



The Brett Torino Foundation Education Services, a program of Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, has developed a number of education services designed to meet the educational needs of every child diagnosed with a life-threatening or chronic illness in Southern Nevada. The program provides a way for chronically-ill children to continue their education while receiving treatment and return to school with equal opportunity and any necessary accommodations required by law to aid them in the pursuit of their success in education and future goals.

Introduced in 2021, NVCCF's LEARNING POD is a service of The Brett Torino Education Services Program of Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation. In partnership with CCSD, this IN-PERSON learning program is facilitated by Nicki Klein-Richter, MA, M.Ed., full-time and multilingual NVCCF Education Supervisor, who is a licensed teacher with CCSD along with 26 years of classroom experience. The "pod" was created to support children who are in current treatment, experiencing effects from treatment, immune compromised, and unable to return to in-person or hybrid learning due to their diagnosis. The LEARNING POD operates MON – THUR, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants must be registered clients of NVCCF and must confirm their participation with NVCCF's instructor. Please contact "Mrs. K" at 702.735.8434 or at nicki@

nvccf.org for more information on this and other support services.

Named after its donor, the programs and services include the Brett Torino In-Patient Classroom, located at Sunrise Children's Hospital, tutoring, advocacy, transition services and more. Through these programs, licensed professional staff members work to ensure that each child is given the opportunity and support to succeed in their education.

How the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation Helps:

- Provide direct and bedside instruction in The Brett Torino Foundation In-Patient Classroom for students in-patient at Sunrise Children's Hospital
- Provide tutoring for school age critically ill children, their siblings, and for children whose parents are diagnosed with cancer
- Offer tutoring at several locations throughout the Las Vegas valley for students in need of supplementary instruction
- Attend school meetings to provide teachers and administrative staff with the facts on diagnosis and treatment and ensure accommodations and interventions are implemented and followed
- Support students as they re-enter the school setting: performing a puppet show designed to educate peers and teachers on the facts of diagnosis and treatment, the importance of embracing differences, and messages of anti-bullying

diagnosed with cancer as well as their caregivers. An oasis away from medical facilities, The Caring Place Program provides no-cost programs and services to support, educate and empower those who have or have had cancer as well as their direct caregivers.

Services are intended to assist in healing mind, body, and soul and are not a replacement for medical care. We are committed to improving your quality of life and helping you experience joy and peace.

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someone who receives your monthly benefit payment on your behalf must use the money to pay for your current needs, including:

- Food.
- Clothing.
- Personal care items.
- Housing and utilities.
- Medical and dental expenses.
- Rehabilitation expenses (if you have a disability).

If you need help managing your benefits, tell a Social Security representative that there is someone you want to be your representative payee. Your representative payee should be someone you trust and see often, and who clearly understands your needs. Social service agencies, nursing homes, or other organizations are also qualified to be a representative payee. Ask them to contact us.

You can write to us within 60 days of being assigned a representative payee if you don't agree that you need one or if you want a different representative payee.

We also offer Advance Designation, which allows you to designate someone to be your representative payee in the future. There may come a time when you can no longer make your own financial decisions. You and your family will have peace of mind knowing that someone you trust may be appointed to manage your benefits for you.

You can submit your Advance Designation request when you apply for benefits or after you are already receiving benefits. You may do so through your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount or by calling and speaking to a Social Security representative.

You can find more information at www.ssa.gov/payee.

FOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY THAT CAN HELP YOU PLAN YOUR RETIREMENT

Social Security benefits are part of the retirement plan of almost

every American worker. If you're among the many people covered under Social Security, you should know what your future benefit may be. Monthly benefit payments will likely be an important part of your retirement income. We base your benefit payment on how much you earned during your working career. Higher lifetime earnings result in higher benefits. If there were some years you didn't work or had low earnings, your benefit amount may be lower than if you had worked steadily. If you never worked and did not pay Social Security taxes, you may be eligible for spouse's retirement benefits. You must be at least 62 years old, and your spouse must already be receiving retirement or disability benefits. Our retirement page at www.ssa.gov/retirement is a great place to start mapping out your retirement plan.

For example, have you considered:

- Which factors may affect your retirement benefits?
- What is the right time for you to start receiving your retirement benefits?
- What you need to do after you apply for retirement benefits?
- What documents you need to provide us for your retirement application?

You can use your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to get an instant estimate of your future retirement benefits. You can also see the effects of starting your retirement benefits at different ages.

You may also wonder about:

- Benefits for a spouse or children.
- How work affects your benefits.
- Medicare.
- Whether you will have to pay taxes on your benefits.

You can learn more at www.ssa.gov/retirement. Please share this information with family and friends to help them prepare for their retirement.



A Program of Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation

The Caring Place, an adult services program of NVCCF, is dedicated to easing the journey of those adults