

# Reno Housing Authority NEWS RELEASE

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## Reno Housing Authority Earns Safe Place Designation for Area Youth

RENO, Nev. — The Reno Housing Authority is pleased to announce it has been designated a Safe Place site by our community's Safe Place agency, The Children's Cabinet.

As a partner, RHA is able to help youth in northern Nevada who are escaping unsafe living conditions or human trafficking. The Safe Place logo is on display at the entrances of two RHA office buildings, five public housing sites as well as inside each restroom, indicating to troubled youth that RHA is ready to provide help and safety. Every RHA employee has been through training and is ready to assist should a troubled youth ask.

Media is invited to the following event:

**WHAT: Safe Place Designation**

**WHEN: Thursday, March 30, at 10 a.m.**

**WHERE: RHA Main Office, 1525 E 9th St., Reno (park on Andesite Ave.)**

"RHA is proud to be a place where youth in our community can seek help and safety," says Executive Director Hilary Lopez, Ph.D. "Providing quality housing and services is our top priority and participating in the Safe Place program is just one more way we can further expand our services."

Other designated Safe Places in Washoe County include McDonald's restaurants and RTC Washoe County bus stops, busses and vans. Many retail stores, family businesses and non-profits are also included. With multiple public housing complexes throughout Reno, Sparks and Stead, RHA is helping ensure even more locations youth can access help.

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*Predominantly federally funded, the Reno Housing Authority provides affordable housing for qualifying residents of Washoe County. We help ensure nearly 9,000 Nevadans have a safe, secure place to call home through Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing and affordable market-rate properties. We've helped people afford to live in northern Nevada for 75 years.*



Since 1985, The Children’s Cabinet’s mission has been to keep children safe and families together by providing services and resources that address unmet needs through a unique and effective cooperative effort between the private sector and public agencies in Nevada. The Cabinet helps more than 10,000 families annually with programs and services provided at no charge. For more information, please visit [www.childrencabinet.org](http://www.childrencabinet.org) or call 775.856.6200.

“We are honored and excited to partner with RHA,” says Joanna Ramos, Safe Place coordinator for The Children’s Cabinet. “Expanding the Safe Place program and bringing more local businesses on board as designated sites increases our reach and provides more options for youth who feel they have nowhere to turn.”

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