

## Overview of Opportunity Village

- More than 475 people with disabilities received assessment, training and placement services while another 250+ people are employed by Opportunity Village in service contracts throughout southern Nevada.
- Programs include PRIDE, Enable, ERC, Fine and Performing Arts, the Thrift Store, as well as contracts with Nellis airforce base, Mccarran Airport, and several casinos throughout southern Nevada.

### PRIDE and Enable:

- PRIDE stands for “People’s Rights to Independence, Dignity, and Equality”
- The PRIDE and Enable programs have more than 150 individuals
- These individuals are sometimes cared for by family, but often times cared for by long term care facilities, group homes, or public guardians.
- Dental care is entirely left up to those caring for the individuals.
- Lack of education regarding the importance of Dental Hygiene
- When asked, families give one of a few answers explaining why regular dental care is not a necessity-These answers include:
  - Convenience
  - Transportation
  - Hours of operation of dental clinics
  - Ease of access and wait times

### What we can do:

- The most important aspect of obtaining dental care is breaking down the barriers of communication and educating about the importance of dental hygiene
- Brainstorming how to make access to care easier to those individuals in group homes or long term care facilities with limited access to transportation and personnel

### What we are currently doing

- Working with the Dr. Martin and the University of Nevada, School of Medicine and dental students to provide teaching sessions to some of the higher functioning OVIP’s regarding dental care