

# Clark County Independent Living Committee

Department of Family Services  
500 S Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155  
ODC Room # 3 and Microsoft Teams  
October 21, 2021  
3:00 – 4:30 pm

1. **Call to order - Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approve Minutes from July 27, 2021.**
  - a. Minutes approved.
3. **Clark County Independent Living Program**
  - a. PL 116 Requests (Pandemic Act) from May 2021 to September 30, 2021
    - i. Over 300 pandemic requests between IL, Step Up, young adults age 22-26, and reunification/adoption/guardianship have been approved totaling over \$400,000.
    - ii. 51 youth and young adults have been referred to ETV.
  - b. Open Positions and New Hire
    - i. IL is seeking to fill 3 open positions and is currently in the middle of the hiring process.
    - ii. New Management Assistant for IL will start November 1, 2021.
4. **FAAYT - Foster and Adoptive Youth Together (CAA)**
  - a. Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA) has taken over FAAYT
    - i. Planning a relaunch in November
5. **Clark County Social Services (Step Up)**
  - a. Program expansion through collaboration with DFS
    - i. New program similar to IL's LifeSet/GuideTree program will begin.
    - ii. Two LifeSet Specialists and one Office Specialist will be hired for the new program.
  - b. ETV & new staff
    - i. Step Up will become the administrator for ETV for Clark County. Children's Cabinet will no longer handle ETV for Clark County.
    - ii. New part-time hourly (PTH) might be hired to handle fiscal
    - iii. New PTH might also be hired for Step Up.
    - iv. The email for ETV is [ETV@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:ETV@ClarkCountyNV.gov)
  - c. HIV Program
    - i. New program expected to be launched soon under a 10-year grant.
    - ii. Step Up worker Vanessa Monroe has been promoted to Senior Family Services Specialist.
  - d. There are currently around 300 young adults in Step Up.
6. **Nevada Partners (Ela Garcia)**
  - a. Interested in partnering with DFS
  - b. Programs offered
    - i. Wild N' Out Wednesdays (WOW).
      1. Youth-led advisory council to help prepare youth for the real world.
    - ii. DARE 2 Be Different
      1. Camping retreat where foster youth are welcomed to participate.

- 2. Offered twice per year.
- 3. Food, clothes, and hygiene products provided.
- iii. Gender-Led Mentoring
  - 1. Prince 2 King and Stepping into Queendom
  - 2. Age group 16-24, with possible exceptions.
- iv. STEM Program

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

- a. SAFY
  - i. Sex Education classes are being offered.
  - ii. Flyer will be sent out.
- b. Legal Aid
  - i. Pro Bono Celebration Week
    - 1. Ask-a-Lawyer event at East Las Vegas Library (Bonanza Library) on October 26, 2021.
      - a. Free 15-minute consultation with an attorney.
- c. The Center
  - i. In-person meetings have resumed.
    - 1. Meetings every Tuesday.
      - a. Group focus is age 13-17.
  - ii. Pivot Sessions will begin in January 2022.
    - 1. Free six-week closed group sessions.
  - iii. HIV Prevention Council.
  - iv. Free Trunk or Treat on Halloween at The Center.
  - v. Annual Home for the Holidays Event
    - 1. Gift bags will be provided for children.
    - 2. The Center is currently accepting small item donations for their gift bags.
      - a. 100 bags will be made for children and 25 bags will be made for small children.
      - b. Donations are needed by the beginning of December.
- d. Olive Crest
  - i. Has availability with no waitlist.
    - 1. Youth cannot be in DFS custody.
  - ii. Life skills workshops are being offered.
  - iii. Rent has been reduced.
  - iv. Family Resource Center available.
  - v. Youth parenting assistance available.
  - vi. Outside referrals are accepted.
- e. Shining Star
  - i. New grant from Albertsons
    - 1. Shining Star can assist with SNAP benefits.
  - ii. Classes
    - 1. Infant training (new)
    - 2. Nutrition classes
  - iii. Classes are also offered at The Center.
- f. Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
  - i. FAFSA opened October 1, 2021 for the 2022-2023 school year.

1. Youth and young adults should apply as quickly as possible as some colleges/universities have priority deadlines.
  - ii. Nevada Promise Scholarship
    1. Deadline October 30, 2021.
    2. Scholarship cannot be used with the Fee Waiver.
    3. Good scholarship opportunity for undocumented youth.
  - g. Embracing Project
    - i. Trunk or Treat held on the Friday before Halloween.
  - h. CASA
    - i. Annual Gift Distribution is December 11, 2021.
      1. Care providers need to register their youth.
- 8. Next Meeting: December 9, 2021 at 3:00pm**
  - a. **Meeting will be held in person at the Government Center ODC #3 and virtual through Microsoft Teams**
- 9. Adjournment**