offers a way to boost self-esteem, reduce isolation and loneliness, nurture friendships, and support greater interaction within the disability community, particularly if an individual is homebound.

Social networking is also beginning to open new doors for people with disabilities – from creating job opportunities, offering support from peers, and helping them access new information about their disability or specific health issue. Although there are some accessibility issues for people with visual impairments, intellectual disabilities, (Fairweather and Trewin, 2010), or those who use screen readers, Facebook can make communication easier for people with speech impairments or specific health issue. Furthermore, social networking also helps children with special needs by promoting peer interaction with special projects and activities, and fosters parent support by offering a way to connect with other parents.

While this technology means greater inclusion in the virtual world, the flip side is that there are concerns over privacy issues, its effect on hands-on learning, and the risk of encouraging individuals with disabilities and others to become more isolated from real-life. People who need to be in touch with those they are trying to help may also become unaware of their physical needs and access issues. However, until more research is done, the benefits of social networking outweigh the concerns. With more than 500 million active users and approximately 690 billion page views per month, Facebook is the busiest site on the internet. At least for now, we are hopeful that this popular on-line platform will continue to increase public awareness and interest in disability-specific issues, and encourage others to see that people with disabilities live much like their peers with similar personal and social interests.
Upcoming Events

LAS VEGAS/HENDERSON
City of Las Vegas, Adaptive Recreation Division 250 N.E. Avenue
Recreational activities for youth of all ages with/without developmental disabilities. Contact: Cindy Moyes 702.229.4902

Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada
Call Lindsey or David 702.648.1990 for information on activities and supports or visit the website at www.dosn.org

FEAT of Southern Nevada (Families for Early Autism Treatment)
Provide support, encouragement, and guidance to parents and create an opportunity for them to benefit from contact with other parents with similar needs and concerns. 408 S. Jones, Las Vegas, 89107 or call Jennifer Strobel at 702.368.3328 Tuesday – Thursday from 8:30 - 1:30.

Give Me A Break, Inc. (GAB)
Respite days are the 3rd Saturday of each month in the Vegas Valley. Contact Scherrie Adams at 702.898.2216 or Toll Free 866.486.2275, Fax: 702.248.4739. You must RSVP to reserve a spot.

Heart & Soul Discussion Group
For families with children diagnosed with a heart condition. Meetings are the 2nd Friday of each month at, The Children’s Heart Center, 3006 S. Maryland Parkway, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Contact Jennifer Kelley @ 702.967.3522 or visit the Heart & Soul website for events and activities calendar at www.chfn.org.

Nevada PEP Family Support Group
We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at, 2101 S. Jones Blvd, Ste 120. Contact a Family Specialist at 702.388.8899

Nevada PEP Grupo de Apoyo Familiar
Reunira el ultimo Miércoles de cada mes, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at, 2101 S. Jones Blvd, Ste 120. Llame a Cynthia Escamilla al 702.388.8899

Positive Supports for Children
Specific intervention to promote social, emotional behavioral functioning. Contact Christy Buckingham-Martin at 702.367.0306 or email: ps4children@lvcoxmail.com

Recreation and Experience Club(R.E.C.)
Year-round after school program for young people with disabilities, grades 9th-12th.
Contact Sheri Cordray at 702.267.4065.

Special Olympcis
A variety of athletic activities for children with disabilities.
Contact Steve Cabrales at 702.474.0690 x205 or Maggie Swartz 702.474.0690 x206.

RENO/SPARKS

Asperger’s Support Group
Monthly meetings on the third Tuesdays of every month from 6:30-8:00 at Renown Hospital, Sierra Tower Contact John Maes at 775.787.2904 for dates, times and more information.

City of Reno Parks & Recreation
Recreation programs for children with disabilities. Contact April Wolfe – 775.334.2260 or email: Wolfea@reno.gov or contact: “Inclusion” at 775.333.7765.

Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada Family Support Group
Monthly meetings the first Tuesday of every month from 5:45-7:30 pm. At Nevada Early Intervention Services 2667 Enterprise Rd., Reno, NV 89512. For more information visit the call 775.682.9071 or email dsnnninfo@gmail.com.

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Nevada PEP Family Support Group
We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Ste. I-204, Reno. For more information call 775.448.9950 or 1.800.216.5188.

Reno Autism Information Network (RAIN)
Information, support and social nights with activities for children. Contact: Toni Richards at 775.324.5085 or email: Toni’s-isign3550@sbcglobal.net or Robin-robin@acutec.com (put “Autism” in the subject line).

Special Olympics Golf Wild Creek Golf Course, 3500 Sullivan Lane, Sparks, NV 89431. Saturdays at 10:45 through October 15, 2011. Contact Dennis Oliver at 775.657.8406.

The Solace Tree
Support for families grieving from a personal loss. Call 775.324.7723 or email: info@solacetree.org Visit their website at www.solacetree.org

RURALS

Nevada Care Connection has many classes and a support group for Douglas County Grandparents, or other relatives, raising their grandchildren. Contact Kristie Traver at 775.782.8692 for more information.

Nevada PEP Family Support Group
We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM at the Family Alliance Building, 186 E. Main St. - Ste 4, Fernley. For more information please call 775.448.9950 or 1.800.216.5188.

Ron Woods Family Resource Center
Has many different programs for the family and youth focusing on positive action and helping youth identify and understand their thoughts and feelings. Ron Woods Family Support Center, 2621 Northgate Lane Ste 62, Carson City, 89703. Please contact Tracy or Lisa at 775.884.2269.
To recognize National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day, the Clark County Children’s Mental Health Consortium sponsored a video contest. High school students were asked to present a video that showed ways to overcome the effects of Bullying. The Clark County School District built a program around the winning video that teaches middle school students how to combat the effects of bullying. The program was provided through school assemblies at O’Callaghan Middle School on Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day.

Jackie Harris, the Chair of the CCCMHC, accompanied the video contest winners to the Legislature in Carson City for National Children’s Mental Health Day where a luncheon was sponsored by the First Lady, Katherine Sandoval. Governor Sandoval attended and presented a proclamation recognizing Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day, and regional and state consortia members were given certificates of appreciation for their 10 years of service.

The CCCMHC highlighted the local importance of Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day. “When it comes to mental health issues, Clark County children and youth are among the most vulnerable in the nation. At least 1 in 5 children in Clark County is experiencing mental health problems and two-thirds of these children are not getting the help that they need. A recent study by the Clark County School District found that almost one-quarter of Clark County’s public middle school students had seriously thought about killing themselves and almost 30% had tried alcohol. The Clark County Children’s Mental Health Consortium has identified children’s mental health as a major public health issue in our community. The Consortium has recently developed a 10-year Strategic Plan to guide the community in providing needed mental health services to children and their families. The Consortium’s 10-year Strategic Plan represents a commitment to all children in Clark County and their families who deserve the supports necessary for optimal mental health and social-emotional development early access to treatment when problems arise, and intensive services when mental health problems become severe and chronic. The Consortium’s plan cites numerous research studies demonstrating the effectiveness of programs and activities for children in preventing later, more costly, mental health disorders and other problems.” For more information about the Clark County Children’s Mental Health Consortium, please contact Julie Alston at 486-6120 or Jackie Harris, Chairperson, at 474-6450. Source: Clark County Children’s Mental Health Consortium, (adapted Press Release May 3, 2011).

Resource Review
By KIARA ESTILL
When I first saw the title Straight Talk – Families Speak to Families about Child and Youth Mental Health by Conni Wells, I expected to open the book and read account after account about how parents overcame the challenges of raising a child and/or children that were hitting, biting, screaming, cursing, running away and giving them premature grey hairs! Instead I found a very professionally written manual that gives you chapter after chapter full of options to troubleshoot different challenges that can arise while raising a child with mental health and emotional needs. Some of the topics mentioned include dealing with stress, school related topics, behavior supports and suggestions, and keeping a job.

Straight Talk provides a comprehensive family to family guide about emotional, behavioral, and mental health disorders. It gives point by point explanations about what parents can do in order to get the services and care that children need. It contains many charts and check lists that outline solutions that can benefit anyone looking for concise, quick answers while navigating through this lifelong process.

Straight Talk – Families Speak to Families about Child and Youth Mental Health can be checked out from the Nevada PEP Resource Libraries in Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada.

Family Story
By MARLA RUSSELL
I am a single parent of an 8-year old son who was diagnosed with mental illness at the age of two. With the assistance of friends and family I have made sure that he received counseling and the medications prescribed. Preschool was difficult, but I found an awesome provider who was able to deal with unique needs.

Earlier this year I sought the assistance of Nevada PEP to help me get all of the things I believe my son needs to be successful at school in his IEP. My son’s behaviors had escalated since the beginning of the school year following the death of his father, and I had sought grief counseling for him. Unfortunately, his behavior at school and home continued to worsen, and he had to be admitted to a treatment facility here in town. During his time at the hospital, his condition never seemed to improve.

Our Family Specialist referred us to a Neighborhood Resource Team in the hopes of finding services. In the end, I had to make an agonizing decision for my son and my family. Our Family Specialist has since supported me in meeting with Child Protective Services, multiple court hearings, a Clark County Resource Team meeting and Child Family Team meetings.

We did succeed in finding placement for my son locally in a treatment facility that can meet his specific needs and provide training for me in order to learn techniques to manage his behaviors when he is able to return home.

Thanks Nevada PEP!!!
Washoe County Children’s Mental Health Consortium (WCCMHC) continues to collaborate with each other on improving services for families of children with serious emotional disorders (SED). Many of the Consortium members and stakeholders are so dedicated that they are on one or more workgroups created to meet the goals of the 10 year plan. Goal 4, Support Youth to Succeed as Adults, workgroup members have been busy engaging with community partners identifying resources offered to young adults’ ages 18 to 24 years of age. This workgroup has assisted the Reno Area Alliance of the Homeless (RAAH) in completing their report on youth homelessness.

Goals 1 and 4 have been a support for the Mojave Mental Health Transition Youth Program, “Roadmaps to Adulthood”. This 12 week workshop is designed to connect youth and young adults, ages 17-23, to others experiencing similar issues. Youth and young adults will learn skills to help them navigate into adulthood while having fun and interacting with others. For more information you can call Shannon Libler at Mojave Mental Health, 775-284-9146.

The Consortium wants to invite family members and youth to join a workgroup or attend the monthly meetings. Consortium meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month from 3:00-5:00pm at the Washoe County Complex, Central Conference Room on 9th Street. If you would like more information please call Retta Dermody or Ron Kopicko at 775-448-9950.

Collaboration

Nevada PEP held its annual silent auction fundraiser May 25th, 2011 at the Lakes Mansion in Reno. The event raised almost $2000.00 towards our mission of assisting children with disabilities and their families. Nevada PEP was proud to honor two community members for their work addressing children’s needs in our state. The honorees received a framed piece of children’s art with their name engraved on a golden name plate attached to the frame. Pam Becker, with the Children’s Cabinet in Reno, was honored for her years of advocacy and outreach work for children in Nevada. Shelby Sheehan, Channel 4 news anchor, was honored for a series of news stories on bullying prevention bringing the issue to the attention of the public. Both women were also presented with certificates of appreciation by a representative of the Governor’s office acknowledging and honoring their hard work and dedication on behalf of children in Nevada.

Nevada PEP would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generosity – without your support this event would not have been such a huge success! A special thanks to VSA Nevada for hosting our event in the beautiful Lakes Mansion.

- Scentsy – Andrea Barrie
- Barb Crisp – Artist
- Bill Cunningham Photography
- Celeste Alas-Valle
- Digiprint
- Eldorado Hotel
- Elements Spa
- Gold Dust West
- Harrah’s/Harvey’s
- Jacque Matteoni
- Lia Sophia Jewelry – Amanda Kent
- Lightening Auctions
- Motivation
- Mt. Rose Ski Resort
- Outback Steakhouse – Ron Matteoli
- PJ & Co.
- Port of Subs – Bear Olson
- Rapscallion
- Reno Aces
- Ron Chalmers – Artist
- Sam’s Club
- Smith’s
- Squeeze In
- TwoSpiritwind Designs – Photographer
- Western Village
- Wet Hen Café

Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services

The Nevada Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services has been working on developing a clear focus on established roles of boards and committees related to the mental health and developmental services. They are starting with existing boards to determine how those boards might meet needs. The Commissioners would also like to make sure there is no overlap in purpose of these boards. Some of the people attend several meetings and the Commission would like to get the best use of people’s time and talents. Time is valuable and everyone has a contribution when they attend a meeting.

The Commissioners would also like to see more consumer and family input to the boards, meetings and workgroups. The Commission is made up of experts and professionals in the Mental Health, General Health, Consumer, and General Public Field. This brings a wealth of knowledge and diversity to the Commission, and the Commissioners know that Consumers and Family Members help bring personal experience and knowledge to boards and committees that no one else can bring.

The Nevada Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services is an open meeting to the public and it is statewide. Call Nevada PEP in Southern Nevada at 702-388-8899 or in Rural or Northern Nevada 1-800-216-5188 if you would like more information or dates on the upcoming meetings.
The Rural Children’s Mental Health Consortium (RCMHC) held their annual strategic planning day June 9th in Minden, Nevada. Consortium members, stakeholders, and parents attended this all day event. The purpose of this annual meeting was to review the six goals and related objectives already established and make revisions to the Consortiums Ten Year Strategic Plan as directed by families, members and stakeholders that serve children with mental health and behavioral disorders. Becky Richard-Maley facilitated the event by keeping the focus on families of children with severe emotional disturbance and their needs.

Jan Marson, chair of the Consortium, organized the day and made sure attendees were comfortable and felt welcomed. Jan encouraged families and community stakeholders to express their concerns and listened to their input.

Ted Tuso, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and Retta Dermody, Nevada PEP, lead a presentation and discussion on System of Care (SOC). This presentation helped participates understand the strengths and culture of each family while addressing attributes and challenges of families living in rural communities.

Consortium members, families and stakeholders prioritized the six goals and came to an agreement on four goals that would be the primary focus for the next year. Participates were placed in workgroups tasked with revising action steps for their goal using SOC as a foundation.

Workgroups will focus on the following goals:

- Promote and support the use of technology to enhance mental health services for families of children with mental health and behavioral disorders in Nevada’s rural region.
- Investigate potential delivery of mental health services to families of children ages 0-3 with possible mental health and behavioral disorders in Nevada’s rural region.
- Encourage mental health services to the families of children and adolescents of Juvenile Justice Detention facilities in Nevada’s rural region.
- Explore the potential for mental health service provisions in public schools in Nevada’s rural Region.

Consortium members would like to empower families and encourage stakeholders to attend consortium meetings and participate in a workgroup. The RCMH Consortium meets the second Tuesday of each month. If you would like more information on attending the meetings please call Retta Dermody or Jennifer Cunningham at 775-448-9950 or 1-800-216-5188.

Clark County families who have children with co-occurring intellectual disabilities and behavioral health care needs face unique challenges in accessing needed health, educational, mental health and other services. Nevada PEP’s 360 Center provides intensive support to help families find their voice’s and navigate our complex service system.

Now in our second year of operation, we are serving approximately sixty families whose children range from 3-17 years of age. Although all of our families have children with co-occurring intellectual disabilities and behavioral health care needs, the children are eligible for special education under a variety of eligibility categories. Approximately 21% of the children are eligible under Intellectual Disability, 18% meet the Autism eligibility, and 21% are receiving special education services under Serious Emotional Disturbance. The remaining children are eligible for special education in a variety of categories such as Traumatic Brain Injury, Specific Learning disability, Developmental Delay, or with Multiple Impairments.

Since almost one-third of our families are of Hispanic origin, we are fortunate to have a new bilingual family navigator as of March, 2011. The 360 Center is now staffed with one full-time family navigator coordinator, and two full-time family navigators.

Our 360 Center Advisory Committee also continues to expand with Mojave Mental Health Services joining us as the newest 360 Center partner.

For more information on Nevada PEP’s 360 Center, please call Nevada PEP’s central office at (702) 388-8899 or the Family Support 360 Center at (702) 877-0360.
Collaborating for Children
Communiqué

Annual Membership Information
Annual membership dues are $25.00 per family, organization or professional.

Please provide the following information

NAME

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE    ZIP

PHONE    email

CHILD’S NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

☐ I am a parent/caregiver.
☐ I am a professional working with children.
☐ I am a concerned member of the community.

☐ Enclosed is a tax deductible donation in the amount of $__________ to help support the efforts of Nevada PEP.

☐ I would like to be a member of Nevada PEP, please waive the annual dues.

☐ I would like to volunteer.

☐ I would like to receive the monthly E-POST.

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To increase the opportunities for home, community, and school success for children with disabilities, including those who are at risk or who have serious emotional disturbances, their families and their service providers, through education, encouragement and empowerment activities.

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Volunteer Opportunity

Making a difference in the lives of the families we serve is just what a volunteer does. Nevada PEP has had the extraordinary pleasure of working with many individuals who have given their time freely to help others in need.

*If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering at Nevada PEP, contact Samantha King in Reno at 1-800-216-5188 or 1-775-448-9950, in our Las Vegas office contact Diane Lombardo at 1-702-388-8899.