

Clark County Independent Living Committee

Department of Family Services
500 S Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155
ODC Room # 1 and Microsoft Teams
Sept 20, 2022
3:00 – 4:30 pm

1. **Call to order - Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approve Minutes from July 20, 2021.**
 - a. Minutes approved.
3. **Clark County Independent Living Program**
 - a. IL Updates
 - i. Office Special position filled by Nicole Smith starting Oct 1, 2022.
 - ii. FSA position opening beginning of Oct. due to, FSA Ne'Oshia Grant recently promoting
 - iii. Mad City Money event in collaboration with SCE Federal Credit Union were youth learned money management skills through an assimilated real-world experience was a great success.
 1. 53 youth were in attendance.
 2. A team of IL workers, SCE staff and their volunteers were on hand to support the youth.
 3. Great feedback from youth.
 - iv. Up and coming workshops
 1. College 101 workshop in collaboration with Foster Youth Success Initiative and Laura Obrist, for Nevada students in foster care, Sept. 29, and October 6, 2022.
 - a. Will be held virtually
 - b. Flyers are available for team members to share.
 2. FAFSA workshop hosted by NSHE on Oct 13th from 3-5pm.
 - a. Youth will receive in person assistance applying for FAFSA.
 - b. Youth will need to bring their own laptops.
 - c. Workshop will be held at our North office.
 3. Child Haven workshops, In collaboration with Nevada Child Seekers' Youth Empowerment Program.
 - a. Independent Living office at Child Haven is in the O'Bannon Cottage.
 - b. IL workers are at Child Haven once a week.
 4. Food Handler's card training (Charles Prater and Kathy Treants)
 - a. Kathy and Charles worked really hard since January developing the curriculum in collaboration with SNHD
 - b. Youth will be able to take the training, test with IL and take a voucher to SNHD to obtain a food handler's card.
 - c. The workshop is pending final approval and should be able to be offered by the end of the year to youth.
 - v. LifeSet introduction (Nymisha)
 1. LifeSet is currently at their max.

2. Up and coming FSS position will be opening, a current FSS was promoted.

4. FAAYT - Foster and Adoptive Youth Together (CAA)

a. No updates

5. Clark County Social Services (Step Up)

a. Currently have 301 young adults participating in Step Up with

i. 87% of young adults on track with high school.

ii. 150 young adults are in college or trade school.

iii. Young adults exiting, 59% are employed.

1. 92% of the 93 young adults this year had housing in place; 8% either didn't have exit interviews or went to different locations, leaving 0% homelessness.

b. Case management team fully staffed; two newly added permanent positions, eight actives in total.

c. Continuing the pilot program Step Up Plus, with the nonprofit Youth Villages.

i. Young adults with high needs are paired with two case managers.

ii. Currently have 2 social workers and going to expand to five.

1. All will become Step UP Plus trained.

2. Have access to utilize the Youth Villages Guide Tree Program Portal which provides workers with tools and evidence-based interventions to utilize when working with youth.

d. Step Up is administering the Education Training Vouchers for Clark County Students (Stacy Holland at etv@clarkcountynv.gov will be coordinating).

i. Provides financial assistance for post-secondary training and education and youth who have aged out of foster care or left foster care after age 16 through kinship, guardianship, or adoption.

1. Up to \$5000 in academic year to go to college or accredited vocational schools.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS* (Open for Community Providers to share their programs and/or provide upcoming events)

a. Q&A

i. Children's Foundation of Las Vegas (B'Anka Neder)

1. (Question) for IL and StepUp. When the children are existing or aging out are they given documents such as birth certificates, social security cards or any kind of documents to help them get ID's, apply for Snap or TANF? (B'Anka Neder)

a. (Response) When the children are aging out, they should have their Birth Certificate and Social Security Card provided to them. There are some situations where we may not have them, for example there are cases that come in within a week or two and they age out. In those cases, we do not have the time in order get those documents to them. The process for a youth aging out of foster care is that those documents should be provided to them. (Isabel Iraheta)

2. (Question) can the aged-out youth go back to you or their case manager and request those documents? (B'Anka Neder)

- a. (Response) If they have recently aged out, yes. (Isabel)
- 3. (Statement) We had a few youths we were able to assist. Three of them didn't have Birth Certificates and Social Security and we were trying to get them some help. We can just refer them back to you guys. (B'Anka Neder)
 - a. (Response) Yes, contact me to let me know who the youth is. If it has been recent, you can refer the youth back to us and we can most likely provide those services to obtain those documents. (Isabel Iraheta)
- 4. (Statement) Thank you, I will get with Pam and have her to send out the list to you.
 - a. (Response) Just want to clarify about birth certificate and social security cards. Part of the processing of a youth aging out is to provide them with those documents. Typically, the perm worker has those documents and provide them to the youth. It may be multiple reasons might not have them, i.e., we don't have them, or they get lost. However, the youth would have to be the one to request them from us. Youth at times are not the best at keeping them. In that case we give them to the Step-Up worker to store them for the youth. Do you have any more questions? (Nymisha Johnson)
 - b. (Response) No, thank you for the clarification. (B'Anka Neder)
- b. UNLV Fostering Scholars (Heather Richardson Program Coordinator)
 - i. Was previously a case worker supervisor in permanency Family Services.
 - ii. Provides coaching to students through their transition into UNLV all the way throughout their degree.
 - iii. Will be assisting Laura Obrist in up-and-coming workshops (College 101 and FAFSA)
- 7. Next Meeting: Dec 13, 2022, at 3:00pm**
 - a. **Meeting will be held in person at the Government Center ODC #1 and virtual through Microsoft Teams**
- 8. Adjournment**