

News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office

April 2021

Scott W. Lay, Superintendent

Social Emotional Learning Community of Practice “Trainer of Trainers” Event

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Nevada County Superintendent of Schools recently received a \$100,000.00 CalHope Grant. The Greater Good Science Center at UC Berkeley, FEMA, CalHope, the Department of Healthcare Services, Orange County Office of Education and Sacramento Office of Education collaborated to bring one-time funding to California counties for the purpose of using a Community of Practice model in order to bring Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) skills to schools.

On March 25th, 125 educators attended the first of six training sessions focused on SEL practices. The six sessions cover topics such as Cultivating Adult Self-Care and Emotional Resilience, Creating a Culture of Belonging, Trauma and Adversity: Supporting Student Mental Health through Crisis Counseling, Supporting SEL with Diverse Families and Communities, Teaching for Social, Emotional, and Academic Development, and Committing to Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Expansiveness.

These SEL trained educators will take information back to their school sites to share, so that all staff members, and ultimately students, can benefit from the training. This work is expected to carry over into next school year as Nevada County Superintendent of Schools is committed to supporting and encouraging the SEL CoP trainers to present within their own sites, thereby expanding the reach of these SEL practices with the ultimate goal being the implementation of these SEL practices on a daily basis within classroom settings, creating an example from which students can comfortably and confidently express and address their own social-emotional needs.

Homeless Education Services

During our March Homeless Education (McKinney-Vento) Liaison meeting, we had three community partners speak to our district homeless liaisons. All three agencies shared information and resources for the work they do with homeless and at-risk families in Nevada County. Thank you to the following folks for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us:

*Jonny Tillis and Maria Espinoza from [Unity Care](#);

*Nick Ready, Nevada County Child Welfare and Amy Rudkin, Victor Community Services for the Rapid Response Team.

*Joe Naake, Kelly Gallagher and Casey Davey from the [HOME Team Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement](#)

Our last Homeless Education Liaison meeting for the school year will be on May 10th at 1:00 pm. We look forward to having more guest speakers present at this meeting.

If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about Homeless Education, please contact Charlotte Peterson at cpeterson@nevco.org.

Student Enrichment

New Arts Standards & Arts Integration Tools to Ignite your Lessons!

There are new CA Arts Standards and we're here to help you learn about them and how to use the New Arts Standards to create Arts-integrated learning & lessons in your classroom. Think of those challenging lessons /subjects for your students and engage in this 30 minute interactive training on understanding the new CA Arts standards and how to integrate the ARTS into your academic subjects.

Your school/district can simply contact Kimberly Ewing at kewing@nevco.org to set a Zoom meeting time for Early Release or a staff meeting.

Youth Drop-in Clinic

[Granite Wellness Centers](#) is offering free confidential counseling for people ages 12-24. The Youth Drop-in Clinic is located at 180 Sierra College Drive in Grass Valley and is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am – 4pm. No appointment needed! View the [Youth Drop-in clinic flyer](#) for more information.

Foster Youth Services Success Story

With our former student's permission, we wanted to share with you a fantastic story of the possible outcomes when students get the right services. Christian Carranza graduated from Nevada Union Tech, then became a fire fighter, and now has become a business owner in our local community. He was previously in foster care where he aged out. He attended the FYSCP and ILP programs and he was a THP+ participant when he graduated from the fire academy. We are incredibly proud of his success and determination.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Events

April is Child Abuse Prevention month and The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Western Nevada County is raising awareness. They have partnered with local businesses for a once-a-week tasty treat each Monday for the first three weeks of April.

April 12th, 2021: "Cookies for a Cause" with Emily's Catering, ONE FREE RIBBON SHAPED BLUE SPRINKLE COOKIE TO THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE who show the Cookie for a Cause flyer on their phone or printed out. Cookie distribution details to come soon.

April 19th, 2021: "Chocolate for a Cause" with Lazy Dog, ONE FREE RIBBON SHAPED CHOCOLATE TO THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE who show the flyer on their phone or printed out. Chocolate distribution details to come soon.

April 28th, 2021 starting at 10am thru April 30th, 2021 ending at 10am. A VIRTUAL showing of the documentary movie Resilience. If you want to learn more about how you can help build community resilience and curious about the Resilience movie is about, watch the trailer here.

For access to the event flyers please visit [The Community Support Network of Nevada County webpage.](#)



Spotlight on Foster Youth Services

Foster Youth Services and Independent Living Program

Foster Youth Services has been busy working on ways to improve the connectivity for our foster youth. We are currently engaged in a county wide MOU as well as the ongoing training of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). We have continued attending Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings and Individual Education Plan's (IEP) as they are scheduled. We care deeply for each and every foster child of all ages. With that, we have co-facilitated a county foster parent training "Transracial Adoption Training: Affirming and Nurturing Racial Identity in Children" in collaboration with Stanford Youth Solutions. We have another tried and true Nurtured Heart zoom training scheduled for April 17th. Please RSVP to mbalderston@nevco.org if you would like to attend.

In our ILP classes, we have been storming the weekly zoom with taxes, money and employment. We started an advanced method of opportunity to our youth so they can share out with their peers called the "Share Chair". This is a designated minute to give our classes attention to anyone in the class that has local information to promote employment, educational skills, tips & tricks, and life skills in general. Our group is growing and we are experiencing more and more personal knowledge from our students. While we are encouraging the exchange of information, we are taking extra time to acknowledge the kindness to others. We have seen and heard peer to peer support that has allowed us to stop, acknowledge and give a "gratitude token" to the brave person who shared out a kind thought. We are also right in line with our educational partners, deciding to implement an exit ticket for full participation and our awesome students were quick and willing to add it to our class routine. When we check out, we check in and that's where we want to be: Checked in!

We have our mentors working hard to get our topics on track for the Youth in Placement Action Team (YPAT) meeting coming up in May. We have seen the mentors and students alike making changes from a local to statewide level with the data that is collected at that gathering. We will have a focus group on education: what's working in the schools and what ideas do you have to change the things that are not working. The other topics will be discussed and decided on by our local foster youth at an upcoming planning meeting.

Our final event for this month is to announce that our class will be signed up for the annual Daffodil run in Penn Valley from April 1st to April 11th. We are looking forward to this socially distanced and fully virtual event for our staff and students to participate in.

In our THP+ program, we have a huge need for landlords who are willing and ready to work with us and our consumers. We have many young adults that are navigating life without the stability of having a home. The THP+ case manager completed the "Ready to Rent" instructor program and is earnestly helping to get some matches together for landlords and tenants. If you or someone you know is in need of housing support services, please call 211 and get on the Coordinated Entry System so we can begin the process of finding safe and stable homes for our consumers. If you are a landlord looking to make a difference, we want to talk to you. Please email us at mwelty@nevco.org.

For more information regarding Foster Youth Services and Programs please visit our [Foster Youth Services webpage](#).

Quick Reference Calendar

April Dates to Remember

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tuesday, April 6, 2021	KVMR 89.5 Radio Show with hosts Scott W. Lay and Kimberly Ewing Topic: Benefits of playing Sudoku with Jerry Martin	6:30PM
Saturday, April 24, 2021	Virtual Family Fun Day featuring performances by AirAligned and more! FREE when you use the code " FreeView " at checkout. Event Link: https://sforce.co/37bUfZo	10AM
Tuesday, April 27, 2021	Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting	3:30-5:00pm
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	California Health Education Framework (HEF) Training	3:30-4:30pm
Thursday, April 29, 2021	Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting	3:30-5:00pm



Future Dates to Remember

MAY

- * **Monday, May 10, 2021 1:00-2:30pm:** McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Meeting
- * **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting

JUNE

- * **June 4th—11th, 2021:** Last days of current school year . Please visit our [School Calendars](#) webpage for more information.

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