

Educaton Alliance of Washoe County
Building a Foundation for the Future

Fact Sheet

Established: December 2008 (Created from a merger between two established non-profits, The Education Collaborative of Washoe County and the Washoe Education Foundation)

Our Mission: To foster education excellence in Washoe County through a community and education partnership that provides leadership, advocacy, programming and targeted financial support.

Academic Achievement

The Education Alliance fosters collaborative partnerships between K-12, higher education, businesses, parents, and the community, taking an active role in advocating for a seamless educational system that helps all students successfully achieve their career and life goals.

Programs: *Smarthinking.com, annual Data Profile, Gateway Curriculum, Graduation Study*

Community Partnering

The Education Alliance provides opportunities for school and community relationship building, focusing on using community resources to strengthen academics. Businesses and organizations are partnered with K-12 schools to provide classroom supplies, donations, volunteers and other resources.

Programs: *Partners in Education, From Crayons to Computers Warehouse, Washoe Run for Education, kidsandclassrooms.com*

Focus on Literacy Initiative

Focus on Literacy Initiative is a comprehensive approach to literacy, and includes purchasing grade level books, funding the After School Literacy Tutoring Program, providing professional development to certified teachers in best practice literacy interventions, and upgrading technology for literacy learning at selected at-risk elementary schools.

Programs: *After School Literacy Tutoring Program*

Nevada State Parent Information & Resource Center (PIRC)

The Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC), a statewide federally funded grant program, offers programs and activities to strengthen partnerships among parents and school personnel in meeting educational needs of children and ultimately leading to gains in student academic achievement.

Programs: *MAPPS, FLITE, Parent School Partnership Program, Train the Trainer state-wide, NCLB Outreach and Education, COW, CALF, Apple Seeds Home Visits*

Workforce Development

The Education Alliance provides input and guidance about workforce development issues such as student exposure to resources and hands-on activities that help them relate their academic experience with how it pertains to future employment and post-secondary opportunities.

Programs: *Renown Medical Center Career Days, Career Exploration Days, Rotary Career Coaching*