

Independent Living

Clark County, NV

April 2018

Foster and Adopted Youth Together (FAAYT)

Foster and Adopted Youth Together (FAAYT) has been busy giving back. They have volunteered on two occasions at the Three Square facility in North Las Vegas. Youth helped to pack goods and produce items in the Three Square volunteer room which resulted in 8,260 pounds of food packed for 1,652 families who are in need throughout our community! On February 15th, the group again volunteered their time and worked in Three Square's Children's Kitchen, where they packed food for kids in the community.

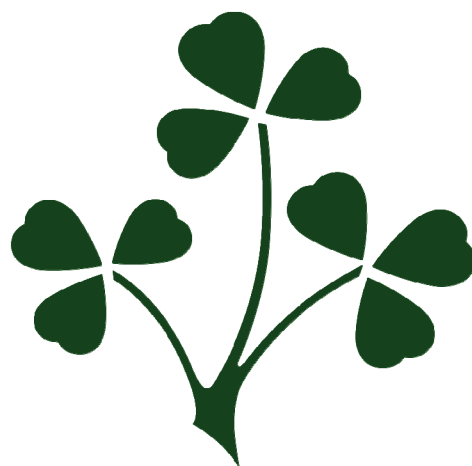
FAAYT is always looking for new and excited youth to join them in their efforts. They are excited to continue volunteer activities and look forward to planning more events for all youth in care.

FAAYT will be hosting community activities over the spring

break. On March 28th, FAAYT will be "flying high" at Gravady Extreme Sports. On April 2nd, they will be "under the sea" while touring SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium.

FAAYT meets every third Tuesday of the month from 4-6 pm at 301 E. Clark Avenue. All current and former foster youth, up to age 21, are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Lucente at 702-455-0573 or Rori Brantley at 702-455-8029.

FAAYT is a youth driven support & advocacy group seeking to make a constructive impact within the child welfare system. You will have the opportunity to build leadership skills by being proactive in the community. FAAYT also serves as an outlet to give and receive personal & emotional support from other youth in care.



Voluntary Services

Did you know: Youth who are adopted or establish guardianship at 16 or older remain eligible for Independent Living Services until 18 years of age?

That's right, youth and families adopting or taking guardianship of older youth have the option of continuing work with their assigned IL worker. This includes youth you have been placed in the state through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children or ICPC process.

Youth remain eligible for CHAFEE funds, bus pass assistance and case management. Foster and IL workers will continue to meet with youth and families to provide employment, educational, and other assistance. Some of these duties include help completing college, FAFSA, Educational Training Vouchers (ETVs), and scholarship applications.

Although the DFS permanency worker or ICPC worker are no

longer assigned, youth will continue to be contacted each month via phone and in person every 90 days by their IL worker. Contacts will monitor progress and ensure goals established are being met.

As the name indicates, these services are completely voluntary. Youth and families have the choice to participate and terminate services as they deem necessary. If you have any questions about Voluntary IL Services, please contact Ariel Racine at 702-455-1184.

Special points of interest:

- "Flying' High": March 28th 10-1130 am
- "Under the Sea": April 2nd
- Monthly FAAYT Meetings:
 - April 17th
 - May 22nd
 - June 19th
 - July 17th
 - August 21st
 - September 18th