



Act4Kids Nevada

ACTION FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH

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FALL NEWSLETTER



We at Act4Kids Nevada are a grassroots non-profit organization advocating for a freestanding children's hospital and statewide pediatric health system in Nevada. We are so grateful for partners in this work, like you!

We are passionate about infusing the family voice into conversations in our community. Read below to find out what we at Act4Kids Nevada have been working on lately!

In this newsletter you will find:

Latest projects, news and more. Keep Reading!

ALL ARE INVITED!



Join Act4Kids and Las Vegas HEALS for a conversation on the importance of comprehensive pediatric healthcare in Nevada. Listen to local families as they share their experiences and help contribute to shaping future discussions on this vital topic.

October 8, 2024
5:30PM - 7:00PM

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL STUDY LINCY INSTITUTE

On September 4th, community members got their first glimpse into a study examining the needs, opportunities, and economic development considerations for bringing a free-standing children's hospital to Southern Nevada.

The study, conducted by Tripp Umbach in conjunction with The Lincy Institute at UNLV and the Nevada Health & Bioscience Corporation, outlines the economic and community impacts of bringing this specialized hospital to one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the country.

Insightful panel discussions were held by community leaders. Conversations about various policy opportunities illustrated what this healthcare opportunity could mean for our state.



Key Findings:

- Southern Nevada needs an independent children's hospital
- A stand-alone children's hospital will enhance Southern Nevada's existing pediatric care continuum
- A highly specialized, 150-bed stand-alone children's hospital developed through a regional partnership is the most feasible and financially viable option for Southern Nevada
- A stand-alone children's hospital will have significant economic and social impacts on Southern Nevada

Thank you to Paul Umbach for allowing us to be a part of this historic community project and recognizing the importance of the patient and family experience in the narrative.

We look forward to seeing this study move from idea to action to impact.

Access the full report here: [Institute at UNLV](#)

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1CARE COMMUNITY EVENT

Act4Kids Board members, Tahnee and Lisa, represented Act4Kids Nevada at the 1Care Kids Family Support Day.

Families came and talked to us about their experience accessing the needed medical services for their kids. We had great discussions about the services that our community can add to help the children in our state!

We are so grateful to have met so many amazing families!



UPCOMING PODCASTS

Be on the lookout for podcasts with Cure 4 the Kids and HEALS podcast PedPod coming out soon!



HEALTHCARE ACCESS SURVEY

Have you shared your story with us? We have heard from dozens of families all over Nevada about how they are accessing healthcare for their kids. Click the link below to access our survey. We would love to hear from you!

[Healthcare Access Survey Link](#)

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ACT4KIDS NEVADA COMMUNITY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

The first phase of our Community Support Campaign was presented to the Joint Interim Health & Human Services Committee of the Nevada Legislature on June 10, 2024 with over 20 youth-focused organizations signing on. But bringing comprehensive healthcare to Nevada's children is an ongoing effort and we are just getting started!

As additional opportunities to advocate arise this year and during the 2025 legislative session, Act4Kids is aiming for an even louder unified voice. Therefore we are continuing to accept support from pediatric healthcare providers, youth-serving organizations, Nevada businesses, and the general public.

Interested supporters should complete the form at <https://bit.ly/CommunitySupportLetter> or contact Act4Kids leadership at act4kidsnv@gmail.com. Thanks for using your voice to #BeaHERO for Nevada's children!



BE A HERO 4 KIDS!

Medical and mental healthcare providers, youth-serving organizations, educators, coaches, mentors, Nevada businesses, and the general public are invited to voice their support for comprehensive pediatric healthcare in the Silver State.

<https://bit.ly/CommunitySupportLetter>



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COMMUNITY RESOURCES



First 5 Nevada

Are you a Nevadan family with young children looking for resources?

First 5 Nevada is your connection to the state's entire Early Childhood System. This includes all the programs and services that young kids and their families need to be healthy and grow to their fullest potential. This system consists of an entire network of resources to help provide our kids with everything they need for a strong start in life.

Service areas include:

Childcare and Early Education

Health and Safety

Special Needs and Early Intervention

Food and Nutrition

Parenting and Family Support

Visit www.first5nevada.org.

Nevada Rare Disease Assessment

A vertical poster for the Nevada Rare Disease Assessment. The top left has the text "While You Wait..." in yellow. Below it, in white, is "Are you or a loved one living with a rare disease?". The middle section has "We want your voice to be heard!" in yellow. Below that, a speech bubble contains "TAKE THE CONFIDENTIAL NEVADA RARE DISEASE NEEDS ASSESSMENT NOW" in red. Further down, it says "30 minutes of your time will help the Nevada Rare Disease Advisory Council gain a better understanding of the needs and burdens on Nevadans living with a rare disease." At the bottom, it says "It's EASY! Just scan the QR code using a mobile device or visit nvr dac.org/needsassessment/". On the right side, there is a photo of a smiling family (mother, father, and two children) and a QR code labeled "NV Rare Needs Assessment". The NVRDAC logo is at the top right.

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They want to make sure that every child has access to the resources and school support the need.

Please reach out to them if you or a family you know needs help accessing the needed school services and accommodations.

Visit: IEPdefenders.com

Down Syndrome Connections Conference

The 3rd annual Las Vegas Down Syndrome Conference is happening in October. This event brings families and professionals together for a full day of education, socialization, and advocacy. Members of the Down syndrome community and those interested in learning about the newest information in the area of Down syndrome research are encouraged to attend.

Gigi's Playhouse Advocacy Series

DS Connect24

Third Annual Las Vegas Down Syndrome Conference

October 12, 2024



Presented by Down Syndrome Connections Las Vegas
Generously supported by
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- Located just west of the famous Las Vegas Strip! A full day of topics for parents/caregivers/adult siblings of persons with Down syndrome (of any age).
- Concurrent sessions for teens/adults with Down syndrome, ages 13 and up.
- Early bird registration \$70 by August 31.
- Individuals with Down syndrome \$50.



Use QR for more info and registration, or go to DSCLV.COM.

Raising Advocates

a free workshop series for parents and families

Oct. 19 11a-1p	Families w/ Kids Birth - 5 years - Pediatric Healthcare Overview - Building the Medical Team - Standards of Care / Research - Medical Play at Home - Parent Empowerment - Community Support - Early Intervention - CCSD Child Find
Nov. 16 11a-1p	Families w/ Kids 6 - 10 years - Pediatric Healthcare Overview - Managing the Medical Team - Standards of Care / Research - Including Child in Healthcare - Health Plan, 504, IEP - Transitioning to Middle School - Education Advocacy
Dec. 14 11a-1p	Families w/ Kids 11 - 17 years - Intro to Healthcare Transition - Building Adult Medical Team - Community Resources - Longterm Healthcare Planning - Guardianship and Alternatives - Intro to Supported Decision Making
Jan. 18 11a-1p	Families w/ Young Adults 18+ years - Balancing Autonomy & Support - Health Insurance After 26 - I/DD Community Services - ABLE Accounts - SSI/SSDI - Healthcare POA - Supported Decision Making

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Jeremiah Program serves single moms and their children experiencing poverty in Las Vegas, Nevada. Their mission is to disrupt the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children, two generations at a time. JP believes that no mother should have to choose between investing in herself and her children.

Visit: jeremiahprogram.org

#NVVOTES4KIDS

SHARE YOUR STORY IN A VOTER ENGAGEMENT AD!

This election is an opportunity to stand up for Nevada's youngest and most vulnerable. The issues that affect children and families—such as early care and learning, child welfare, children's health, and family economic well-being—are critical in the 2024 election. Our children deserve policies that prioritize their needs and invest in their futures. You can help elevate these important issues by participating in our campaign and making your voice heard.

Learn more about the campaign at www.NVVotes4Kids.org.

The Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA) is looking for 5 participants to feature in 15-30 second nonpartisan ads for our NV Votes 4 Kids voter engagement campaign. These ads will be targeted to voters via Facebook, Instagram, and Threads (Meta Platforms) during the early vote period and up to election day.

Are you eligible?

- Voting-eligible parent
- Registered to vote in Nevada
- Reside in Clark or Washoe County

What's involved?

Participate in a paid interview (earn \$100 for your time).
If selected, travel to Reno (flight and one night's stay covered if necessary) for filming early October (earn \$250 upon completion).

Make your voice heard and advocate for the future of Nevada's children! This is a nonpartisan effort to elevate issues like child care, pre-kindergarten, children's health, and child welfare during this critical election.

[Apply Here](#)