

Clark County Independent Living Committee

Department of Family Services
500 S Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155
ODC Room # 1 and Microsoft Teams
March 22, 2022
3:00 – 4:30 pm

1. **Call to order - Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approve Minutes from December 9, 2021.**
 - a. Minutes approved.
3. **Clark County Independent Living Program**
 - a. IL Updates
 - i. FSA interviews will take place March 23, 2022.
 - ii. Two training rooms are available at IL's north site for community partners to use.
 - iii. IL graduation event planning currently taking place.
 - iv. HopSkipDrive is available for IL youth
 - v. Brief LifeSet introduction (Shuuannndy)
4. **FAAYT - Foster and Adoptive Youth Together (CAA)**
 - a. No updates
5. **Clark County Social Services (Step Up)**
 - a. Youth Villages for Step Up has expanded; two new case managers who meet with young adults weekly along with a licensed clinician.
 - b. Three new Step Up workers: Cedric Starling, Lisa Lamb, and Julia Haro.
 - i. One more new hire starting in a couple of weeks
 - ii. Step Up is looking for a new Office Assistant.
 - c. Current Step Up young adults very high; highest number of young adults since 2015
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS* (Open for Community Providers to share their programs and/or provide upcoming events)**
 - a. Dress for Success
 - i. Provides services for women to reduce poverty and help with economic independence.
 - ii. Provides interview attire and helps with employment attire.
 - iii. Age 16+, with no age limit or income qualifier.
 - iv. Self-referrals are accepted.
 - b. Film Allegiance (Emilio Swann and Fernando)
 - i. New 503(c) nonprofit (film agency)
 1. Provides youth a chance for dreams and passions
 2. Ages 12-18
 - a. Offers tools, connections, and networking with people in the film industry.
 - c. Movement Fitness Sports (Lelan Sparks)
 - i. Provides all types of activities, from small to large sporting events.
 - ii. Focuses on youth development and behavior management.
 - d. Children's Foundation of Las Vegas (B'Anka Neder)
 - i. New name for the same organization (formerly CASA Foundation)

1. Over 40 years of service.
 - ii. Assists with tutoring, sports, extracurriculars, dental, medical devices, and more.
 - iii. Provides for the needs of foster care and is a resource and support for all of Clark County.
 - e. Shining Star (Sabrina)
 - i. Shining Star classes are ongoing at Child Have for youth on campus.
 - ii. Has the capacity for DJJS classes.
 - iii. Works with St. Jude's and DJJS
 - iv. Serves 100+ youth per year.
 - v. New grant received (Clinical Client Coordination Grant)
 - f. Fostering Seeds of Hope (Crystal Patterson)
 - i. Helps with supplies, such as cleaning supplies, moving supplies, gas, Christmas gifts, breast pumps, family dinners, and more
 1. For aged out foster youth. No age limit.
 2. Serves youth also in rural areas.
 - g. RISE Homes (Deja)
 - i. Offers shared housing
 - ii. Residents are offered job placement, haircuts, and food delivery.
 - iii. First grant has been approved (self-funded prior)
 1. Grant will be used to focus on transitioning from shared housing to permanent placement.
 - h. DFS (Allyson M)
 - i. There will be a foster resource fair on March 26, 2022.
 - ii. Walk-ins are allowed.
 - iii. Employers will be present to hire teens for summer jobs.
 - i. NSHE (Laura Obrist)
 - i. NSHE has received new grants
 1. New position at UNR, similar to Heather Richardson at UNLV (Fostering Scholars Program).
 - a. New program will be called "Fostering the Pack"
 2. Truckee Meadows will also start a new program, similar to UNR, called "Fostering College Success Program.
 - ii. For all non-UNLV questions, please direct them to Laura Obrist or the school, rather than Heather Richardson.
 - j. Legal Aid (Jaymie Junsay)
 - i. RISE app promotion (RISE app is a resource app for youth and young adults that can be downloaded from Google Play and the App Store).
 - ii. Ask-a-Lawyer event will be held on April 28, 2022.
- 7. Next Meeting: September 20, 2022, at 3:00pm**
 - a. **Meeting will be held in person at the Government Center ODC #4 and virtual through Microsoft Teams**
- 8. Adjournment**