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





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# Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)

## Mission and Vision

**Mission** – To empower individuals and their support systems by providing resources for disabilities and aging - connecting Nevadans to services and improving their quality of life.

**Vision** – Nevadans of all ages and abilities will have meaningful lives led with dignity and self-determination.

At ADSD, we empower Nevadans of all ages and abilities to live independently by connecting them with essential services and resources.

ADSD is made up of programs led by people who are committed to serving older adults and individuals with disabilities across Nevada. Each program plays a vital role ensuring people feel supported through every stage of life and circumstance. ADSD serves:

- People of all ages with disabilities
- Older Adults
- Family Caregivers



# Adult Population Data

Category	United States (Estimated Percentage of Total Population)	Nevada (Estimated Percentage of Total Population)
18-34 years old	22.6%	22.2%
35-64 years old	37.8%	38.9%
65-74 years old	10.5%	10.4%
75 years old and over	7.4%	7.3%



# Disability by Age Group (U.S. vs Nevada)

## Estimated Percentage of Total Population

Disability Type	Under 18 (US)	Under 18 (NV)	18-64 (US)	18-64 (NV)	65+ (US)	65+ (NV)
Hearing Difficulty	0.5%	0.4%	2.0%	2.6%	13.2%	13.8%
Vision Difficulty	0.9%	1.1%	2.2%	3.1%	5.9%	6.6%
Cognitive Difficulty	5.3%	5.0%	5.4%	5.2%	7.8%	7.9%
Ambulatory Difficulty	0.6%	0.5%	4.2%	4.6%	20.2%	21.9%
Self-Care Difficulty	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%	1.7%	6.9%	6.8%
Independent Living Difficulty	-	-	4.0%	3.8%	12.9%	13.3%



# ADSD Programs and Services for Adults

- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Developmental Services (DS)
- Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)
- Office of Community Living (OCL)
- Office for Consumer Health Assistance (OCHA)
- Office of the Attorney for the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with a Physical Disability, an Intellectual Disability or a Developmental Disability (OARA)



# Programs and Services

## **Adult Protective Services (APS)**

- Protects and supports vulnerable adults (18+) and person 60 years and older by investigating reports of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, exploitation, isolation and abandonment. APS works to ensure the safety and well-being of every person served with protective interventions while safeguarding civil liberties.

**Contact:** Las Vegas (702) 486-6930

Statewide (888) 729-0571

- Funding sources include State General Fund, Title XX, and various Federal funds



# Developmental Services

## Developmental Services (DS)

- Supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages through family support programs, employment and vocational training, and residential programs so individuals can gain independence in their own homes and communities.
- Operating entity for the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID Waiver)
- Operates one Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) in Las Vegas that provides 24-hour services focused on active habilitative treatment to promote functional skills and increased independence. Currently licensed for 43 beds.

**Contact:** Desert Regional Center (DRC) – Urban Clark County: (702) 486-7850

Sierra Regional Center (SRC) – Washoe County: (775) 687-2600

Rural Regional Center (RRC) – Rural Nevada: (775) 687-5162

- Funding sources include State General Fund (SGF), Funds for Healthy Nevada (FHN), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid Reimbursement



# Developmental Services Currently Served

- This data is tentative and subject to change as we work on refining data collection and tracking in a new electronic data management system.

Fiscal Year	RRC	SRC	DRC	Total
FY26	865	1,933	6,013	8,811
FY25	841	1,778	5,790	8,409
FY24	799	1,604	5,492	7,895
FY23	817	1,504	5,217	7,538

SFY 2026	Adults served
DRC	4,422
RRC	703
SRC	1,418
Total	6,543



# Developmental Services Waitlists

Regional Center	Service Coordination Priority 1 Waitlist	Service Coordination Priority 2 Waitlist	Supported Living Arrangement (SLA) Waitlist	Jobs & Day Training (JDT) Waitlist	Respite Waitlist	Self-Directed Family Support Services Waitlist
Desert Regional Center (DRC)	1	300	590	1,023	1,002	579
Rural Regional Center (RRC)	0	0	62	31	2	0
Sierra Regional Center (SRC)	0	87	213	211	250	30
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>609</b>

As of 01/31/2026



# Programs and Services (cont.)

## Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)

- Advocates for residents in long-term care facilities, addressing complaints and promoting quality care and resident rights.  
**Contact:** Helpline 1-888-282-1155
- Statewide
- The program is funded through combination of State and Federal funds.

## Office for Consumer Health Assistance (OCHA)

- Assists Nevadans navigate health insurance, workers' comp, and medical billing; offers resources for uninsured and underinsured.  
**Contact:** (888) 333-1597
- Statewide



# Seniors and Adults with Disabilities Served by OCHA

Year	Adults 65+
2022	567
2023	614
2024	559
2025	552
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,292</b>

Year	Individuals with Special Needs
2022	318
2023	206
2024	182
2025	264
<b>Total</b>	<b>970</b>



# OCL Programs and Services (cont.)

## Office of Community Living (OCL)

- Offers a variety of supportive services and programs for older adults, people with physical disabilities, and family caregivers that empower individuals to live independently in their communities.
- Nevada 2-1-1 and Nevada Care Connection: [www.nevadacareconnection.org](http://www.nevadacareconnection.org)
- Personal Assistance Services (PAS) and Community Options for the Elderly (COPE) state-funded in-home care programs to avoid nursing home placement.
- Operating entity for three HCBS Medicaid Waivers:
  - Frail Elderly (FE) Waiver – individuals aged 65 or older at risk of nursing home placement
  - Waiver for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PD) – individuals with a documented physical disability at risk of nursing home placement
  - Structured Family Caregiving (SFCG) Waiver – individuals aged 21 or older with diagnosis or dementia at risk of nursing home placement
- **Contact:** Statewide Intake (702) 486-5764
- Funding sources include State General Fund (SGF), Medicaid Reimbursement, and various Federal funds



# Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) PAS and COPE

Program Name	Currently Served	Waitlist
Personal Assistance Services (PAS)	97	47
Community Options Program for the Elderly (COPE)	37	20

As of 12/31/2025



# Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Waivers Served and Waitlists

Waiver Name	Currently Served	Waitlist
Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID Waiver)	3,199	874
Frail Elderly Waiver (FE Waiver)	3,197	2,426
Waiver for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PD Waiver)	1,271	1,108
Structured Family Caregiver Waiver (SFCG Waiver)	0	0

As of 01/31/2026



## Attorney for the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with a Physical Disability, Intellectual Disability or Developmental Disability (OARA)

- Provides legal advocacy, education, and grievance resolution for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

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# Seniors and Adults with Disabilities Served by OARA

- Prioritizing the development of core operational frameworks—including intake protocols, referral pipelines, and Memorandum of Understandings—to streamline service delivery to frail and older persons. Identify legal issues, mitigate or refer to legal service provider to improve client outcomes.

Type of Matter	2024 Total	2025 Total
Abuse/Neglect (not involving facility/medical provider) - Financial	6	11
Isolation	2	-
Exploitation / Undue Influence	4	4
Abuse of Power of Attorney	-	3
Discrimination - Housing	2	1
Services	2	-
Facility/Medical Provider - Abuse/Neglect	2	-
Hospital Facility	1	-
Guardianship - Defense	1	1
Guardianship - Other	1	2
Housing Issues (other than discrimination)	-	-
Eviction	1	2
Landlord-Tenant - Other Than Eviction	1	3
Legal Interventions - Other	-	2
Lawsuit regarding complex elder abuse case	1	4
Document estate plan or other legal protections	21	-
ADSD Services - Administrative or Termination	6	-



# 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session

## Bills Impacting Adults Served by ADSD

**While ADSD may not have responsibility for implementing the bills listed below, these bills impact older adults:**

**AB65** - Updates guardianship laws by revising investigative services, notice and service of process procedures; renames the State Guardianship Compliance Office, expands the powers of the State Guardianship Officer, and allows courts to appoint guardians for minors seeking special immigrant juvenile status.

**AB 161** - Requires hospice care programs to obtain informed consent, provide specific notices to patients or their representatives, and affirms patients' rights to certain standards of care.

**AB202** - Revises insurance laws to expand consumer protections for individuals with dental coverage.

**AB343** - Requires hospitals to publicly disclose pricing for goods and services and prohibits them from collecting medical debt incurred while out of compliance and enforce penalties for violations.

**AB368** - Allows patients or residents in certain health care or disability living facilities to request the use of electronic communication devices in their rooms.



# 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session

## Bills Impacting Adults Served by ADSD (cont.)

**AB442** - requires state grant-making entities to notify nonprofits when grant payments are delayed and allows the Office of Federal Assistance to support coordination on grant-related issues. It also updates the State Plan for Maximizing Federal Assistance.

**AB461** - requires ADSD to develop and maintain a database and education program on long-term care planning, with pilot program and public awareness campaign; further requests Nevada Supreme Court's Guardianship Commission to study and make recommendations related to the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act.

**SB8** - revises terminology for ADSD eligibility categories for services provided from: "related condition" to "developmental disability."

**SB60** - expands the types of crimes that carry enhanced penalties when committed against older or vulnerable persons and allows the Attorney General to pursue civil penalties against offenders.

**SB299** - requires senior living community referral agencies to register with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health and establishes requirements for obtaining and renewing that registration.

**SB494** - established Nevada Health Authority.



# Federal and State Impacts to Services

- ADSD administers programs and services funded by the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA), including transportation, nutrition services, caregiver support, and homemaker services. However, the OAA has not yet been reauthorized, and the federal budget for these programs is undetermined at this time.
- Federal changes to Medicaid funding and eligibility will have a direct impact on older adults with low income.
- Recent changes to Medicare policy, including reductions in provider reimbursement rates and restrictions on telehealth, are resulting in increased provider shortage and limited access to critical healthcare services.
- Through Federal Coronavirus American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Governor's Finance Office (GFO), ADSD funded 11 capacity building projects to expand bed availability for adults age 65+ or individuals age 18+ with physical disabilities in licensed Residential Facilities for Groups (RFGs). This will result in 180 additional beds at project completion in March 2026.



# Questions?



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# Acronyms

- AB – Assembly Bill
- ABA - Applied Behavior Analysis
- ADSD – Aging and Disability Services Division
- APS – Adult Protective Services
- Cope - Community Options Programs for the Elderly
- DHS – Department of Human Services
- DRC – Desert Regional Center
- DS – Disability Services
- FE – Frail Elderly
- GFO – Governor’s Finance Office
- HCBS – Home and Community Based Services
- ID - Intellectual Disabilities
- IDD – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- LTCOP – Long Term Care Ombudsman
- LTSS – Long Term Support Services
- OAA – Older Americans Act
- OARA - Office for the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with a Physical Disability, an Intellectual Disability or a Developmental Disability
- OCHA – Office for Consumer Health Assistance
- OCL – Office of Community Living
- PD - Persons with Physical Disabilities
- RRC – Rural Regional Center
- SB – Senate Bill
- SFCG – Structured Family Caregiving
- SFY - State Fiscal Year
- SGF – State General Funds
- SRC – Sierra Regional Center