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provides free parent support groups based on the Parents Anonymous Self-Help models.

The weekly classes pair a trained facilitator with a group of parents who get together to talk about, well, parenthood.

Unlike counseling which "tends to want to make people better," self-help groups work on improving parenting skills, said organizer Sandy Soltz.

The non-judgmental environment is a great place for single dads to share their experiences and get advice, she said.

"This is a confidential group that's open, free," Soltz said. "It's a great place to relieve the stress of daily life."

WE CAN currently offers two on-going classes. One is held Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the YMCA, 4141 Meadows Lane. The other is held Tuesdays at the St. Viator Community Center, 4320 Channel 10 Drive. Free child care is available at either location.

Organizers hope to offer community-based parenting groups and are looking for potential facilitators. Training costs \$15 (the price for materials).

For more information about training or groups, call 368-1533.

Although not specifically catered to single dads, the Economic Opportunity Board of Las Vegas' Housing Division provides affordable temporary and permanent housing to families in crisis regardless of their composition.

Homeless prevention, temporary housing and transitional housing are all part of the E.O.B.'s Project Home program. For more than seven years, homeless families or families close to homelessness

have turned Project Home for assistance.

In the Homeless Prevention component, single dads can receive one-time rent/mortgage assistance, if they can demonstrate the ability to keep up payments afterward. Homeless families who have secured homes in the private sector are eligible for this program as well, organizers said.

Through a partnership with the City of Las Vegas Housing Authority, the Emergency Set-Aside Transitional Housing Program provides temporary housing for six to 12 months.

Families moved into LVHA complexes are expected "to maintain full-time employment, contribute to a mandatory savings plan and (practice) budgeting for rent," officials said.

Project Home will assist with child care, transportation, utility deposits, food and medical expenses in return.

The Home+ Transitional Housing is the third component of the set-aside program, families can move into scattered site housing where they are still required to meet financial and employment obligations, officials said.

Comprehensive, case-managed support services, officials said, are provided, at every level of the program.

Permanent low-rent properties for low-income individuals and first-time buyer counseling are also available through the E.O.B., one of the largest community agencies in the state.

The E.O.B. is a private, non-profit organization.

For more information about programs offered in the Housing Division, call 647-3307.

## NEVADA PARTNERS KICKS OFF Y.E.S. PROGRAM

### Youth needed for summer employment opportunities

By Lee Brown  
Sentinel-Voice

Nevada Partners' Y.E.S. (Youth Employment for Summer) Program will get underway this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the organization's offices, located at 710 West Lake Mead Blvd.

The program, now in its fourth consecutive year, offers youths 16 to 21-years-old the opportunity to gain an understanding of the tools and skills necessary to obtain summer employment.

Program workshops will include topics such as the art of listening, interviewing techniques, interpersonal communication, and cultural awareness, as well as self-esteem, personal appearance, time management, the application process and resume writing, problem resolution, and customer service — all essential in being successful in finding employment.

"Kids come here for up to 20 hours of job training, and we teach them everything they need to know about applications, appearance and attitude," said Jocelyn Oats of Nevada Partners. "By the second week of the program we conduct mock interviews and we even offer them free computer training."

"Approximately 500 youth are expected to attend," according to Sonya Headen, public relations director for Nevada Partners.

The youths are contacted through the Las Vegas Housing Authority and school guidance counselors, in addition to flyers distributed throughout the community and at local libraries.

This is an opportunity for youth to serve as role models to others and to experience the business world this summer," said Nevada Partners executive director, Mujahid Ramadan.

Established in 1992, Nevada Partners' goal is to work with business, industry, government (at all levels), and the private sector to identify and dedicate job slots for the unemployed.

In concert with each of these entities, Nevada Partners follows up with six to eight weeks of additional comprehensive skills training, designed to support each new employee and provide him/her the professional assistance needed to succeed at their new place of employment.

In addition, Nevada Partners offers a six week course on self-awareness, communication, stress management, self-esteem, child care and public transformation information for women in transition.

Parents or youth seeking additional information on the Youth Employment for Summer (Y.E.S.) Program is urged to call 399-JOBS (5627).

## CPR

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Red Cross Association to administer CPR and first aid but are only required to facilitate response, city parks and recreation officials said.

Less than a half-dozen community organizations provide first aid and C.P.R. training, and only the Red Cross offers nationally recognized training, said Carolyn Levering, a local Red Cross workplace program coordinator.

For more than a generation,

the American Red Cross has a leader in health and safety training, she said.

At its 1155 E. Sahara Ave. office, three federal OSHA-approved classes are available: Adult CPR, Standard First Aid and Community First Aid and Safety.

The four-hour Adult CPR class teaches participants how to recognize an emergency, perform abdominal thrusts for choking, perform rescue breathing techniques, recognize

a heart attack and more. The class costs \$26.

Standard First Aid, a six-and-a-half hour long class, includes adult CPR plus caring for injuries, controlling bleeding, treating, burns, splinting, care for sudden injuries and more. The class is \$36.

The nine-hour Community First Aid and Safety class presents modified choking rescue breathing and CPR skills for children in addition to instruction for adults. The class

is \$46.

Robinson is survived by his daughter, Deashane of Ft. Worth, Texas; a son, Davion; fiancée Kizzy Davis; mother, Jessie Mae Jackson; father, David Walker Jr.; stepfather, Leslie Jackson; four brothers, James, Jerry, Darnell and Darrell; and two sisters, Julia and Chantal; all of Las Vegas.

For more information about first aid or CPR classes, call the Red Cross at 791-3311 or the Heart Association at 367-1366.

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