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## Division of Public and Behavioral Health NEWS RELEASE

### Nevada's Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Program Receives Over \$2.4 Million Grant

*Carson City* – The United States Department of Agriculture recently released its announcement of the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) Program grant awardees. Nevada was one of eight awardees.

Summer EBT provides a monthly benefit on a debit-type card that can be used throughout the summer for food purchases at authorized stores. Summer EBT is a complement to traditional summer meals programs, which offer no cost summer meals at approved sites, and is especially valuable in areas with limited or no access to traditional summer meals programs. This year's grantees include Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Connecticut, Delaware, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada and Oregon. All eight grantees participated in Summer EBT in 2015; however, their 2016 projects are aiming to serve over 250,000 children total, nearly 90 percent more, or over 120,000 additional children than in 2015. Six grantees proposed to expand their programs further in rural areas (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Delaware, Missouri, Nevada, and Oregon), building on the significant rural and tribal expansion that began in 2015. The following Nevada counties will be served within the SEBTC grant: Douglas, Lyon, Washoe, Elko, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing and White Pine.

“The Summer EBT Program in Nevada helps cover a critical gap in food security for children who otherwise receive nutritious meals during the school year,” said Beth Handler, MPH, Bureau Chief, Child, Family and Community Wellness within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

To learn more about the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, please visit the website at [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/WIC/Women, Infants Children \(WIC\) - Home/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/WIC/Women,_Infants_Children_(WIC)_-Home/).

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