

Child Care Subsidy Program & Child Care Resource and Referral Upcoming Changes in Southern Nevada

Urban League Awarded Child Care Subsidy Contract

The **Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)** is pleased to announce the award of the Child Care Subsidy contract to the **Las Vegas - Clark County Urban League**.

Beginning July 1, 2010 the **Urban League** will be responsible for the following subsidy services:

- Application assistance
- Eligibility determinations
- Process provider payments

The **Urban League** was founded in 2004. Visit their website to see all the services they provide:

www.lvccul.org



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Changing Lives.*

To empower communities and ensure equal opportunity for low-income families

To facilitate the transition process, DWSS has assigned Patti Oya as the contract monitor. If you have any questions during the transition from the **UNLV Child Care and Development Program** to the **Urban League**, please e-mail Patti at poya@dwss.nv.gov

Look for additional updates regarding changes to the subsidy program to be mailed with your provider payments.

Provider Payment Timeline

- Your paperwork should be submitted to the UNLV CCDP by the 5th for the preceding month's attendance.
- UNLV CCDP sends the documentation to UWSN between the 5th and the 25th of the month.
- Checks are processed by UWSN in the order the paperwork is received. Checks must be distributed by the end of the month.
- Please note: while checks are generally prepared and distributed earlier than the end of the month, the date you receive your check will vary. Please budget accordingly.
- If your check is late, please contact the UNLV CCDP Provider Payment office.
- In order to expedite the payment, providers are encourage to enroll in direct deposit payment. To enroll, please contact UWSN.

No Changes to Payment Process for Subsidy Providers

At this time the Provider Payment staff will remain at their current location at the PDC, 701 N. Rancho Drive.

The contract with the **United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN)** to act as fiscal agent and process and distribute provider payment checks will continue with the Urban League.

Through the transition from the **UNLV Child Care and Development Program (CCDP)** to Urban League in July, our priority is to ensure there is no disruption of services regarding your provider payments!

Thank you for being a subsidy provider. We appreciate all you do for the families that we serve!

Just as a reminder see the above box for the timeline of receiving your payments.

Statewide CCR&R: The Children’s Cabinet

Child care resource & referral (CCR&R) agencies help parents take the guesswork out of choosing care - giving them referrals to local child care providers, information on state licensing requirements, availability of child care subsidies, and other pertinent information. CCR&R agencies provide guidance by phone, in person, and in other ways, such as the internet, that are tailored to each individual family.

The **Children’s Cabinet** in Reno has been providing CCR&R services as

well as administering the subsidy program in the North. In 2006 they achieved accreditation through the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies.

Beginning July 1, 2010 the **Children’s Cabinet** will be providing the following CCR&R services in Southern Nevada:

- Subsidy provider enrollment
- Assist families in choosing child care
- Caregiver support program (substitutes)

- Community trainings
- Child care reports & information
- Statewide market rate survey



Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions families make!

“There is nothing wrong with change, if it is in the right direction.” ~ Winston Churchill

Other Program Changes

The **UNLV 2+2 Bachelor’s Degree Program** will continue, with the scholarships for the program offered through the **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nevada Program**.

The Caregiver Support Program and current CDA Program will be moved to the **Children’s Cabinet**.

As more details and new contact information becomes available, information will be distributed through additional newsletters and the DWSS and **Nevada Registry** websites.

2500 W. Washington St Office to Close on June 12, 2010

Please note that as of June 12th the Washington Street office will be closing. We understand that this has been the hub where many child care providers have received assistance and training. These valuable services are not being discontinued, just relocated.

In addition, there are now many community agencies that provide training that will meet your licensing needs.

To find trainings in your area, visit the **Nevada Registry** website:

www.nevadaregistry.org

Click on training opportunities and then Clark County.



Find a wealth of information on the Nevada Registry website!