

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Programs
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Early Intervention Services (EIS) – provides early intervention services to families with eligible children with a diagnosed disability or developmental delay and who under the age of three (3) at no cost to the family. EIS promotes the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities; prevents or reduces further developmental delay and the need for more intensive services in the future; and support families in their efforts to care for their children. EIS provides service coordination and direct services such as but not limited to special instruction, audiology, occupational, physical and speech therapy.

Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) – the program assists parents and caregivers with the expensive cost of providing Autism-specific treatments to their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ATAP provides a monthly allotment to pay for on-going treatment development, supervision and a limited amount of weekly intervention hours based upon a child's individual treatment plan, age, and income.

Developmental Services – has three Regional Centers; Desert Regional Center serving Clark County; Rural Regional Center serving all Rural Counties; and Sierra Regional Center serving Washoe County that provide services to eligible children and adults with a diagnosis of intellectual disability or closely related developmental disabilities occurring prior to age 22 years. Each person receiving services is assigned a Service Coordinator responsible to assist that individual to develop a person-centered plan and coordinate services requested/identified. Some services available from each Regional Center include Family Support (i.e. respite, purchase of service), Employment/Vocational Training/Day Training/Career Planning, and Community Living Arrangements.

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for the Frail Elderly (FE) – provides services that allow individuals aged 65 or over that meet a Nursing Facility Level of Care to remain in their home and/or community. These services are intended to assist with their Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL). Services include: Case Management, Homemaker, Respite, Adult Companion, Adult Day Care, Assisted Living/Group Home, Chore and Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) which is the alert button.

HCBS Waiver for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PD) – provides services that allow individuals who have a significant physical disability that meet a Nursing Facility Level of Care to remain in their home and/or community. These services are intended to assist with the ADL and IADL care. Services include: Case Management, Homemaker, Respite, Attendant Care, Assisted Living/Group Home (only in Las Vegas currently), Chore, PERS, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, Home Delivered Meals.

Community Options Program for the Elderly (COPE) – This program is similar to the HCBS FE Waiver. These individuals are not on Medicaid but may access services through COPE while on the Waitlist for the HCBS FE Waiver. Eligibility criteria is that individuals must be age 65 or

over and must meet a Nursing Facility Level of Care. Services include: Case Management, Personal Care, Homemaker, Adult Day Care, Adult Companion, PERS, Chore, and Respite.

Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Program – This program is similar to the HCBS PD Waiver. These individuals are not on Medicaid but may access services through the PAS program while on the Waitlist for the PD Waiver. Eligibility criteria is that individuals must have a significant disability and must meet a Nursing Facility Level of Care. Services include: Case management, Attendant Care, Homemaker and Respite.

Homemaker Program – This program is for individuals that are not eligible for or receiving Fee for Service Medicaid. This program assists individuals with essential IADL services to help preserve their quality of life and reduce the need for out of home care. Eligibility criteria is that the individual must present a physical disability or be over the age of 65 and present a need for such services. Services include: meal preparation, laundry, shopping, housekeeping tasks.

Adult Protective Services (EPS) – Per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) this program receives and investigates reports of abandonment, abuse, neglect, self-neglect, exploitation, and isolation of persons 60 years and older and vulnerable individuals age 18-59. APS social workers take actions to safeguard persons in need of protection, their wellbeing, welfare, and civil liberties. Adult Protective Services serves all of Nevada.

Nevada Care Connection – this is a no wrong door approach and philosophy to help individuals navigate through long term service and support options. This is a collaborative model of assistance that includes Nevada 2-1-1, local Resource Centers, and state programs. Individuals have access to information via an online platform, www.NevadaCareConnection.org or direct through the Resource Centers. Resource Navigators are located throughout the state to help individuals identify the range of options available to meet their long-term care goals and needs. Navigators help individuals explore options in public programs, private pay, informal supports and veteran's benefits.

Community Advocates – this program provides information and referral, emergency assistance and service navigation to older adults and individuals with a disability. Community Advocates provide public presentations and attend health fairs to educate the community about the wide variety of programs offered by ADSD.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) – this program is a federally and state mandated program created to ensure the rights of residents in long term care facilities receive quality care and are respected. Long Term Care Ombudsmen provide person-centered advocacy through responding to complaints and conducting regular facility visits.

Assistive Technology for Independent Living Program – provides statewide services to support individuals with disabilities to live in their community vs. an institutional setting. The program can provide assistance to individuals to identify their Independent Living goals and the appropriate Assistive Technology (AT) that is needed for the individual to care for themselves or receive care in their homes and their community.

Communication Access Services – provides communication access to Nevadan’s who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or who have speech disabilities. Each program also has its more specific program goals within this framework addressing various areas in the lifespan of this population and the community. Specific services include:

- Relay Nevada – enables people with speech and hearing disabilities to use specialized telecommunications equipment to access the phone system.
- Interpreter/CART Registry – a registry for individuals engaged in the practice of interpreting and captioning.
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution – free equipment to qualifying Nevadans with hearing and speech disabilities to access the phone system through Relay Nevada
- Access to Services (Advocacy) – Advocacy services to support deaf, hard of hearing, and speech-impaired individuals in accessing community services including language acquisition and training.

Senior and Disability Rx Program (SRx and DRx) – this program is a prescription medication subsidy for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities that are Medicare eligible. The program provides financial assistance towards monthly Part D premiums with participating Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan (if not qualified for maximum Extra Help from Medicare with that expense).

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) – provides information, counseling and assistance to Medicare Beneficiaries in Nevada involving a statewide network of volunteers and partners. SHIP provides free, unbiased one-on-one assistance and counseling with respect to many problems Medicare Beneficiaries encounter regarding Medicare, supplemental health insurance and long-term care options.

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) – this program helps low-income Medicare beneficiaries apply for programs that make Medicare affordable. The overall affect is that qualified individuals will have reduced costs for their prescription medications.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) – this program empowers and assists Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers to prevent, detect and report healthcare fraud, errors and abuse through outreach, counseling and education. Staff and volunteers provide information on how to protect Medicare beneficiary personal information, detect errors as well as potential fraud and abuse, and how to report errors and suspicious activity.

Volunteer Management Program – this program is responsible for recruitment, retention and recognition strategies for the agency volunteer programs. This includes State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP).

Taxi Assistance Program (TAP) – this program targets Nevada residents in Clark County age 60 and older and persons under age 60 with permanent disabilities, who meet income criteria, the use of taxicabs at a discounted rate.