

PreKToday.org

A YMCA Teen Changemakers Project

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Meet The Teen Changemakers!



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About Us

Teen Changemakers is a
YMCA program that

◆ **empowers young people** to
work with local government
officials to identify
community problems and
develop **innovative solutions**
to them.





Community Problem

Core Issue

- **74%** of Nevada families with children under six **cannot access child care**
 - **47%** of Nevada employers cite the child care crisis as the root cause of their **inability to attract and retain employees**
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Without Preschool

- A child's brain is **90% developed** by **kindergarten**
 - Begin school up to **14 months behind**
 - **67%** more likely to be **arrested** by early adulthood
 - **82%** more likely to live in **public housing**
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With Preschool

- Improved **math** skills by **12 points**
 - Improved **vocabulary** skills by **11 points**
 - Improved **social-emotional** and **physical health**
 - More likely to **graduate high school on time**
 - **Less likely** to face **incarceration**
 - **Higher income** in adulthood
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Solution



Project Mission Statement

We worked to build a **comprehensive resource** that connects families to preschool child care programs in Clark County. Together, we want to raise awareness surrounding the **benefits of preschool** in order to build a strong educational foundation for all children in our community.





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Homepage



Finding the Right Child Care For You



OUR MISSION

At Pre K Today, we strive to build a comprehensive online resource that more easily connects families to preschool child care in Clark County. Our vision is of a society that more strongly values the numerous benefits of preschool as a critical foundation for a child's physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development, family's employment prospects, and community's economic growth.

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A child's brain is 90% developed before they enter kindergarten



67% increased risk of arrest in early adulthood for those who don't attend preschool



Kids who don't go to preschool are 82% more likely to need public housing



Children begin school up to 14 months behind when they don't have an early learning foundation



Kids who attend preschool are more likely to graduate from high school on time



Those who attend preschool have a higher income in adulthood



Preschoolers score 11-12 points higher on vocabulary and math tests



Preschool is shown to improve social-emotional and physical health



CHILD CARE RESOURCES

74% of Nevada families with children under six can't access licensed child care.

Discover the critical role that early child care plays in nurturing young minds. A shocking number of Nevada families with children under six face challenges in accessing quality child care. Navigate our resources to gain insights into available financial aid, child care licensing, and what to look for in a provider.

[VIEW RESOURCES](#)



Map



**PRE-K
TODAY**

MAP

RESOURCES

ABOUT US

Enter address...

1 MILE

3 MILES

5 MILES

10 MILES

CLEAR FILTERS

Heinrich YMCA Preschool

Center

4141 Meadows Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89152, USA



Phone Number

702-522-7365



Hours

Weekday

8:00 AM - 3:15 PM

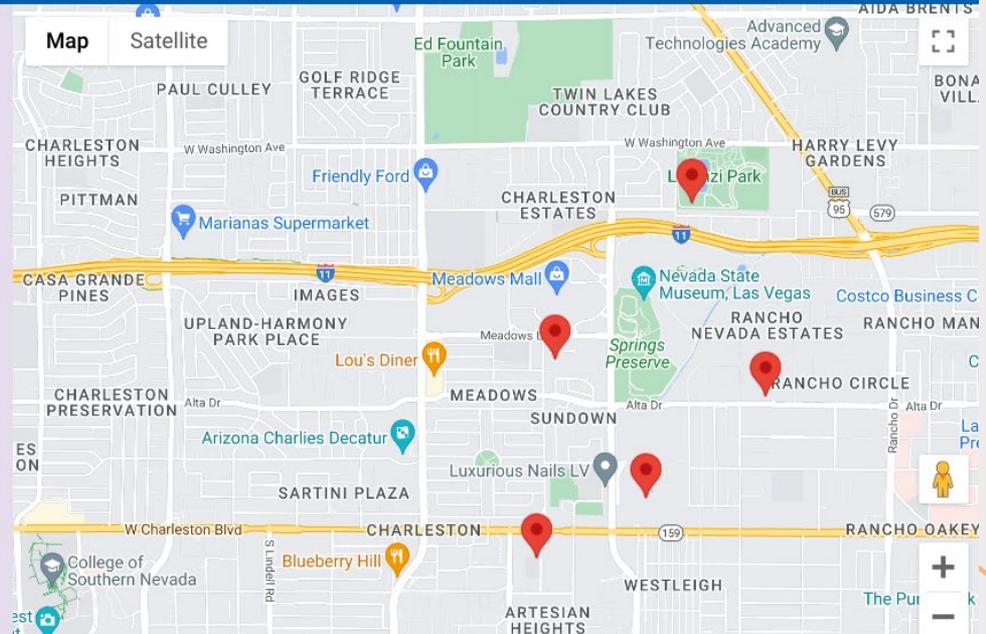
Weekend

Closed



Age Range

4-5 years



Financial Assistance

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Child care financial aid aims to alleviate the financial burden of child care expenses for eligible families, ensuring access to quality care for children while parents work or attend school.

If you are seeking financial aid, follow these best practices:

- Begin by researching available programs and eligibility criteria.
- Prepare all required documentation, including proof of income and family size.
- Complete the application accurately and thoroughly.
- Be aware of deadlines and submit your application on time.

CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF)

The CCDF Subsidy assists low-income families, families receiving temporary public assistance and those transitioning from public assistance in obtaining child care so they can work.

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MILITARY FAMILY SUBSIDIES

The National Association Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) partners with the Department of Defense (DOD) to help those who serve in the military find and afford child care.

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TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

The goals of TANF are to provide assistance to low-income families with children so they can be cared for in their own home, reduce dependency by promoting job preparation, reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. TANF provides Financial and Support Services such as child care, transportation and other services.

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[\(775\) 884-0500](#)

TRIBAL CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT (CCDF)

Tribes can use their CCDF federal funds to offer child care subsidies by using a voucher system, and/or having a child care center.

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[\(775\) 395-0600](#)

IDEA PART B

Receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B if your child is ages 3-21 and you suspect a delay in their development.

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CLARK COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BOARD CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If you have children ages 0-12 and need care for your children as you get back to work, the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board may be able to help.

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CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (CSEP)

This program assists custodial parents or caretakers in obtaining support from an absent parent(s) for their child(ren). CSEP can assist with locating the absent parent, establishing paternity and/or establishing and enforcing financial and medical support obligations.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH CHILD CARE PROVIDER

Many licensed child care providers have reduced rates for parents based on family income or other circumstances. Ask your child care provider if they offer sliding scale fees or reduced rates (military rates, multi-child discounts, corporate discounts, etc..).

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A PROVIDER

Choosing the right child care provider is crucial for your child's well-being and your peace of mind. Here are key factors to consider and questions to ask

1. LICENSING & ACCREDITATION

- Is the provider licensed and accredited by relevant authorities?
- Does the provider meet the state's minimum licensing requirements?

2. SAFETY & CLEANLINESS

- What safety measures are in place, such as childproofing, emergency plans, and secure entry?
- How is hygiene maintained, including cleanliness of facilities and toys?
- **Other good questions to ASK:**
 1. Does the provider allow tours and drop-in parent observations?
 2. Can the teachers see all children in the room at all times?
 3. Is it well organized, clean, and pleasant-smelling?
 4. Is it safe (covered outlets, chemicals out of reach, etc...)?
 5. Are there a variety of age-appropriate items to engage your child?
 6. Are the teachers interacting with the children?

3. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS & RATIOS

- What are the qualifications and experience of the staff, including caregivers and educators?
- What is the staff-to-child ratio, and does it adhere to recommended guidelines?

4. HEALTH & NUTRITION

- What policies are in place regarding illness, medication administration, and vaccinations?
- How are meals and snacks provided, and can dietary restrictions be accommodated?
- **Other good questions to ASK:**
 1. Does the provider have a parent handbook?
 2. What are the teacher and director qualifications, including education, CPR, and background checks?
 3. What are the provider's behavior management practices (how they encourage proper behavior)?
 4. What are the provider's behavior modification practices (how they address misbehavior)?
 5. What other resources does the provider offer, such as free meals through initiatives like the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program?
 6. What are the provider's parent communication and engagement practices?
 7. How does the provider handle sick children and lessen the risk of illness spreading?
 8. What are the sign-in/out procedures?
 9. What is the provider's medication storage and administration policy?

What to Look for in a Provider

5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Is parental involvement encouraged, and are there opportunities to participate in activities or events?
- How are concerns or feedback from parents addressed?

6. FLEXIBLE POLICIES

- What are the policies on sick days, holidays, and vacation periods?
- Is there flexibility in drop-off and pick-up time

QRIS STAR RATINGS

Silver State Stars Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) is a voluntary program that is open to all child care providers in Nevada and applies a systemic approach to assessing and improving child care provider quality.

1One Star: Provider has signed up for the QRIS coaching program. They are working on making center-wide improvements to their policies, procedures, classroom environments, and staff professional development. By participating, centers are demonstrating a commitment to improving quality.

Two, Three, Four, or Five Stars: Provider has been officially rated. They have demonstrated and documented quality indicators above licensing regulation requirements. A rating is valid for two years.

Centers not indicated with a star level have chosen not to participate in the QRIS. Home providers are not included in the QRIS at this time.

FULL DAY VS PART-DAY?

Full-day early child care has significantly stronger benefits than part-day programs.

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Child Care Facts

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GENERAL



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Next Steps

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Community Outreach

- Stakeholder Presentations
- Targeted Engagement

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Website Enhancement

- Secure Funding
- Obtain More Information on Need & Providers

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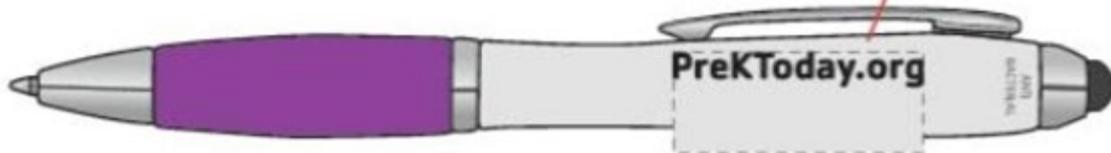
Grow Teen Changemakers

- Participant Recruitment
 - Identify Our Next Project
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SWAG Bags

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*item comes with 6 crayon colors in box





Thank You!
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