

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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HELPING PEOPLE. IT'S WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO.

“The Aging and Disability Services Division provides leadership and advocacy in the planning, development, and delivery of a high quality, comprehensive support service system across the lifespan. This allows all of Nevada’s elders, adults and children with disabilities or special health care needs to live independent, meaningful, and dignified lives, in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.”

Should you have any questions about the information provided, please reach out to your ATAP Developmental Specialist.

ATAP REMINDERS & UPDATES

- Effective July 1, 2019, ATAP will no longer fund as a secondary source if a family has Medicaid as a secondary source and is not with a Medicaid provider. Specifically, families who have Medicaid as secondary must be enrolled with a provider that accepts their primary insurance as well as Medicaid.
- Insurance assistance plans are allotted a maximum of \$700 per month to help with co-payments/co-insurance. Should you wish to apply for a special consideration, please reach out to your DS for more information.
- Open enrollment for the 2020 calendar year begins November 1 and ends December 15. Please remember to verify ABA therapy coverage should you choose to change insurance plans.
- If your child is currently without a provider, please make sure you are calling providers monthly to ensure your child is still on their waitlist, and to check on the status. This is a requirement to stay active with ATAP.
- Parent training is a requirement to stay active with ATAP (if you are funded by ATAP). If your provider does not have you working on parent programs, please reach out to your ATAP DS and let them know.
- REMINDER: If your child is on an insurance plan that has calendar year coverage, please submit a copy of last year’s EOB’s and this year’s updated insurance card to your ATAP DS by the end of January 2020. If ABA therapy is not a covered benefit, a denial letter is required, along with a complaint to the division of insurance.
- REMINDER: Monthly contact with your ATAP DS is **mandatory** to keep ATAP funding. Please make sure you are staying in touch monthly with your DS.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Washoe County: Sierra Regional Center: 775-688-1930
- Carson City: Rural Regional Center: 775-687-5162
- Gardnerville: Rural Regional Center: 775-782-3671
- Fallon/Fernley: Rural Regional Center: 775-423-0347
- JUSTin Hope: 775-453-9262
- Autism Coalition of Nevada (ACON): acon.nv.org
- Northern Nevada RAVE Family Foundation: (775)-787-3520
- Nevada Homeschool Network: nevadahomeschoolnetwork.com
- Sierra Kids Before and After School Program: 775-334-2262
- Care Chest of Northern Nevada: 775-829-2273
- Positive Behavior Support of Nevada (PBS-NV): 775-784-4921
- Nevada PEP: 775-448-9950
- Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center: 775-333-7878

- Nevada Educational Advocacy for Children and Youth (NEACCY): 855-645-5297
- Nevada Equine Assisted Therapy (N.E.A.T.): 775-473-5548
- For Kids Foundation: 775-741-5231

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHEN: Every 1st Sunday of the month; 9-11AM

WHERE: 5000 Smithridge Dr. Reno, NV 89502

WHAT: Sensory Sundays at Chuck E. Cheese! They will open two hours early for children with Autism and other special needs with the environment being sensory-friendly.

WHEN: Every 1st Sunday of the month; 10AM-12PM

WHERE: 490 S. Center Street Reno, NV 89501

WHAT: Discover Your Way at the Discovery Museum. A program that offers exclusive admission for families with children with Autism or those who can benefit from sensory-friendly time at the museum.

WHEN: Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9AM-10AM (11/16, 12/21)

WHERE: 10 Greg Street Sparks, Nevada 89431

WHAT: Fly High Trampoline Park. A family-friendly sensory morning in which Fly High will be open to our special needs community members and closed to the public. Enjoy a morning of fun with other families who share similar stories. \$5 per participant (excluding parents, guardians, & caretakers) JUSTin Hope members are free.

Please go to <http://www.justinhope.org/> for registration details!

WHEN: Dec. 5th; 8am-5pm

WHERE: Atlantis Casino Resort Spa (3800 South Virginia St. Reno, NV 89502)

WHAT: Special Education Law and Advocacy Conference. Early bird price tickets are \$65 dollars and will increase after November 15th. This conference is held by Pete Wright, an attorney who represents children with special needs. This training will teach advocacy skills and rights the child and parents have in the education setting. Register at <https://www.wrightslaw.com/speak/19.12.nv.htm>