



Quality Parenting Initiative

QPI OVERVIEW

The Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS) hosts the Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI). This collaboration is one of Nevada's approaches designed to promote quality care for children in foster care by defining the roles and expectations of caregivers and DFS Case Managers, strengthening the child welfare system and providing resources and tools.

The core premise of QPI is to support the primary goal of the child welfare system to ensure that children are safe and have effective, loving parenting. The best way to achieve this goal is to support initiatives for safe children, healthy families and caring communities. If this cannot be done at home, the child welfare system must ensure that substitute care (relative, kinship, foster and adoptive) is effective, skilled and loving.

The key elements of the QPI process are to:

- Partner with caregivers (relative, kinship, foster and adoptive) and child welfare professionals in identifying system improvements
- Define the expectations of caregivers and child welfare professionals
- Provide resources to caregivers
- Articulate these expectations
- Align the system so that these goals become a reality

What are the QPI successes?

- Reductions in unplanned placement changes
- Reductions in the use of group care
- Reductions in the numbers of sibling separations
- Increases in reunifications and permanent placements for children

Who should be involved in QPI:

The success of QPI is dependent on the participation of a wide variety of partners, including caregivers (relative, kinship, foster, adoptive and birth) , community partners, child welfare professionals, youth advocates, service providers, and human services agencies.

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QPI Brand Statement

Foster parents nurture children who have experienced trauma and provide a safe, loving, and healing environment in which the children can thrive. They are parenting partners who honor and support family relationships. Foster parents are dedicated, informed, and committed advocates for children. They are instrumental and fully supported members of the child and family team.

The Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) is one of Nevada's approaches to strengthening foster care, including kinship care, using branding and marketing principles.

To learn more please visit www.QPINevada.com

Safe Children. Healthy Families. Caring Communities.



Clark County's Just in Time Training

Advanced training for foster and adoptive parents, when and where you need it!



Just in Time Training

The Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS) and the Nevada State Division of Child and Family Services have launched an online training program called "Just in Time Training".

The website is: QPINevada.com

You are just a few clicks away from accessing a video library of hundreds of trainings covering topics such as discipline, toilet training and integration of a new child into your family.

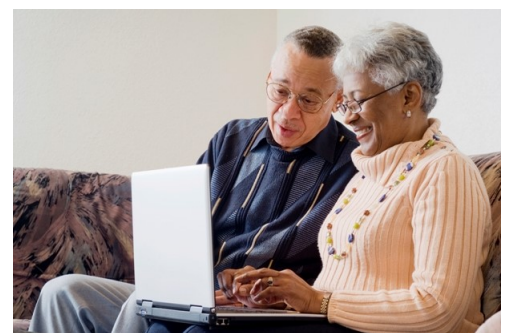
This website offers information such as community resources, supports, contact information and QPI workgroup information.



Check it out and log on today!

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Completion of designated online training courses may count toward annual licensing hours!



DFS' role and mission is to protect children from abuse and neglect by partnering with our community to build safe, nurturing, and stable families, to support family preservation when possible, to provide permanent families for those children who cannot safely return home and to ensure the well-being of children in our care.

