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Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



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Mission

- **Vision:** Nevadans, regardless of age or ability, will enjoy a meaningful life led with dignity and self-determination.
- **Mission:** Ensure the provision of effective supports and services to meet the needs of individuals and families, helping them lead independent, meaningful and dignified lives.
- **Philosophy:** ADSD seeks to understand and respond to the individual and his/her needs using principles of:
 - Accessibility
 - Accountability
 - Culturally and linguistically appropriate services
 - Ethics
 - Mutual respect
 - Timeliness
 - Transparency





Assembly Bill 122

Legislative Summary

- Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a feasibility study related to establishing and operating an assisted living facility in rural areas that multiple services including; respite care and adult day care.

Implementation Update

- Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) and the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) are working with the University of Nevada, Reno on a proposal to complete the feasibility study.



Assembly Bill 170

Legislative Summary

- Senate Bill aims to place pre-existing condition protections from the Affordable Care Act into Nevada law.
- Provisions related to the Office of Consumer Health Assistance(OCHA) require insurance companies to provide OCHA contact information that can be used to make more direct communication with those companies possible in the course of their advocacy for Nevadans.

Implementation Update

- Currently assisting consumers with accessing a navigator to help obtain health care services and scheduling appointments.
- We are compiling a report of aggregated information submitted to the Office of Consumer Health Assistance.
- By December 31st of each year, health carriers will submit specific information to the Office of Consumer Health Assistance.





Assembly Bill 228

Legislative Summary

- Assembly Bill 228 provides permissive authority of the Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division to direct the referral of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman into additional settings: supported living arrangements, community- based living arrangements, adult day care, and facilities for long-term rehabilitation.

Implementation Update

- The Nevada Administrative Code revisions were submitted to the Legislative Council Bureau on December 9, 2019.



Assembly Bill 469

Legislative Summary

- Requires the Department to establish regulation limiting the amount a provider of health care may charge a person who has health insurance for certain medically necessary emergency services provided when the provider is out of network (a.k.a. balanced billing).

Implementation Update

- Draft regulations have been submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
- Forms for election to participate, request for arbitration and the draft regulations are available on the Office of Consumer Health Assistance Website.

<http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/CHA/>





Assembly Bill 480

Legislative Summary

The Supported Decision-Making Act

- Provides an alternative to Guardianship for individuals needing support with specific decisions without the need for full guardianship.
- Individual may select one or more supporters to assist them regarding specific decisions they may wish to make (for example, consenting to medical treatment).
- The supporter may assist with communicating that choice, informing the individual of their options, but they have no actual authority to make the decision for the individual.

Implementation Update

- Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities has worked with a vendor to develop and conduct ongoing training and materials.



Senate Bill 93

Legislative Summary

Revised the name and membership of the Nevada Commission for Person who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired, created a full-time paid Director position to support the Commission.

Implementation Update

- Aging and Disability Services Division is currently recruiting for the Executive Director position.
- [http://hr.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/hrnv.gov/Content/Services/Recruitment/Executive%20Director%20-%20DHHI%2012.23.19%20\(Final\).pdf](http://hr.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/hrnv.gov/Content/Services/Recruitment/Executive%20Director%20-%20DHHI%2012.23.19%20(Final).pdf)





Senate Bill 203

Legislative Summary

- Creates the Account to Provide Programs and Services to Children Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Implementation Update

- ADSD reviewed all 50 states websites and material for hearing aid programs. We found 5 programs and contacted those states for feedback.
- ADSD drafted framework of policy coverage, criteria, providers, rates and funding.
- ADSD held public workshops and received good attendance and participation from clinical resources and stakeholders.
- ADSD reached to University of Nevada, Reno Audio Program through interlocal and is waiting to hear back.
- ADSD has moved to a mitigation plan and started internal meetings with our Assistive Technology/Independent Living grants and subject matter experts to explore other options.





Senate Bill 540

Legislative Summary

- ADSD has expanded Adult Protective Services to all vulnerable person's age 18-59.

Implementation Update

- New program became effective July 1, 2019.
- Conducting internal and external trainings.
- Launching education campaign.



Aging and Disability Services Programs

Developmental Services

Sierra Regional Center, Desert Regional Center and Rural Regional Centers provide support services for people of all ages with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families through assessments, monitoring, referral and linkage to requested services through the person-centered planning process, with the goal of self-sufficiency, community inclusion and meaningful life.

- Respite; Family Preservation Program; Supported Living Arrangements; Jobs and Day Training Programs, Psychological and behavioral assessments and intervention; Nursing assessments and consultations; Nutritional counseling; and Quality assurance oversight
- Home and Community Based Waivers for Individual with Intellectual Disabilities



Home and Community Based Waiver for the Frail Elderly and Physical Disabilities

Provides in home services to enable individuals to remain in their home and avoid placement in a long-term care facility.

- Case Management, Homemaker, Social Adult Day Care, Adult Companion, Person Emergency Response Systems, Chore, Respite, Personal Care Services

State Funded Programs

- Personal Assistance Services
- Community Options Programs for Elderly
- Homemaker



Long Term Care Ombudsman

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman program advocate for residents of nursing homes, residential facilities for groups and homes for individual residential care facilities

Educate long-term care providers about residents' rights and elder abuse and engage in initiatives that promote quality of care and quality of life for residents of long-term care facilities



Adult Protective Services

Receives and investigates reports of abuse, neglect, exploitation, abandonment and self neglect for vulnerable adults.

Provide services to vulnerable persons 18 and over to alleviate or remedy an abusive situation.

- Social services include referral of services, mental health capacity evaluations, emergency placement, emergency funds for food, rent, utilities, personal care

Report suspected abuse:

Las Vegas/Clark County 702-486-6930

Statewide/All other areas 888-729-0571



Senior and Disability Rx Taxi Assistance Program

Senior and Disability Rx

- Provides Medicare Part D premium subsidies to low income seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Taxi Assistance Program

- Provides low income seniors vouchers for transportation in Las Vegas only

Community Funded Programs

Older American's Act, Fund for Health Nevada, Title XX, SGF

- Adult Day Care
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Alzheimer's Diagnostic
- Transportation
- Case Management
- Geriatric Health and Wellness
- Medication Management
- Legal Assistance
- Senior Community Service Employment Program
- Volunteer Care and Assistance
- Representative Payee
- Home Delivered meals
- Congregate Meals
- Food Pantry
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Family Caregiver Support
- Respite
- Home Modification Program
- Assistive Technology
- Communication Access Services
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Senior Companion





Children's Services

Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) - provides specialized supports and services for children from birth to 3 who have developmental delays or disabilities and their families in order to meet their individualized developmental and learning needs.

Autism Treatment Assistance Program - assists parents and caregivers with the cost of providing Autism-specific treatments to their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder

- ATAP offers various plan types designed to address each child's individual needs. Plans include:
- Comprehensive, Insurance Assistance, Extensive Basic, Targeted Basic, Therapeutic, Social Skills, and Transitional

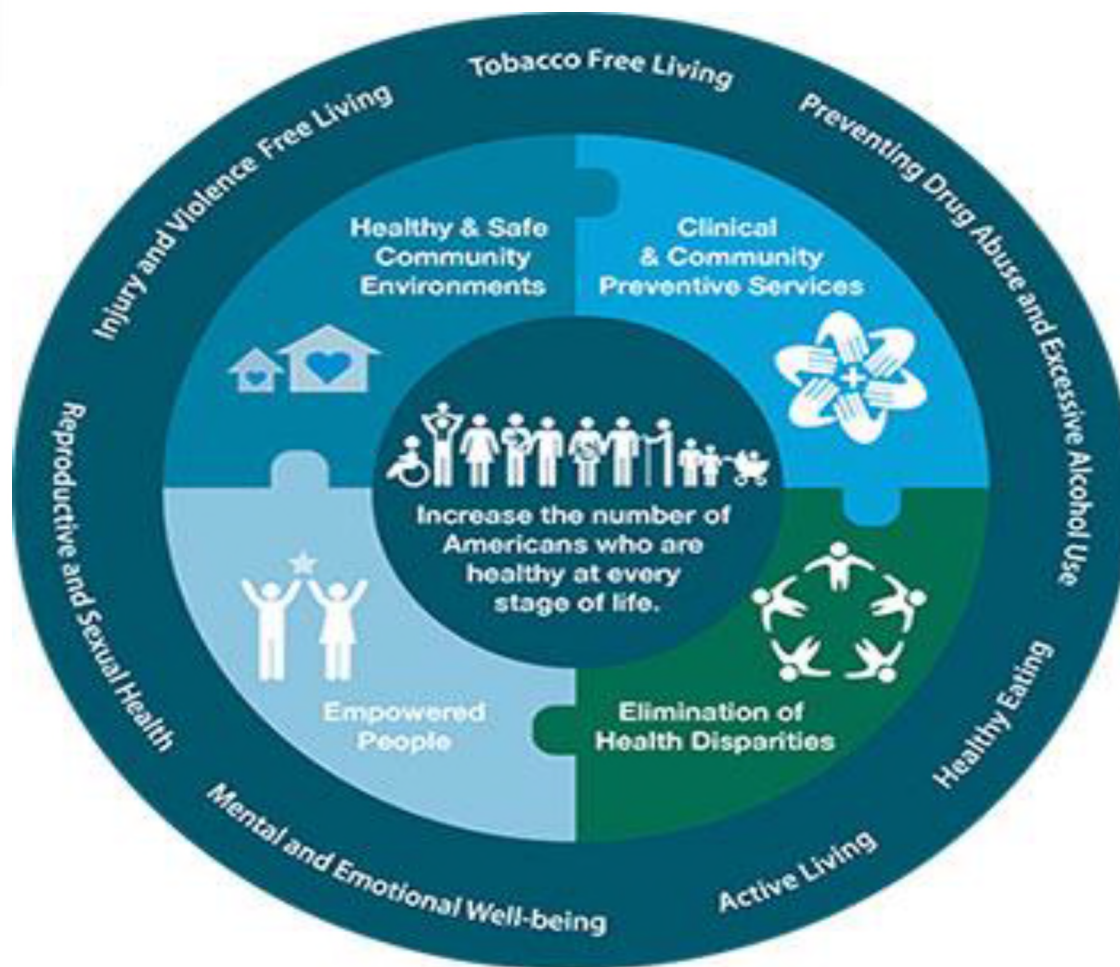


Looking Forward

Nevada Aging & Disability Network -Creating an Age-Friendly Public Health System

- Connecting and convening multiple sector professionals that provide support services, and infrastructure to promote healthy aging.
- Coordinating existing supports and services to avoid duplication of efforts, identify gaps and increase access to services and supports.
- Collecting data to assess community health status (including inequities) and aging population needs to inform the development of interventions.
- Conducting, communicating, and disseminating research findings and best practices to support healthy aging.
- Complementing and supplementing existing supports and services, particularly in terms of integrating clinical and population health approaches.

Age-Friendly Public Health Approach





Looking Forward

Alignment of Frail Elderly and Physically Disabled Waiver Services

- Maximization of Medicaid for Home Delivered Meals

Consumer Health Protection and Advocacy Unit

- Systems advocacy and navigation
- No wrong door approach



Questions?



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Acronyms

- ADSD – Aging and Disability Services Division
- DHCFP –Division of Health Care and Family Prevention
- OCHA – Office of Consumer Health Assistance
- NEIS – Nevada Early Intervention Services
- SGF - State General Fund