

Children's Safety

Ensuring our Children are Safe and Well



Children's Advocacy
ALLIANCE

The Children's Advocacy Alliance is committed to the long-term goal of improving the quality of services for children and families in Nevada's child welfare system and ensuring that all children and youth are safe. To ensure that Nevada's children have the opportunity to grow up safe and well, lawmakers in Nevada should:

- ♥ Commission a study on child welfare funding in Nevada.
- ♥ Improve standards for interviewing child victims of sexual abuse.
- ♥ Revise provisions under the Adam Walsh Act to limit public registry of some juvenile sex offenders.
- ♥ Enact "prudent parent" standards to allow normalcy for foster youth in Nevada.
- ♥ Enact policies and funding streams to ensure appropriate services for victims of sex trafficking.
- ♥ Revise medical consent policies to ensure timely treatment for youth in foster care.
- ♥ Require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information in public areas.

School Readiness

Ensuring Our Children Enter School Ready to Learn

The Children's Advocacy Alliance is committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to enter school ready to learn by creating a comprehensive early childhood system in Nevada. To ensure that children have access to high quality, affordable child care, lawmakers in Nevada should:

- ♥ Increase the child care development fund contribution to allow more working families access, including the use of current market rates to determine subsidy reimbursements.
- ♥ Support and enhance the development of the Silver Stars Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and integration with subsidy reimbursements to provide a quality accountability structure for the use of state dollars.
- ♥ Develop and expand full-day kindergarten and pre-kindergarten programs offered in both public and private sectors through inclusion in the state education funding formula, the development of public/private partnerships and support for innovative financing models such as Social Impact Bonds.

Children's Health

Ensuring Our Children Have an Opportunity to Grow Up Healthy

The Children's Advocacy Alliance is committed to ensuring that every child in Nevada has the opportunity to grow up healthy, from the prenatal period all the way through their teen years. To ensure that all children have the opportunity to grow up healthy, lawmakers in Nevada should:

- ♥ Support legislation to expand access to quality mental health services for children.
- ♥ Support statutory / regulatory provisions regarding physical fitness & nutrition standards in early education settings as a means to reduce childhood obesity rates.