



Updates on Independent Living, AB350 and Step Up Representing our Teenage Youth


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Recent Changes

- Under the Federal guidelines-Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act 2014
 - Youth Age 14 and up must be assigned an Independent Living (IL) worker
 - Case worker Refers to IL
 - Youth under age 16 cannot have Other Permanent Planned Living Arrangement (OPPLA) as the goal
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Case Plans

- Clients over the age of 14- obtain credit reports
 - Develop with others that the client chooses – not just caseworker or foster parent
 - Documentation of intensive, ongoing, unsuccessful efforts to place with family
 - Compelling Reasons why it is not in child's best interest to return home
 - Prudent parent standard & age appropriate activities
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Beginning IL

- Ready for the World Mixers
 - College information
 - Job training/workshops
 - IL classes
 - FAAYT- Foster and Adoptive Youth Together
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IL workers


- CLARK COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM
 - IL SUPERVISOR
 - Gina Shanks
 - Office: 455-4024 Work Cell: 702-491-2179
 - Personal cell: 702 523-4140
 - ShanksGi@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
 - IL Senior Family Services Specialist
 - Rebecca Lucente
 - Office: 455-0573 Work Cell: 702-491-5361
 - Personal cell: 412-585-1395
 - RebecLu@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - Mon– Fri. 7:30am–5:00pm / Mon. 7:30am-4:00pm (NPW)
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IL Workers

- FAMILY SERVICES SPECIALIST
 - Danita Osborne
 - Office: 455-2668 Work Cell:702-591-0810
 - DanitaO@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - M-F 8:00am–5:00pm

 - Rori Brantley
 - Office: 455-8029 Work Cell:702-201-0151
 - Rori.Brantley@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - M-F 9:00am–6:00pm

 - Temeka Towns (PTH)
 - Office: 455-1150 Work Cell: 702-238-3048
 - Temeka.Towns@ClarkCountyNV.Gov
 - M 7:00am–1:00pm T 11:00am-5:00pm
 - / W 7:00am-3:00pm
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IL workers

- FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS
 - Chanera Forrest (AB350)
 - Office: 455-3726 Work Cell:702-574-0654
 - ForrestC@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - T-Fri. 8:30-6:00pm / Sat. 8:30am-5:00pm (NPW)

 - Sheila Logan (AB350)
 - Office: 455-7287 Work Cell:702-574-0743
 - Sheila@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - T– Fri. 8:30am–6:00pm / Sat. 8:30am-5:00pm (NPW)


 - Kathryn Treants
 - Office: 455-0624 Work Cell:702-587-2691
 - Kathryn.Treants@ClarkcountyNV.gov
 - M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

 - Alex Bernal Jr. (AB350)
 - Office: 455-0172 Work Cell:702-468-1175
 - alexander.bernaljr@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
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IL workers

- FAMILY SERVICES ASSISTANTS
 - Shelli Jamerson
 - Office: 455-5413 Work Cell:702-274-5535
 - Shelli.Jamerson@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - M-F 8:00am-5:00pm


 - Brandy Brantley
 - Office: 455-1216 Work Cell:702-303-0474
 - Brandy.Brantley@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
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Program Assistants


- De Shana Allen (PTH)
 - Office: 455-7216 Work Cell:702-350-0547
 - DeShana.Allen@ClarkCountyNv.gov
 - M 12:00pm–5:00pm / Fri 8:00am-5:00pm

 - Yesenia Vasquez (PTH)
 - Office: 455-8062 Work Cell:702-350-0407
 - Yesenia.Vasquez@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - Tues/Thur 11:00am-4:00pm /
 - Fri 9:00am – 3:00pm

 - Cynjaysha Boles (PTH – Project WE)
 - Office: 455-8085 Work Cell:702-350-0895
 - Cynjaysha.Boles@ClarkCountyNV.gov
 - M 8:00am–2:00pm W 8:00am-3:00pm
 - F 8:00am-3:00pm
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CHAFFEE FUNDS

- Age 14- \$300
 - Age 15- \$350
 - Age 16-\$400
 - Age 17 & 18 if still in high school \$750 per year
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Pregnant Teens

- Children First- housing, job training, and daycare 702-487-5665
 - St. Jude's Program-The New Crossings 702-294-7100
 - Peggy's Attic- referral for clothing and limited supplies 702-455-5424
 - Baby's Bounty- provide pack & plays and baby
 - 702-485-2229
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Pregnant Teens

- TANF- blood relatives can collect
 - WIC- client can receive services for themselves while pregnant and for their children once born.
 - Urban League- Can assist with childcare
 - Even if youth are in care their children do not have to become wards of the court
 - DFS can pay foster parents for children
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Over 16 and still want to be adopted

- We want to encourage this
- Children can still receive all the financial aid for college do not need to claim parents income






IL contracts

- Youth aged 17 ½ living with an unlicensed relative or fictive kin
 - DFS has to approve
 - Must be in school usually maintaining at least a C average
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College Bound Youth

- FAFSA- maximum benefit \$5500 in state
 - Apply by the end of February senior year
 - Scholarships: Over \$180,000 the past 2 years
 - Millennium Scholarship 3.25 GPA
 - Otto Huth- up to \$10,000- deadline changes
 - CASA- \$1500 everyone eligible
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ETV Program

Education & Training Voucher Program

- ETV- Education Training Voucher-additional \$5000 per year to use for education related expenses
 - Current & former foster youth –including those adopted at age 16
 - Continues until age 23
 - Phone: 775-352-8090 or childrenscabinet.org
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Remain a Ward

- Clients 18 and over but still in high school can choose to remain a ward of the court
 - Foster parent or fictive kin still receives check
 - DFS caseworker still assigned
 - Must fingerprint if other children are in the home for HLOC agencies
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AB 350

- Statute NRS 432B 591-595
 - Wardship- case comes in and client is 17 +
 - Transitional Living Plan
 - Health Care Power of Attorney
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AB350

- Agree to remain under court jurisdiction but no longer a ward
 - \$773 a month or \$25 per day between the ages of 18 & 21
 - Maintain Fee For Service Medicaid
 - Must be completing high school and once finished must further pursue education or be working
 - EXCEPTION
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AB350

- Must maintain in person contact every 90 days and can text, email or call every 30 days
 - Yearly renewal- remind client if they do not the check will not come
 - Encourage this program 1st because if they go to Step Up court jurisdiction terminates and cannot return
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AB 350

- Common Problems
 - Clients do not stay in contact
 - Administrative CFT's
 - Administrative Reviews
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Step Up

- FAFFY- Funds to Assist Former Foster Youth
 - Move-In Stipend \$1000
 - Graduation stipend \$1000 or \$250 for GED or Hiset
 - Joe Taylor- head of program
 - New offices- will have 6 workers total
 - Staci & Anna
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Step Up

- Can pay rent and bills with vouchers- do not have to claim as income
 - Clients with SS
 - Remainder returned to clients
 - HMO Medicaid- clients pay co-pays
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Step Up


- What happens if there are problems
 - Clients must file an appeal
 - Merger-FAFFY funds can complement AB350
 - Office will have small food pantry, toiletries, baby supplies
 - Computers
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Community Resources


- Seeds to Succeed- Rob Sandoval
 - 702-985-3216
 - robsandoval@seeds2succeed.net

 - Olive Crest Housing-currently able to house 16 but plans to expand 702-685-3459

 - Graduate House- 702-502-0647
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Community Resources

- Goodwill- can provide job skill, help with resumes, clothing for interviews
 - 702-214-2025
 - HELP of SNV- 702-369-4357
 - Lutheran Social Services- 702-639-1730
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Problems

- Call your mentor-
 - Jaymie Junsay 702-386-1487 or jjunsay@lacsns.org
 - Evictions-
 - Criminal Cases-
 - Credit Reporting Issues-
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Step Up Emergency After Care

- New program \$50,000 grant to prevent homelessness for youth 21-25
- Can pay rent on an emergency basis up to 3 months





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