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CHILD WELFARE SUMMIT

April 23, 2024

Springs Preserve, Desert Living Center - Upper Level
333 S Valley View Blvd | Las Vegas, NV 89107



- 8:30 a.m. Registration Opens
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks by Clark County Commissioners Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Justin Jones
- 9:15 a.m. “Setting the Stage”: Featuring national foster care recruitment expert and former foster parent Denise Goodman and Michael Sanders, Managing Partner of the 220 Experience.
- 9:45 a.m. “National Perspective”: Overview of federal child welfare policy and child welfare trends across the country, including service delivery challenges and successes
- Rachel Mackey, Legislative Director, National Association of Counties
 - Dan Makelky, MPA, Director of Human Services, Douglas County, CO
- 10:30 a.m. Break and Networking
- 10:45 am “Child Welfare Statewide”: Hear from State and County child welfare leaders about how the State funds child welfare, current challenges and opportunities
- Marla McDade Williams, Administrator, NV Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services
 - Jill Marano, Director, Clark County Family Services
 - Ryan Gustafson, Director, Washoe County Human Services Agency
 - Shayla Holmes, Director, Lyon County Social Services
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Keynote: “A Multisystem Approach to the Systems Serving Children, Youth and Families”
- Hear from national expert Uma Ahluwalia on her work with states to start to rethink the systems serving our foster youth. Ms. Ahluwalia, former Health and Human Services Director with Montgomery, MD, is currently working with the State of Nevada.
- 1:15 p.m. Break and Networking
- 1:30 p.m. “Looking Forward”: An update from Nevada’s Medicaid Division on system and rate reforms
- Sarah Dearborn, Social Services Chief II, Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services
 - Marcel Brown, Social Services Program Specialist III, Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services
- 2:45 p.m. Wrapping Up and Next Steps
- 3:45 p.m. Closing Comments

Summit will conclude no later than 4:00 pm.