



Connections

for families touched by special needs



Families First Conference "Imagine the Possibilities" by Loretta Holland

The 2009 Families First Conference, "Imagine the Possibilities" is a statewide event designed to meet the informational and networking needs of families and individuals with disabilities or special health care needs and for everyone who supports them. A unique environment where you can attend educational and informative breakout sessions relevant to your specific needs, interact with policy makers, network with other families and learn about the wide range of services available. This conference is designed to benefit administrators, advocates, medical professionals, educators, students, caregivers, policymakers, other service providers and families and individuals affected by disabilities or special health care needs.

"I enjoyed meeting new families and sharing stories!" parent attending 2007 Families First Conference



This year's keynote presenter, Dr. Christian Conte, will present on the Four Cs of Parenting: Choices, Consequences, Consistency, and Compassion. Featured presenter, Patty Robidart will talk about Social Security benefits and services for children and young adults with disabilities. Special guests include Dr. Stephen Rock, Educational Specialist and UNR Director of the Nevada Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and Ralph Toddre, President and COO of Sunbelt Communications Company and a parent of two children with Autism, Allison and Nathan.

 Don't miss the screening of *"Including Samuel"* by director Dan Habib. Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, photojournalist Dan Habib rarely thought about the inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. This film won the Positive Images in Media award from TASH, an international group committed to the full inclusion of people with disabilities. *"Including Samuel"* is a must see film!" 

Participate in more than 55 concurrent sessions on Parents & Families, Advocacy, Leadership & Legal, Early Childhood, Healthcare & Medical and Community Inclusion & Education. Learn about "Leaving Pediatric Healthcare and Entering the World of Adult Medicine" from Family TIES of Nevada's Parent & Executive Director, Marcia O'Malley. She'll moderate a panel of experts who will present information on how youth can successfully manage their own healthcare. Marcia will also facilitate "Paying for Healthcare: The Ultimate Challenge for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs." Become a Nevada Partner in Policymaker. Learn about this nationally renowned, award-winning leadership training program for parents of young children with developmental disabilities and adults with disabilities from Melissa Krutsinger, Parent & Training Coordinator of Family TIES of Nevada. Melissa will also be presenting "Parent to Parent Support", offering parents/caregivers the opportunity to connect one-to-one with a parent/caregiver of an individual with the same or similar disability or special health care need—someone who has "been there."

You won't want to miss Families First Conference, "Imagine the Possibilities" 2009, a truly educational and memorable experience! For details and registration information, see the back page.

"The conference was a great one. All of the workshops were beneficial for my profession." professional attending 2007 Families First Conference

Conferencia de Familias Primero, “ Imagina las Posibilidades” by Loretta Holland

La conferencia de Familias Primero, 2009, “ Imagina las Posibilidades” es un evento estatal diseñado para satisfacer las necesidades de información y de establecer una red de familias e individuos con necesidades especiales o necesidades especiales de salud y para todos aquellos que los apoyan. Un ambiente único donde usted puede atender a las sesiones educativas e informativas del desglose relevantes a sus necesidades específicas , interactuar recíprocamente con los regidores, establecer contacto con otras familias y aprender sobre la amplia gama de los servicios disponibles. Esta conferencia se diseñó para beneficiar a administradores, los que abogan por sí mismos o por otros, profesionales médicos, educadores, estudiantes, caregivers, los que hacen la política , otros proveedores de servicio y familias y los individuos afectados por discapacidades o necesidades especiales del cuidado médico.

¡Disfrute conocer nuevas familias y compartir nuestras historias” padre que asistió a la conferencia del 2007 de Familias Primero.

Conte cristiano, presentará en el Cs cuatro de ser padre.: Opciones, consecuencias, consistencia, y compasión. Patty Robidart hablará de los beneficios de Seguro Social y servicios para los niños y jóvenes con discapacidades. Los Invitados espe-



ciales incluyen a Dr. Stephen Rock, Especialista Educativo y Director de Nevada Center for Excellence and Developmental Disabilities UNR, y Ralph Toddre, Presidente y COO de Sunbelt Communications Company y padre de dos niños con Autismo, Allison y Nathan.



No falte la presentación de “Incluyendo Samuel” por director Dan Habib. Antes de que diagnosticaran a su hijo Samuel con parálisis cerebral, el photojournalista Dan Habib pensó raramente en la inclusión de la gente con discapacidades. Ahora él piensa en inclusión todos los días. Esta película ganó las imágenes positivas en la concesión de TASH, un grupo/comite internacional para la completa inclusión de la gente con discapacidades. ¡“Incluyendo Samuel es una película que tiene que ver!”

Participan en más de 55 sesiones concurrentes sobre padres y las familias, la defensa, liderazgo y legal, la niñez legal, temprana, cuidado de salud y medial e inclusión en la comunidad y en la educación. Aprender acerca de “Transición de Cuidado Médico Pediátrico a el Mundo de Cuidado Médico para Adultos”, de Family TIES de Nevada’s Padre y Directora Ejecutiva, Marcia O’Malley. Ella será la moderadora del panel de expertos quienes presentarán información de cómo los jóvenes pueden manejar su propio cuidado de salud exitosamente: Un gran reto para los niños y jóvenes con necesidades especiales de salud. Cúbrase en un Nevada Partner in Policymaker. Aprenda acerca de este programa de entrenamiento reconocido nacionalmente, es un programa de entrenamiento y liderazgo para padres de niños con discapacidades y adultos con discapacidades de Melissa Krutsinger, Padre y Coordinador de Entrenamiento de Family TIES de Nevada. Melissa también presentará “Parent to Parent Support” “Apoyo de Padre a Padre, una presentación que ofrecerá a los padres o aquellos que proveen servicios de cuidado a los individuos con las mismas o similares discapacidades o necesidades de cuidado de salud – alguien que ha pasado por esa experiencia.

Usted no debe de faltar a la Conferencia de Familias Primero, “Imagina las Posibilidades ” 2009, una experiencia verdaderamente educativa y memorable!

“La conferencia fue grandiosa. Todos los talleres fueron beneficiosos para mi profesión.” ¡el profesional que asiste a la conferencia de 2007 Familias Primero.

Para los detalles y la información del registro, vea nuestra página trasera.

Ways to Connect

Northern Nevada Region

Southern Nevada Region

Walmart Children's Health Fair

August 1, 2009 / 3:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Walmart

4855 Kietzke Lane, Reno

Contact: 211 for more information

www.Nevada211.org

Youth Transition Solutions Training

August 6-7, 2009 / 8:30am-5:00pm

Dr. Steve Fadden - Landmark College. Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum and Learning Disabilities. - Fee: \$60

Location: NV Energy Building
6100 Neil Road, Reno

Contact: 211 for more information
www.landmark.edu/nevada

Back to School Immunization—UNR School of Medicine Student Outreach Clinic

August 15, 2009 / 8:00am—4:00pm

Location: Family Medicine Center (on the UNR campus at the corner of 17th & East Stadium Way)

Contact: (775) 682-8646 for more info

Back to School Immunization—Sparks Farmers Market

August 20, 2009 / 4:00pm—8:00pm

Location: St. Mary's Booth

Contact: (775) 770-7100 for more info

Reno AIDS Walk

August 22, 2009 / 7:30am-12:00pm

Location: Sparks Marina

Contact: (877) 825-2437

www.renoaidswalk.org

Lungs on Legs

September 13, 2009

Run begins @ 7:00am

10K and 5K run/walk

Location: 10500 Rio Wrangler Parkway-Reno

Contact: (775) 829-5873

Email: gbourne@lungnevada.org

www.LungsOnLegs.org

Buddy Walk

October 10, 2009

Registration @ 9:30am

Buddy Walk begins @ 11:00am

Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada

Location: Sparks Marina

Bring a picnic to enjoy after the walk!

Las Vegas - Living with Epilepsy Conference

August 1, 2009 / 8:30-3:30 pm

Dedicated to those who are faced with the challenges of epilepsy, and to their family members and friends who wish to better understand the treatment Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center in Las Vegas

Contact: (866) 326-8437

www.familytiesnv.org

Art District Downtown Las Vegas

August 7, 2009 / 6:00pm-10:00pm

Enjoy cool local art, live music and street performances at this cultural event.

Contact: 211 for more information
www.vegas4locals.com

Diabetes Support Group (Spanish)

August 13, 2009 / 6:00pm

Location: 1520 N. Eastern Ave. Ste. 102 Health District

Contact: Muevete Bailando

(702) 759-1262 or (702) 759-1270

Nevada Back to School Immunizations

August 8-15, 2009

Nevada Covering Kids and Families, Southern Nevada Immunization Coalition

Contact: 211 for locations and times

www.Nevada211.org

Parent to Parent Support Training

August 21, 2009 - Mesquite, NV

1:00pm—6:00pm

Location: TBD

August 22, 2009 - Las Vegas,

9:30am-2:30pm

Family TIES of Nevada Office

Location: 6830 W. Oquendo Road

Free training classes for potential Support Parents to offer emotional support in the form of one to one parent matches.

Contact: Melissa Krutsinger at

(866) 326-8437

Email: melissa@familytiesnv.org

Register on line at:

www.familytiesnv.org/training/events

11th Annual Community Back to School Educational/Health Fair

August 22, 2009 / 9:00am-1:00pm

Location: College of Southern Nevada - 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave. N. Las Vegas

Email: nvyouthalliance@aol.com

Hidden Miracles Support Group Milagros Escondidos

August 27, 2009 / 6:00-8:00 pm

Hispanic Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs

Grupo Hispano para Padres de Niños con Necesidades Especiales

Location: 1161 S. Valley View

Contact: Norma Gomez:

(702) 286-2838 or Sylvia Thomas:

(702) 486-9824

Community Resource Fair

Aug 27, 2009 / 5:30pm-7:30pm

Providing valuable information about programs and services available to youth and families.

Location: Kermit Booker Elementary School

Contact: (702) 229-5406

Lorenzi Adaptive Recreation Center Power Wheelchair Sports

For people who use a power wheelchair - ages 5 and older. Power soccer, power hockey, Boccia, and T-ball.

Social Play and Respite for Kids is a free Saturday morning program for children ages 3-8 with special needs. It provides a fun, exciting and safe environment where children may engage in social play with peers while participating in on-site recreational activities such as arts and crafts, games and outdoor play.

Contact: Rebecca Allen at

(702) 229-1710 for dates, times and locations for fall session.

For more
Ways to Connect
go to:
www.familytiesnv.org/calendar



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Register online:
www.familiesfirstnv.org

