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Roger Wilkerson, Acting Director
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Dear Acting Director Wilkerson:

Attached you will find the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) report to the Nevada Legislature as required by [Nevada Revised Statutes \(NRS\) 433.359](#). This report describes the amount of money allocated by DHHS during the immediately preceding calendar year (2024) to support the provision of behavioral health services or other services to promote emotional well-being in communities with higher risk of behavioral health problems; decreased access to or usage of behavioral health services; or worse behavioral health outcomes or emotional well-being than the general population based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, disability, familial status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, immigration status, primary language or income level.

If you have any questions regarding the report, contact Michelle McNeely at mmcneely@dhs.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Rich".

Laura Rich
Director, Department of Human Services

cc: Christina Hadwick, Deputy Director
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Behavioral Health Care Disparity Funding Report 2025

Pursuant to NRS 433.359



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Background and Authority

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 433.359, the Nevada Department of Human Services (DHS) must provide an annual report to the Legislature on:

- The amount of money allocated by DHS during the immediately preceding calendar year to support the provision of behavioral health services or other services to promote emotional well-being in communities with higher risk of behavioral health problems, decreased access to or usage of behavioral health services or worse behavioral health outcomes or emotional well-being than the general population based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, disability, familial status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, immigration status, primary language or income level.
- A description of services provided, and the efforts made to locate persons in need of such services.
- Number of persons who received the services described and information regarding the income level, age, race, and ethnicity of those persons.
- Any community-based organizations with which DHS collaborated to provide those services.

Efforts to support disproportionately impacted communities across the state are embedded in many DHS programs and initiatives and data related to many programs can be found through the DHS Office of Analytics [Factbook Data Portal](#) that is available online.

DHS promotes the health and well-being of Nevadans through the delivery or facilitation of essential services to ensure families are strengthened, public health is protected, and individuals achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency. DHS is one of the largest departments in state government comprised of four divisions: Aging and Disability Services (ADSD), Child and Family Services (DCFS), Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), and Social Services (DSS).

Director’s Office Grants Management Unit

The Grants Management Unit (GMU) is an administrative unit within the DHS Director’s Office (DO). The mission of DHS is to help families and individuals in Nevada reach their highest level of self-sufficiency by supporting the community agencies that serve them through engagement, advocacy and resource development. The GMU administers grants to local, regional, and statewide programs serving Nevadans.

Fund for a Healthy Nevada – Disability

The Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) Disability Funds are aligned with the 2014 Integration Plan from ADSD “... to adopt and implement a person-centered framework for the delivery of services.” This is accomplished through grants and contracts to primarily fund three types of disability programs:

1. Respite care, which is intended to alleviate stress by providing temporary relief for the primary caregiver of a person or persons with disabilities of any age.
2. Independent living, which provides direct services to individuals with disabilities such as adaptive resources, life skills training, transportation, and transitional housing.
3. Positive behavior support, which is an empirically validated, function-based approach to developing and employing a plan of support for individuals whose disability is accompanied by a problem behavior and focuses on educative strategies to expand the individual’s behavior repertoire resulting in an enhanced lifestyle and minimized problem behaviors.

Calendar year (CY) 2025 allocation related to NRS 433.359: \$1,316,423.00

Agencies

- Amplify Life
- Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education – University of Nevada, Reno
- Dignity Health, St. Rose Dominican Hospital
- Helping Hands of Vegas Valley
- Lyon County Human Services
- Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada
- Nevada Rural Counties RSVP

Fund for a Healthy Nevada – Wellness

FHN wellness funds are appropriated to be used for any purpose authorized by the Nevada Legislature or DHS for expenditure or allocation to support health and wellness in Nevada, in accordance with [NRS 439.630](#). These FHN funds are allocated through grants for programs that improve the health and well-being of Nevada residents including, without limitation, programs that improve health and services for children and the health and well-being of persons with disabilities. In 2025, the Nevada Public Health Foundation partnered with Carson City Sheriff’s Office to enhance law enforcement response and public safety through the addition of social work presence to improve

the understanding of behavioral health and wellness needs and increase the availability of community resources.

CY2025 allocation related to NRS 433.359: \$114,674.00

Agencies

- Nevada Public Health Foundation

Fund for a Healthy Nevada – Federally Qualified Health Centers

FHN wellness funds are appropriated to be used for any purpose authorized by the Nevada Legislature or DHS for expenditure or allocation to support health and wellness in Nevada, in accordance with [NRS 439.630](#). The Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Incubator Project is intended to create or enhance existing FQHC programs and services by increasing access to health care among different vulnerable target populations. In 2025, the FQHC Incubator Project held specific emphasis for FQHCs and Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs) in Nevada to ensure pregnant and postpartum mothers and their infants have access to quality health care and behavioral health services. Funded services included enhanced behavioral health training and education, postpartum care and mental health support via Mobile Outreach Clinics, substance use disorder support, and increased screening for mental health needs.

CY2025 allocation related to NRS 433.359: \$610,568.00

Agencies

- Hope Christian Health Center
- Nevada Health Centers
- Northern Nevada HOPES
- Quest Counseling & Consulting

Grief Support Trust Account

The [Grief Support Trust Account](#) in the State's General Fund is for the purpose of supporting nonprofit community organizations that provide free-of-charge grief support services to children who have experienced the loss of a relative or other person who had significant emotional relationship with the child. Services may also be provided to parents and/or adult caregivers who have experienced the loss of a child. The requirements for the Grief Support Trust Account funding distribution are specific to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that have been established for at least three years and that have been providing age-appropriate peer support groups for children ages 3-18 for at least two years, specifically from September to May of each calendar year on a biweekly basis. The

organizations must be members of the National Alliance for Grieving Children and provide grief support services free of charge.

CY2025 allocation related to NRS 433.359: \$61,406.00

Agencies

- Adam's Place
- The Solace Tree

Social Services Block Grant

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) supports programs that allow Nevada communities to achieve or maintain economic self-sufficiency to prevent, reduce or eliminate dependency on social services. SSBG funds a variety of initiatives for at-risk children, adults, and families to include: case management; employment services; foster care services; prevention or remedy for neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests; family preservation, rehabilitation, or reunification; prevention or reduction of inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care or other forms of less intensive care; secure referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate; and/or provision of services to individuals in institutions.

CY2025 allocation related to NRS 433.359: \$7,594,832.00

Agencies

- ALS of Nevada
- Churchill County Social Services
- Clark County Department of Family Services
- East Valley Family Services
- Northern Nevada RAVE
- Washoe County Human Services Agency
- Division of Child and Family Services:
 - Rural Child Welfare
 - Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services
 - Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services
- Division of Public and Behavioral Health:
 - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services

Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Reducing disparities in health outcomes is routinely embedded in categorical funding across DHS and DPBH. Prevention of health disparities is part of the core DPBH mission: to protect, promote, and improve the physical and behavioral health and safety of all people in Nevada, equitably and regardless of circumstances, so they can live their safest, longest, healthiest, and happiest life.

Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services

The Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) programs help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance use. The SUPTRS programs also help fund programs that help Nevadans stay in recovery from a substance use disorder. In 2025, 118,990 persons received services.

CY2025 expenditures: \$19,425,201.00

Age	Individuals Served in Prevention	Individuals Served in Treatment	Individuals Served in Recovery	Total Individuals Served
0 – 5 years of age	28,620	0	0	28,620
6 – 12 years of age	36,514	3	57	36,574
13-17 years of age	30,955	156	1230	32,341
18-20 years of age	18,818	74	123	19,015
21-24 years of age	23,516	152	238	23,906
25-44 years of age		2187	2437	129,035
45-64 years of age		912	1377	116,928
65-74 years of age		60	163	49,813
75+ years		3	0	34,293
Unknown age		0	15	91
Total	109,803	3547	5640	118,990

Table created by the Department of Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Agencies

- Foundation For Recovery
- Prevention Coalitions across Nevada

Community Mental Health Services

Outpatient mental health services were funded through the Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) section with federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Block Grants (MHBG), including services for children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances (SED); adults with serious mental illness (SMI); individuals with early serious mental illness (ESMI) and first episode psychosis (FEP); individuals in need of crisis response services; and unhoused individuals with SMI (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)).

Via subgrants, CMHS partners with community-based providers to locate Nevadans in need of mental health services using outreach, education, and direct services. Additionally, CMHS utilizes an advisory council to identify areas of need and gaps in services.

CY2025 expenditures: \$10,946,557.00

Age	Individuals Served: MHBG	Individuals Served: CHR-P	Individuals Served: PATH	Total Individuals Served
17 and under	653	17	0	670
18-23	50	3	40	93
24-30	45		71	116
31-40	31		189	220
41-50	16		197	213
51-61	9		231	240
62 and over	11		72	83
Unknown	60		22	82
Total	875	20	822	1,717

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Agencies

- Black Swan Consulting
- Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare
- Churchill County Social Services
- Clark County Social Services
- Division of Child and Family Services
- Eighth Judicial District Court
- Family Support Center
- HELP of Southern Nevada
- Nevada Rural Hospital Partners
- New Frontier
- Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

- Solutions of Change
- United Citizens Foundation
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Nevada, Reno
- Volunteers of America
- Washoe County Human Services Agency

State Opioid Response

The purpose of the State Opioid Response (SOR) program is to address the opioid overdose crisis by providing resources to states and territories for increasing access to FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD); and for supporting the continuum of prevention, overdose prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid use disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorder (StimUD).

Using the Nevada Health Authority’s Office of Analytics [Monitoring Substance Use in Nevada dashboard](#) as a primary tool, SOR-funded community-based organizations and treatment agencies selected for funding are located in, or in close proximity to, ZIP codes with high rates of overdoses due to opioid and stimulant use. The SOR subawardees serve as community facilitators to serve those most at risk.

Total individuals served in CY2025: 315,908

CY2025 expenditures: \$46,125,052.00

Agencies

- Adam’s Place
- Behavioral Health Group after-hours clinic
- Behavioral Health Group
- Bristlecone Family Resource Center
- Carson Community Counseling
- Clark County Coroner’s Office
- Eighth Judicial District Court
- Foundation for Recovery
- Frontier Community Coalition
- Impact Exchange (Trac-B)
- Las Vegas Justice Court
- Life Changes, Inc.
- Mission Treatment
- Nevada Board of Pharmacy
- Nevada Council on Program Gambling, Inc.
- Nevada Department of Corrections

- Nevada State Immunization Program
- NyE Communities Coalition
- PACT Coalition
- Partida Corona Medical Center
- Problem Gambling Solutions, Inc.
- Roseman University
- Southern Nevada CHIPS
- Southern Nevada Health District
- The Center: Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada
- The Empowerment Center
- The Life Change Center
- Toni's House
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas - Opioid Treatment Integration Project
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT)
 - Nevada State Public Health Laboratory
 - Project ECHO
 - Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Project
- Unshakable
- Vegas Stronger
- Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner
- Washoe County Sherriff's Office
- WestCare Nevada, Inc.

Crisis Response Services

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline was established by Congress in 2020, under the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 (S.2661), to provide an easily recognizable and accessible national three-digit number that individuals experiencing mental health crises — including thoughts of suicide and/or substance use disorders — can call, text or chat to receive immediate, compassionate, and confidential support from a certified crisis counselor.

In CY2025, 35,615 callers were served by 988 (see table below).

CY2025 expenditures: \$3,529,726.00

Age	Individuals Served
Age 1-12	197
Age 13-17	930
Age 18-25	2052
Age 26-29	1321
Age 30-39	2421
Age 40-49	1384
Age 50-59	1597
Age 60-65	826
Age 66 and Older	1661
Age Unknown	23226
Total	35,615

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Agencies

- Carelon Behavioral Health
- Crisis Support Services of Nevada
- National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Nevada

Problem Gambling Services

The [Revolving Account to Support Programs for the Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling](#) (now referred to as the "Problem Gambling Services") was created in the 2005 Legislative Session, is funded through the State's General Fund, and supports problem gambling programs, including subsidized problem gambling treatment for Nevada residents.

In 2025, 807 people received services through the Treatment System area of Problem Gambling Services. While many individuals received outpatient or residential treatment, others may have received other services such as gambling education, crisis care or a problem gambling assessment.

- Prevention (includes education/training/outreach encounters and material distribution):
 - 136 presentations with direct contact with 2,666 individuals across treatment centers, schools, universities, gaming industry employees and recovery support services.
 - 80 community outreach and tabling events with interaction/presence with 17,558 individuals across urban, rural and tribal communities.
 - 400-plus student-athletes trained
 - 252 Problem Gambling Awareness Month participants
 - 60 Leadership Las Vegas Leaders trained
 - 12-plus university trainings

- 25,739 informational pamphlets distributed
- 356 conference attendees at the Annual Nevada State Conference on Problem Gambling.

CY2025 expenditures: \$2,197,761.00

Agencies

Treatment System

Problem Gambling Specialty Clinics

- International Problem Gambling Centers – outpatient treatment provider
- Mental Health Counseling and Consulting – outpatient treatment provider
- Bristlecone Family Resources – residential and outpatient treatment provider
- New Frontier Treatment Services – residential and outpatient treatment provider

Gambling Resources and Support Program (GRASP) SUD Integration project

- Rural Nevada Counseling – substance use disorder treatment provider
- Community Counseling Center Carson City - substance use disorder treatment provider SUD provider
- West Care – substance use disorder treatment provider
- Vitality Unlimited – substance use disorder treatment provider
- Behavioral Health Group – substance use disorder treatment provider
- Family Support Center – substance use disorder treatment provider

Gambling Resources and Support Program (GRASP) Opioid Integration project

- Comprehensive Treatment Centers – opioid treatment center
- The Life Change Centers – opioid treatment centers

Prevention and Public Awareness

- Nevada Council on Problem Gambling – statewide prevention services
- KPS3, Inc. – statewide public awareness campaign “Project Worth”

Workforce

- University of Nevada, Reno Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) – workforce development
- Nevada Council on Problem Gambling – workforce development incentives and state conference

Data Collection, Program Evaluation and Research

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, International Gaming Institute – data collection, program evaluation and research

Technical Assistance Contract

- Problem Gambling Solutions, Inc. – technical assistance contract

