

Dear Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Chair and Members:

Thank you for prioritizing understanding the systems impacting children and families in Nevada. Today, you heard about a number of challenges and opportunities to intervene on behalf of Nevada's children. While we are deeply appreciative of recent investments, we implore you to consider the needs yet met, the work undone and the growing challenges faced by children and families. Whether it's the number of former foster youth experiencing homelessness, the parents surrendering children in hopes of care, the growing mental health crisis, the lack of supports for those undertaking guardianship, or the historically pervasively low reimbursement rates that have gutted our systems of care, it is clear that more investment is needed. Accordingly, we implore you to fully leverage your roles as legislative leaders and changemakers to pull Nevada's children out of peril! Take the next important step of investing in the systems and the program mentioned today.

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