

# Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

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# Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

## Our Mission

It is the mission of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to protect, promote and improve the physical and behavioral health of the people in Nevada.

## Our Vision

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health is the foundation for improving Nevada's health.

## A Note from the Administrator



*The Division has a "Bring Your Infant to Work" Program for staff. Several of the infants and Moms pose above with Mr. Whitley.*

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health is comprised of programs and staff dedicated to improving the health and wellness of Nevadans and visitors to our state. At the Division, we take a holistic approach to health, merging public and behavioral health to better serve the whole person.

We are a large governmental agency with over 1,500 staff members and four branches with various programs. This Program Guide is designed to give you an overview of these programs and better direct you to needed services. If you have questions about any of the programs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your interest in our Division,

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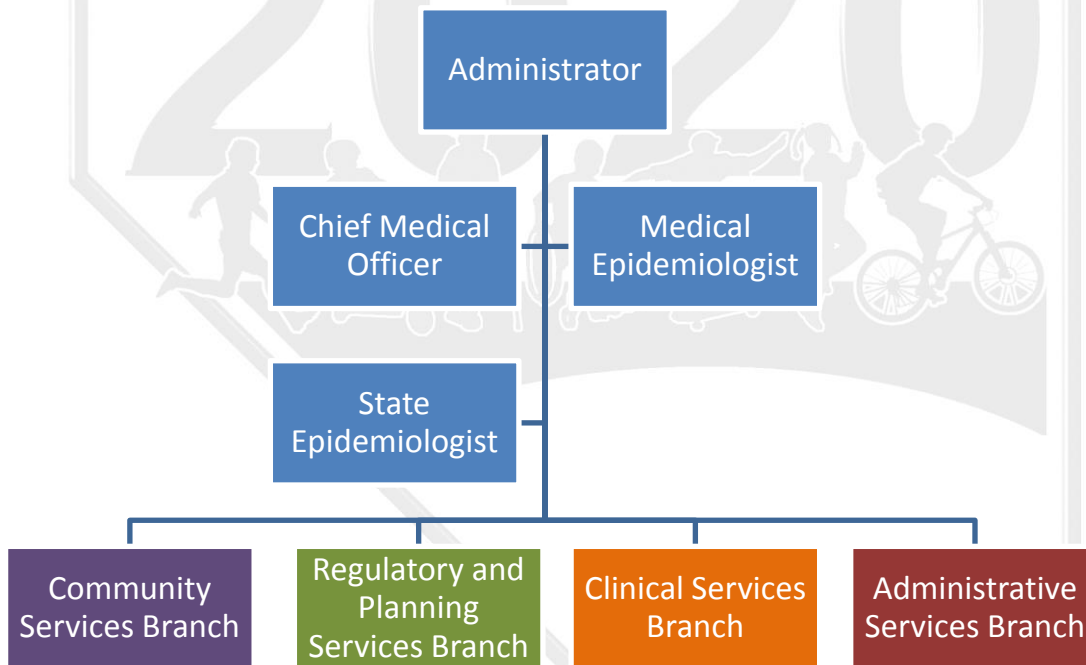
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## Division of Public and Behavioral Health Overview

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) is part of the Department of Health and Human Services, under the Executive Branch of the State of Nevada. DPBH is comprised of the former Health Division and Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services. On July 1, 2013, the two divisions merged to form DPBH.

The executive team that leads DPBH is comprised of the Administrator, Chief Medical Officer, Medical Epidemiologist, and State Epidemiologist.

DPBH is organized into four branches, each overseen by a Deputy Administrator: Community Services, Regulatory and Planning Services, Clinical Services, and Administrative Services. For more detailed organizational charts, please visit our website at: [http://health.nv.gov/DPBH\\_OrgCharts.htm](http://health.nv.gov/DPBH_OrgCharts.htm).





## Community Services Branch

The Community Services (CS) Branch is led by Mary E. Wherry, who serves as the Deputy Administrator. The primary purpose of the programs within CS Branch is to establish and develop relationships with community partners, including collaborating on resources that will improve public health and behavioral health outcomes for all communities within Nevada.

CS is comprised of the following sections:

- Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE)
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)
- Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness (CFCW)
- Environmental Health Services (EHS)

### Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE)

#### Program Summary

The mission of the Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE) is to conduct disease surveillance, investigate disease outbreaks, and provide quality, timely, and relevant data and statistics to support and inform public health stakeholders.

To carry out this mission, OPHIE records and analyzes reportable disease information; conducts interviews with infected individuals and their contacts; refers individuals for medical treatment; analyzes data from disease investigations; identifies risk factors; provides education and recommendations on disease prevention; and, works in conjunction with appropriate agencies to enforce communicable disease laws. OPHIE staff also performs data management, quality assurance, data analysis, and reporting in a broad spectrum of public health areas.

The OPHIE houses many core public health datasets, including communicable disease registries, inpatient hospital discharge data, births, deaths, fetal deaths, abortions, marriages, and divorces, and others. Common elements between databases enable matching or linking of these databases in order to provide newly accessible and standardized information for analytical and programmatic purposes. Extracted data derived from each database and linked databases are available for statistical data analysis. Analyses are compiled in a variety of reports and posted on the DPBH website, making the data available for program evaluation and planning and policy development.

#### Program Website(s)

OPHIE Program Website - <http://health.nv.gov/Epidemiology.htm>

Publication's Website - <http://health.nv.gov/publications.htm>

Network of Care of Public Health and Wellness: <http://www.networkofcare.org/splash.aspx>

- Choose "Public Health" on left-hand side
- Select "Nevada" from the drop-down box
- Select a County

Nevada Health Statistics Portal - <http://statistics.health.nv.gov/>

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**Nevada Central Cancer Registry (NCCR)**

Program Summary

The primary purpose of the Nevada Central Cancer Registry (NCCR) is to collect and maintain a record of reportable cases of cancer in the state. The data is used to evaluate the appropriateness of measures for the prevention and control of cancer and to conduct comprehensive epidemiological surveys of cancer and cancer-related deaths. Cancer case data is collected from hospitals, medical laboratories and other freestanding facilities and from physicians that provide screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer. The information on these cases of cancer is reported to NCCR. This is accomplished by reporting facilities abstracting state-required patient cancer information from their medical records. Collected data is entered into a specialized database where additional case information is added, edited, and consolidated for accuracy and completeness. The Registry conducts follow-up activities with facilities and/or physicians and uses sources such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, Hospital Discharge, Social Security Death Index, Voter Registration, Census Tract and death information from the State Office of Vital Records to assure case record completeness.

NCCR annually compiles comprehensive cancer data collected for all years of operation and submits a report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) and for analysis, certifications, and inclusion in national cancer statistics.

Timely and complete cancer data are used to evaluate the appropriateness of measures for the prevention and control of cancer and conducting comprehensive epidemiological surveys of cancer and cancer-related deaths statewide and nationally.

NCCR is a vital tool for monitoring the incidence of cancer within the state and sharing that information with health care professionals, researchers, and the general public.

Program Website

NCCR Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/VS\\_NV CancerRegistry.htm](http://health.nv.gov/VS_NV CancerRegistry.htm)

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**Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention and Control Program**

Program Summary

The Nevada STD Prevention and Control Program is responsible for the control and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) within the state of Nevada. The section assists state, local and community efforts with interrupting the transmission of chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and other STDs, and reducing the health burden and costs associated with these infections. Primary activities of STD Prevention and Control include testing and treatment of chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhea (reportable STDs); surveillance of reportable STDs; providing opportunities for statewide STD stakeholder planning and goal development input; locating and treating contacts of known cases with an STD and providing risk reduction education and material.

Program Website

STD Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_HIV\\_STDProgram.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_HIV_STDProgram.htm)

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**HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program**

Program Summary

The primary functions of the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program are to monitor the HIV/AIDS epidemic and provide data for prevention and care efforts. The tasks to achieve this include soliciting, receiving, reviewing, and filing HIV/AIDS case reports in a timely manner; determining if case reports meet the HIV



infection or AIDS case definitions, or both; ensuring the collection of all required information (e.g., through follow-up investigation); and maintaining a complete and accurate HIV/AIDS surveillance database

Program Website

HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/HIV\\_AIDS\\_SurveillancePgm.htm](http://health.nv.gov/HIV_AIDS_SurveillancePgm.htm)

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**Tuberculosis (TB) Control and Elimination Program**

Program Summary

The mission of the Tuberculosis (TB) Program is to reduce the incidence of TB by the aggressive management of newly diagnosed cases and extensive preventive treatment of those infected with TB as defined by NRS 441.A.370. As the lead agency for TB prevention and control in Nevada, the program:

- provides leadership at the local, state and federal level to control TB in Nevada's diverse communities and institutions;
- collects, analyzes and disseminates information on TB in Nevada;
- develops and distributes fiscal resources to support TB control and prevention activities at the local level;
- provides technical assistance, training and advocacy to various groups and organizations;
- defines minimum standards for TB control and promotes adherence to those standards;
- fosters collaboration and coordination among public and private organizations; and,
- functions in accordance with Nevada Department of Health and Human Services policies and procedures.

Program Website

TB Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_HIV\\_TBProgram.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_HIV_TBProgram.htm)

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**Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention and Control Program**

Program Summary

Primary activities of the Adult Viral Hepatitis Program include development and implementation of a case management program to provide testing partner counseling and referral health education, patient assessment, assistance with insurance enrollment, facilitation of support groups, vaccination against HAV/HAB, and medical follow-up to specialty care, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and hospice care and other health care services. Additionally, the program provides hepatitis education and outreach activities and regularly updates the Hepatitis State Plan and the Nevada Hepatitis Resource Directory.

Program Website

Hepatitis Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_HPCP.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_HPCP.htm)

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**Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Program**

Program Summary

The Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Program conducts communicable disease surveillance, investigates disease outbreaks, and initiates disease control activities. The ELC Program records and analyzes reportable disease information, conducts interviews with infected individuals and their contacts, refers individuals for medical treatment, analyzes data from disease investigations, identifies risk factors, provides education and recommendations on disease prevention, and works in conjunction with appropriate agencies to enforce communicable disease laws.

ELC activities include:

- Enhancing the capacity to respond to complex infectious disease threats in Nevada through:
  - strengthening epidemiology capacity
  - enhancing laboratory capacity
  - improving health information systems
  - enhancing collaboration

- Developing, implementing, and evaluating public health interventions
- Providing a platform for networks to be created and managed on a variety of infectious disease issues (e.g., FoodNet, CaliciNet, PulseNet, ArboNet) to ensure prompt identification of emerging infectious diseases
- Integrating epidemiology, laboratory, and health information systems
- Promoting early detection methods to ensure timely implementation of control measures and minimal transmission of infectious diseases

Program Website(s)

ELC Disease Reporting Form - <http://health.nv.gov/Epidemiology/MorbidityForm-interactive.pdf>

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**Syndromic Surveillance Program**

Program Summary

The Syndromic Surveillance Program oversees the collection and analysis of health-related data that precede diagnosis and may warrant a public health response because it signals a sufficient probability of a case, an outbreak of disease or other public health emergency. Current syndromic surveillance systems include BioSense 2.0 and the National Retail Drug Monitor for Public Health Surveillance.

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**Sentinel Events Registry (SER)**

Program Summary

The Sentinel Event Registry (SER) Program tracks reportable sentinel events in acute care hospitals, ambulatory care centers, independent emergency room centers, and obstetric centers. A sentinel event is defined as an unexpected occurrence involving facility-acquired infection, death or serious physical or psychological injury or the risk thereof, including, without limitation, any process variation for which a recurrence would carry a significant chance of a serious adverse outcome. The term includes loss of limb or function (NRS 439.830). It is called a sentinel event because it signals the need for immediate investigation and response.

Program Website

SER Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/Sentinel\\_Events\\_Registry.htm](http://health.nv.gov/Sentinel_Events_Registry.htm)

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**Health Care Infection Prevention and Control**

Program Summary

The Health Care Infection Prevention and Control Program oversee infection prevention and control activities in health care settings. Infection prevention and control demands a basic understanding of the epidemiology of diseases; risk factors that increase patient susceptibility to infection; and the practices, procedures and treatments that may result in infections.

Program Website

Program Website - <http://health.nv.gov/IPCInitiative.htm>

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## **Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System**

### Program Summary

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a state-based nationwide survey sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to gather data on health risk behaviors, preventive health practices, and health care access primarily related to chronic disease and injury health risks in the U.S. The survey has been ongoing in Nevada since 1992. The information gathered is used to identify health issues and determine how public health funds will be expended in Nevada. Currently, data is collected monthly in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam. More than 350,000 adults are interviewed each year, making the BRFSS the largest telephone health survey in the world. Nevada uses BRFSS data to identify emerging health problems, establish and track health objectives, and develop and evaluate public health policies and programs.

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## **Nevada Birth Outcomes Monitoring System (NBOMS)**

### Program Summary

The Nevada Birth Outcomes Monitoring System (NBOMS) was established to investigate the causes of birth defects and other adverse birth outcomes; to determine, evaluate and develop strategies to prevent the occurrence of birth defects and other adverse birth outcomes; to assist in the early detection of birth defects; and to assist in ensuring the delivery of services for children identified with birth defects.

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## **State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)**

### Program Summary

The primary focus of the State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) is enhancing the data capacities of DPBH and the Maternal and Child Health Program. The key activities are: preparing data for and performing data linkage on databases housed in the DPBH, reporting data for the MCH Block Grant and



other MCH projects, increasing the number and quality of databases available for linkage and analysis, and producing the 5-year MCH needs assessment.

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**The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)**

Program Summary

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) monitors priority health-risk behaviors and the prevalence of obesity and asthma among youth and young adults. The YRBSS includes a national school-based survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and surveys conducted by state, territorial, local education and health agencies and tribal governments. YRBSS data are used to set and track progress toward meeting school health and health promotion program goals, support modification of school health curricula or other programs, support new legislation and policies that promote health, and seek funding and other support for new initiatives.

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Program Website

UNR YRBSS Website - <http://chs.unr.edu/subpages/research/YRBS.htm>

**Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)**

Program Summary

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) works to reduce the impact of substance abuse in Nevada. This is accomplished by identifying the alcohol and drug abuse patterns in Nevada and by supporting a continuum of services including prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support. SAPTA provides regulatory oversight and funding for community-based public and nonprofit organizations. SAPTA is also responsible developing and implementing a state plan for prevention and treatment, coordination of state and federal funding, and development of standards for the certification of prevention and treatment programs. The list of funded providers and programs can be found at <http://mhds.nv.gov>, click on SAPTA Home, then Programs.

SAPTA objectives include:

- Statewide formulation and implementation of a state plan for prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery of substance abuse
- Statewide coordination and implementation of state and federal funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs
- Statewide development and publication of standards for certification and the authority to certify treatment levels of care and prevention programs

Program Website

SAPTA website -

[http://mhds.state.nv.us/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=61:substance-abuse-prevention-and-treatment-agency&catid=76:sa-global-content&Itemid=73](http://mhds.state.nv.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=61:substance-abuse-prevention-and-treatment-agency&catid=76:sa-global-content&Itemid=73)

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NRS 458

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## **Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness (CFCW)**

Bureau Summary

The Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness mission is to educate and inform the public about health-related issues including chronic and preventable disease, and to ensure and advocate for health services for Nevada's citizens.

The Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness strives to be the state leader in providing:

- Research on best practices in public health prevention
- Analysis of data from needs assessments and the development of initiatives and recommendations to address the findings of needs assessments
- Standards development
- Provision of technical assistance
- Preparation of legislative testimony
- Information for Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health and other Department of Health and Human Services staff, planning groups, policy makers, and other agencies whose activities affect the MCH populations
- Quality assurance

By providing direct services and information, the bureau fulfills its goals through the expertise of a variety of professional staff including Health Program Specialists, Health Program Managers, Health Educators, and Nutritionists.

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**Nevada Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)**

Program Summary

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, commonly known as WIC, provides nutritious food to supplement the diets of limited-income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under age 5 who are at nutritional risk. WIC provides participants with healthy food, advice on good nutrition, health screening, information on health care services such as immunizations, prenatal care, and family planning, and information about other family support services available in their community. Applicants must be an infant or child under five years of age, a pregnant woman, a postpartum woman (up to 6 months after giving birth), or a breastfeeding woman (up to the breastfed infant's first birthday). Applicants must be Nevada residents who physically lives in Nevada at the time of application, and must be at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. In addition, applicants must be at nutritional risk, as determined by a Competent Professional Authority (CPA) at the WIC clinic.

Program Website Addresses

WIC website - <http://nevadawic.org>

Nevada Breastfeeds website - <http://nevadabreastfeeds.org/>

Statutory Authority

WIC Regulations are published by the Federal Register in the Code of Federal Regulations, 7 C.F.R. Part 246.

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**Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program**

Program Summary

The Nevada Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program promotes and protects the health of Nevada's families; specifically women of childbearing age, infants, children and adolescents, including children and youth with special health care needs. Federal and state matching funds are utilized to leverage work in communities, organizations and initiatives that address priority needs, health disparities, and service gaps identified through an ongoing needs assessment process. Programs funded have included those designed to:

- Reduce infant mortality;
- Improve the overall health of women of childbearing age and children;
- Increase the number of children receiving health assessments and follow-up diagnostic and treatment services;
- Collect surveillance data on the health and well-being of the MCH population; analyze data to determine disparities and causal factors; and publish findings for state, local and federal utilization in targeting initiatives to address disparities and improve health outcomes;
- Improve access to preventive and rehabilitative services for children, including immunizations, nutrition and dental education, and mental health services;
- Implement family-centered and community-based systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs and their families, including assistance identifying a medical home and supporting youth in transitioning to adulthood; and,
- Support other federally-funded programs such as community health centers, WIC, Medicaid and Nevada Check-up.

Program Website Address

MCH Program Website - [www.health.nv.gov/MCH.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/MCH.htm)

Statutory Authority

Social Security Act, Title V, Section 501(a) (1), as amended

NRS 442.130 - Program for maternal and child health: Purposes; administration.

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**Obesity Prevention and School Health Program**

Program Summary

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health Obesity Prevention and School Health Program is committed to assisting Nevadans combat and control obesity through environmental and system changes that focus on school health, worksite wellness and early care and education strategies.

Program Website Addresses

Nevada Wellness Website - <http://nevadawellness.org/>

Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_ChronicDisease.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_ChronicDisease.htm)

Statutory Authority

Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (CWCD)

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**Nevada Home Visiting**

Program Summary

Home visiting is a service offered to support positive parenting, develop nurturing homes and promote healthy child development through regular home visits by trained professionals. Families with children up to age 5 and/or families expecting a baby may voluntarily request these free in-home services. The Nevada Home Visiting Program supports agencies and organizations that conduct home visiting services to pregnant women, mothers, fathers, and caregivers to educate their young children, improve maternal and newborn health, improve school readiness, and reduce child injuries, neglect, and abuse. Scientific studies have confirmed the positive impacts of home visiting for children and families while yielding between \$3 - \$6 savings to federal, state, and local governments for every dollar spent.

Program Website

Program Website - <http://www.health.nv.gov/homevisiting.htm>

Statutory Authority

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148 Social Security Act, Title V, Section 511(b)(42 U.S.C. 701), as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148

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## **Rape Prevention and Education Program**

### Program Summary

Nevada's Rape Prevention and Education Program works in collaboration with state and local partners to provide education, outreach, and training on sexual assault prevention in schools, communities and organizations. Efforts are focused on preventing first-time perpetration and victimization by reducing modifiable risk factors and strengthening sexual violence prevention efforts at state and local levels.

### Program Website

Program Website - [http://www.health.nv.gov/BFHS\\_RapePrevention.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/BFHS_RapePrevention.htm)

Nevada Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Website - <http://preventsexualviolencenv.com>

### Statutory Authority

Funding is authorized under Sections 317(k)(2) and 393A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 247b and 280b-1b), as amended.

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## **Nevada Newborn Screening Program**

### Program Summary

The Newborn Screening Program has two components: Dried Blood Spot Screening and Early Hearing Detection and Intervention. The Dried Blood Spot Screening Program screens for 29 primary congenital and inherited disorders by working with a contracted laboratory. The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program is screening conducted by hospitals and birthing centers prior to the newborn's discharge. Both components, Dried Blood and Early Hearing, are mandated in state law.

A potential third component, Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD), using pulse oximetry screening at hospitals, is currently being tested in a pilot program. If the pilot is successful, CCHD may be added to the screening panel effective July 2015. Newborn screening ensures that Nevada newborns are tested for a variety of rare genetic conditions which if not identified soon after birth, can have irreversible medical, developmental, and/or mental health consequences and can even result in death. Early identification and provision of medical intervention can reduce or eliminate long-term health consequences to affected newborns. In Nevada, 40-70 children are identified annually with a condition found through dried blood spot screening, and approximately 40 - 50 children are identified each year with some degree of hearing loss.

### Program Website

Program Websites - <http://health.nv.gov/nbs.htm> and [http://health.nv.gov/nbs\\_ehdi.htm](http://health.nv.gov/nbs_ehdi.htm)

### Statutory Authority

NRS 442.008: Preventable or Inheritable Disorders NRS 442.500 - NRS 442.590, inclusive: Screening of Hearing of Newborn Children NRS 629.101 - NRS 629.201, inclusive: Genetic Information

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**Comprehensive Cancer Control Program**

Program Summary

The State of Nevada's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program works to bring together communities and partner organizations that strive to reduce the burden of cancer in Nevada by combining efforts to reduce cancer risk; find cancers earlier; improve treatments; and increase the number of people who survive cancer through implementing policy, systems and environmental approaches.

Program Website

Program Website – <http://health.nv.gov/ComprehensiveCancer.htm>  
Nevada Cancer Coalition - <http://www.nevadacancercoalition.org/>  
Nevada Wellness - <http://nevadawellness.org/community-wellness/cancer-screening/>

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**Oral Health Initiative**

Program Summary

The mission of the Oral Health Initiative is to improve the oral health of Nevadans through education and prevention. The goal is to reduce the burden of oral disease by increasing oral health education/awareness through collaborative partnerships and ensuring access to clinical preventive services.

Program Website

Program Website – [http://health.nv.gov/CC\\_OralHealth.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CC_OralHealth.htm)

Statutory Authority

NRS 439.271 - NRS 439.2794

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### **Community Health Worker Program**

#### Program Summary

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are public health workers who are trusted members of their communities. CHWs serve a variety of functions, such as educator, informal counselor, advocate, and liaison, linking their communities to health and social services in a culturally competent way. Seeing a need for improved delivery of high quality and culturally competent medical care and health promotion services in Nevada, in 2013, the NDPBH launched the CHW pilot project to increase community health workers in predominately Latino communities within Nevada. The CHW pilot project was designed to create a CHW infrastructure in Nevada to develop and sustain a strong and effective CHW workforce in Nevada. Workforce development and sustainability are two major goals of the project. The workforce development goal of the project focused on developing a core skills and competency-based curriculum specific to Nevada. The short-term outcomes for the CHW training included:

- Improving the CHWs awareness of disease-specific symptoms;
- Improving the CHWs knowledge and skills for prevention and intervention with specific disease; Increasing CHW knowledge of case management; and,
- Changing the CHWs motivation when working with clients

NDPBH partnered with community coalitions that are part of the Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership (NSCP) to house and supervise the CHWs. Six coalitions are participating in the program: Partnership Carson City, CARE Coalition, PACT Coalition, JTNN, PACE Coalition, and Healthy Communities Coalition.

#### Program Website

Program Website – [http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_ChronicDisease.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_ChronicDisease.htm)

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### **Office of Suicide Prevention**

#### Program Summary

The Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) is the clearinghouse for suicide and suicide prevention information for state of Nevada. The Suicide Prevention Coordinator and the Suicide Prevention Training and Outreach Facilitator, located in Reno, and the Suicide Prevention Training and Outreach Facilitator and Youth Suicide Prevention Program Assistant, located in Las Vegas, are responsible for the

development, implementation and evaluation of the Nevada Suicide Prevention Plan. The NSPP is a comprehensive plan that encompasses the lifespan. A major initiative will follow up on the Veterans' Suicide Mortality Report and collaboration with the Veterans Services Green Zone Initiative to prevent suicide among service members, veterans and their families. Collaboration for suicide prevention is occurring in all regions of the state with strong partnership from local coalitions, school districts and the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention. Some of our most successful initiatives are behavioral health screening in Clark, Washoe, and Lyon counties; text messaging crisis intervention; safeTALK; and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills trainings. OSP is establishing Nevada's first Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities. OSP is also making great strides toward increasing awareness about reducing access to lethal means through the Suicide-Proof Your Home, Lock It UP and The 11 Commandments of Gun Safety.

Program Website

Program Website – [www.suicideprevention.nv.gov](http://www.suicideprevention.nv.gov)

Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention - [www.nvsuicideprevention.org](http://www.nvsuicideprevention.org)

Statutory Authority

NRS 439.511, 439.513

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**Women's Health Connection**

Program Summary

The Women's Health Connection provides low-income, uninsured, and underserved women access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.

Program Website

Program Website

[http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_ChronicDisease.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_ChronicDisease.htm)

Access to Healthcare Network – <http://www.accesstohealthcare.org/services-individuals/womens-health-connection>

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### **Nevada Colorectal Cancer Control Program**

#### Program Summary

The Nevada Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP), in partnership with the Access to Healthcare Network, provides colorectal screening services to eligible men and women between the ages of 50 and 64 years who are low income (up to 250% of the Federal poverty level) and who have inadequate or no health insurance.

#### Program Websites

Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_ChronicDisease.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_ChronicDisease.htm)  
Access to Healthcare Network- <http://www.accesstohealthcare.org/services-individuals/colon-screening>  
Nevada Cancer Coalition – <http://nevadacancercoalition.org/cancer-resources/screening-treatment/>  
Challenge Nevada – <http://challengenv.com/resources/>

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### **Nevada State Immunization Program**

#### Program Summary

The Nevada State Immunization Program administers the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and Section 317 Program throughout Nevada. The VFC Program is administered to pediatricians, internists, family practitioners, hospitals, school districts, and public health providers. The Section 317 Program is



administered to the jail/prison system, hospitals, OB providers, and public health providers. There are three health authorities in Nevada: Washoe County Health District, serving Reno and Sparks; Southern Nevada Health District, serving the greater Las Vegas area; and Carson City Health and Human Services, serving Carson City, Lyon, and Douglas counties. The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health serves the remaining counties, except Elko County with public immunization services through local community health nurses. Nevada Chief Medical Officer provides strict enforcement of health laws/regulations to the local health officers. The Nevada State Immunization Program is completely funded by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention through an annual grant, Immunizations and Vaccines for Children. Funds are subgranted from the Immunization Program to the three local health authorities and two community coalitions to conduct activities on behalf of the Nevada State Immunization Program. The local health authorities conduct VFC/AFIX visits and Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention activities in their jurisdictions. They also conduct special projects to help increase immunization rates in their jurisdictions. The coalitions conduct education and advocacy activities in their jurisdictions. Immunize Nevada is a statewide coalition while Southern Nevada Immunization & Health Coalition focuses on Clark County.

Program Website

Program Website – <http://health.nv.gov/immunization.htm>

WebIZ Website - [https://webiz.nv.gov/webiznet\\_nv/Login.aspx](https://webiz.nv.gov/webiznet_nv/Login.aspx)

Statutory Authority

NRS Chapter 392 - Pupils -NRS Chapter 392C - Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children -NRS Chapter 394 - Private Educational Institutions & Establishments -NRS Chapter 422A - Welfare & Supportive Services -NRS Chapter 432A - Services & Facilities for Care of Children -NRS Chapter 439 - Administration of Public Health -NRS 450B - Emergency Medical Services -NRS 454.213 - Authority to possess and administer a dangerous drug -NRS Chapter 639 - Pharmacists and Pharmacy

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## **Adolescent Health Program**

Program Summary

The Nevada Adolescent Health Program focuses on youth development and health promotion for adolescents in the state of Nevada and includes efforts to promote comprehensive sex education, adulthood preparation programs and abstinence education with the goal of preventing pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents. The program administers the Abstinence Education Grant Program (AEGP) and the State Personal Responsibility Education Program

(PREP) of the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF).

Statutory Authority

AEGP: 383,810 PREP: 440,505

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### **Diabetes Prevention and Control Program**

Program Summary

The Diabetes Prevention and Control Program goal is to reduce disease, disability, and death related to pre-diabetes and diabetes by:

- Defining the nature, extent, distribution and causes of the burden of diabetes in Nevada
- Developing integrated approaches to reduce the diabetes burden in Nevada
- Monitoring diabetes policy and legislation
- Continuing expanding multi-sectorial partners
- Strengthening professional and public education for diabetes prevention and control
- Fostering Diabetes Prevention Education and Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs throughout the state

Program Website

Program Website – [http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_ChronicDisease.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_ChronicDisease.htm)

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### **Tobacco Prevention and Control Program**

Program Summary

The Tobacco Prevention and Control Program is funded by the CDC and the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. The goal of a comprehensive tobacco control program is to reduce disease, disability, and death related to tobacco use by:

- Preventing the initiation of tobacco use among young people

- Promoting quitting tobacco among young people and adults
- Eliminating nonsmoker exposure to second hand smoke (SHS)
- Identifying and eliminating the disparities related to tobacco use and its effects among different population groups.

Nevada Tobacco Prevention and Control has designated the following three priority strategies for 2015-2020:

- 100% Smoke-free Workplaces
- Telephonic Cessation Counseling
- Tobacco Pricing Strategies

Program Website

[http://health.nv.gov/CD\\_ChronicDisease.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CD_ChronicDisease.htm)

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## **Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program**

Program Summary

The mission of the Nevada Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program is to prevent and reduce premature death and disability from heart disease and stroke among Nevadans through:

- Prevention, detection, and treatment of heart disease and stroke risk factors
- Prompt and early detection and treatment of heart disease and stroke
- Elimination of disparities in heart disease and stroke care.

The Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program was established via a federal grant, to reduce the burden of heart disease and stroke among Nevada residents. This program supports strategies to improve uncontrolled hypertension. The Program is designed to be implemented in various settings that include communities, hospitals, schools, and work sites. Currently, the Program is striving to build capacity through:

- Building infrastructure by strengthening and promoting partnerships with state and local agencies, schools, universities, healthcare organizations, businesses and non-profit agencies.
- Identifying gaps and challenges in clinical systems to address the burden of heart disease and stroke
- Improving standards of cardiac and stroke care in the state through evidence-based guidelines
- Implementing and promoting policy and systems change interventions to address the burden of heart disease and stroke in Nevada

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### **HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Programs**

Program Summary

Guided by the principles of public health and social justice, the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Program mission is to promote health and reduce the impact and incidence of HIV/AIDS by working in partnership with other agencies and diverse community groups. The Program is comprised of two sub-programs – HIV Prevention and Ryan White Part B. HIV Prevention Program staff coordinates its efforts in collaboration with the local health districts, HIV prevention planning groups, HIV-infected and affected communities, state and local HIV prevention providers, and other concerned and committed citizens to improve HIV prevention service delivery in Nevada; to ensure the HIV prevention planning process supports a broad-based participation; that HIV prevention needs are adequately identified in each jurisdiction; and that resources target those at greatest need and interventions set forth in its Jurisdictional HIV Prevention Plan. The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part B Program (RWPB) provides medications and services to eligible HIV/AIDS clients. Nevada's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) formulary is geared toward optimum patient care; medications are maintained in coordination with and by recommendation of the HIV/AIDS Medical Advisory Committee (MAC). The program also assists with Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA). Funds are used to prevent and eliminate homelessness among people living with HIV/AIDS in Nevada. Services include, but are not limited to, the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for facility operations; rental assistance; and short-term payments to prevent homelessness.

Program Website

Program Website - <http://health.nv.gov/HIVCarePrevention.htm>

Statutory Authority

This program is authorized by the Public Health Services (PHS) Act as amended, Section 2611-23, (42 U.S.C. 300ff-21-31b), as amended by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-87). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) administers the RWPB program through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); The HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB), Division of State HIV/AIDS Programs. NRS 441A Infectious Diseases; Toxic Agents, and NRS 439 Administration of Public Health.

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## Environmental Health Services

Program Summary

Environmental Health Services (EHS) is responsible for safeguarding the health of Nevada residents and visitors by preventing avoidable death and disease. From our proactive stance, we utilize the following public health protection tools: education, frequent inspections and enforcement action, when necessary. EHS establishes reasonable standards, issues permits, and operates in the following public health arenas: food establishments, drug and cosmetic manufacturers, dietary supplement manufacturers, public bathing, correctional facilities, schools, RV parks, state parks, child care facilities, private on-site sewage systems and septic pumpers. EHS staff respond to emergencies impacting public health such as food truck wrecks, floods, sewage discharge, fires, and foodborne illness outbreaks.

Program Website

Program Website - [http://health.nv.gov/BFHS\\_EHS.htm](http://health.nv.gov/BFHS_EHS.htm)

Statutory Authority

NRS/NAC 446

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## Regulatory and Planning Services Branch

The Regulatory and Planning Services Branch is led by a Deputy Administrator. The position is currently vacant. There are two bureaus with the branch – the Bureau of Preparedness, Assurance, Inspections, and Statistics and the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance.

### Bureau of Preparedness, Assurance, Inspections and Statistics (PAIS)

#### Bureau Summary

The Bureau of Preparedness, Assurance, Inspections and Statistics has oversight of the following activities:

- Childcare Licensing
- Public Health Preparedness
- Emergency Management Services
- Primary Care Office
- Office of Vital Statistics
- Medical Marijuana Program
- Radiation Control Program

#### Bureau Website

Bureau Website - <http://www.health.nv.gov/HSPER.htm>

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### **Primary Care Office**

The Primary Care Office (PCO) is designated to coordinate Nevada’s health professional shortage areas (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/P), and to facilitate access to federal resources for loan repayment and scholarship programs. The PCO also administers the J-1 Physician Visa Waiver and Certificate of Need programs to support access to safety net health care providers.

#### Program Website

Program Website – <http://www.health.nv.gov/PrimaryCare.htm>

Conrad 30/J1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Website-

[http://www.health.nv.gov/PrimaryCare\\_Conrad\\_J-1.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/PrimaryCare_Conrad_J-1.htm)

Nevada Health Care Safety Net Recruitment Site - <http://nevada.pathwaysplatform.com/index.html>

#### Statutory Authority

NRS 439A.081-100 authorizes the Certificate of Need program. NRS 439A.130-185 authorizes the J-1 Physician Visa Waiver program.

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### **Medical Marijuana Program**

#### Program Summary

The Nevada Medical Marijuana Cardholders/Caregivers Program is a state registry program. The program administers the provisions of the Medical Use of Marijuana law as approved by the Nevada Legislature and adopted on 2001.

#### Program Website

Program Website – <http://www.health.nv.gov/MedicalMarijuana.htm>

#### Statutory Authority

NRS 453A.050

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## **Office of Vital Records**

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The Office of Vital Records and Statistics administers the statewide system of Vital Records by documenting and certifying the facts of births, deaths and family formation for the legal purposes of the citizens of Nevada, participates in the national vital statistics systems, and responds to the needs of health programs, health care providers, businesses, researchers, educational institutions and the Nevada public for data and statistical information. The Office of Vital Records and Statistics also amends registered records with required documentation such as court orders, affidavits, declarations and reports of adoptions per NRS and NAC 440. Amendments include corrections, alterations, adoptions and paternities.

### Program Website

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### Statutory Authority

NRS 440

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## **State of Nevada Public Health Preparedness Program**

### Program Summary

Public Health Preparedness (PHP) assists Nevadans in preparing for public health emergencies and protects the health of all Nevadans and visitors to our state through the prevention of disease, injury and disability. Public health and medical preparedness programs, such as the Hospital Preparedness Program and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative, build the capabilities of community health care and public health systems to support people in need during and after disasters. The Trauma Registry is housed within the Public Health Preparedness Program. Pursuant to NRS 450B.238, and NAC 450B.768, the Nevada Trauma Registry (NTR) was established in 1987 to collect data on persons who sustain a physical (blunt or penetrating) injury caused by an accident or by violence. The NTR data are collected from all licensed acute care hospitals and trauma centers in Nevada.

### Program Website

Program Website – [http://www.health.nv.gov/PHP\\_PublicHealthPreparedness.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/PHP_PublicHealthPreparedness.htm)

Trauma Registry - [http://www.health.nv.gov/VS\\_Trauma.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/VS_Trauma.htm)

SERV-NV - [www.servnv.org](http://www.servnv.org)

### Statutory Authority

PAHPRA is the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013 (PAHPRA) (Public Law 113-5). Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act of 2006 (PAHPA) (Public Law 109-417) was passed to develop new authorities to sustain and strengthen national preparedness for public health emergencies involving CBRN agents, including emerging infectious disease threats (e.g., pandemic influenza). This law is referred to as PAHPRA. On March 13, 2013, President Obama signed into law the bill H.R. 307 to reauthorize the PAHPRA. Pursuant to NRS 450B.238, and NAC 450B.768, the Nevada Trauma Registry (NTR) was established in 1987, to collect data on persons who sustain a physical (blunt or penetrating) injury caused by an accident or by violence.

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**Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program**

Program Summary

The purpose of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program is to promote and support an EMS system that provides prompt, efficient, and appropriate emergency medical care, ambulance transportation, and air ambulance transport for the people of Nevada. The EMS Program oversees the certification and licensure of personal, agency permits, DNR registry and POLST.

Program Website

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Statutory Authority

NRS 405B and NAC 450B

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## **Radiation Control Program**

### Program Summary

The Radiation Control Program (RCP) is committed to safeguarding health and safety by preventing unnecessary radiation exposure through effective licensing, registration, inspection, control, enforcement and incident response to protect the public and radiation workers in the state of Nevada. The RCP is responsible for providing health and safety functions associated with radioactive materials; radiation-producing machines; mammography; investigation of radiation incidents; radon public information and outreach; education and training of emergency first responders; licensing and oversight of the closed low-level waste disposal site near Beatty, Nevada. RCP also conducts statewide radiological emergency response activities.

### Program Website

Program Website – [http://health.nv.gov/hcqc\\_Radiological.htm](http://health.nv.gov/hcqc_Radiological.htm)

### Statutory Authority

The RCP administers an Agreement between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the State of Nevada (effective July 1, 1972) for Discontinuance of Certain Commission Regulatory Authority and Responsibility within the State pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended NRS 459.010-370 NRS 457.182-170

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## **Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance**

### Bureau Summary

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance licenses medical and other health facilities, laboratories, dietitians, and music therapists in Nevada.

### Bureau Website

Program Website – <http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC.htm>

### Statutory Authority

NRS Chapter 449, 652, and 640

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**Medical and other Health Care Facility Licensing**

**Program Summary**

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance licenses medical and other health facilities in Nevada in accordance with NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) Chapter 449 and with NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) Chapter 449. The Bureau also has an agreement with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to certify medical facilities and providers and skilled nursing facilities in the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement programs. Surveys (inspections) are conducted in accordance with applicable regulations (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42), based on the type of facility, and following specific time frames and procedures. The Bureau also conducts complaint investigations for all licensed and/or certified facilities.

**Program Website**

Program Website – [http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC\\_HealthFacilities.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC_HealthFacilities.htm)

**Statutory Authority**

NRS Chapter 449 – Medical Facilities and Other Related Entities.

Agreement with the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to certify medical facilities, providers and skilled nursing facilities in the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement programs.

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**Medical Laboratories/Medical Lab Personnel**

**Program Summary**

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance licenses and certifies medical laboratories, laboratory directors, and laboratory personnel in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 652 Medical Laboratories. The Bureau has an agreement with the federal



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to certify laboratories for the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) program. Surveys are conducted prior to laboratory testing in accordance with the chapter 652 medical laboratory requirements. Out of state laboratory inspections are conducted on-site using chapter 652 laboratory requirements as well.

Program Website

Program Website – [http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC\\_Medical.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC_Medical.htm)

Statutory Authority

NRS Chapter 652 – Medical Laboratories

Agreement with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to certify laboratories for the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) program.

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**Music Therapist Licensing**

Program Summary

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance licenses music therapists in Nevada. In 2011, the Nevada Legislature declared that the practice of music therapy is a learned allied profession affecting the safety, health and welfare of the public.

Program Website

Program Website – [http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC\\_Musictherapist.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC_Musictherapist.htm)

Statutory Authority

NRS Chapter 640D

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#### Program Summary

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance licenses dietitians in Nevada. In 2011, the Nevada Legislature declared that the practice of dietetics is a learned profession affecting the safety, health and welfare of the public.

#### Program Website

Program Website – [http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC\\_dietitian.htm](http://www.health.nv.gov/HCQC_dietitian.htm)

#### Statutory Authority

NRS Chapter 640E

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### **Child Care Licensing**

#### Program Summary

The Child Care Licensing Unit mission is to promote the healthy growth, development, and protection of children, increase availability of positive and nurturing learning environments and provide support for families by regulating and licensing high quality, developmentally appropriate, and flexible care, through a wide range of care options. This mission includes mentoring and guiding child care providers to become advocates for children and family issues and foster the growth and development of the provider community. Child Care Licensing works to expand the awareness of state legislators, local regulatory agencies and consumers to encourage support for improving the quality of child care environments for Nevada's children and families

#### Program Website

Program Website – [http://health.nv.gov//HCQC\\_childcare.htm](http://health.nv.gov//HCQC_childcare.htm)

#### Statutory Authority

NRS 432A

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## Administrative Services Branch

The Administrative Services Branch is led by a Deputy Administrator, Marta E. Jensen. The primary purpose of the Administrative Services Branch is to provide information technology, human resources, public information, and fiscal support to the programs within the DPBH.

### Fiscal Office

Program Summary

The Fiscal Office provides general oversight for all fiscal-related activities, including, but not limited to:

- Contract and subgrant management
- Biannual budget preparation and monitoring
- Processing of billing and payments
- Work program preparation
- Payroll

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### Public Information Office (PIO)

Program Summary

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Public Information Office, is often the first point of contact for the public when seeking information regarding public health, health care needs, medical issues, statistics, and other public health information. On behalf of the Administrator and Bureau Chiefs,

staff responds to requests from visual and print media, both local and national. In coordination with program managers, the Public Information Office prepares and prints informational brochures and publications regarding a myriad of public health issues affecting Nevadans. The Public Information Office provides consultation, technical assistance, review of all publications for external distribution, and oversight of the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health website for all programs within the Division.

Program Website

Program Website - <http://www.health.nv.gov/PIO.htm>

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## Office of Informatics and Technology (OIT)

Program Summary

The Office of Informatics and Technology provides technical infrastructure and information technology support to DPBH programs. This includes setup and maintenance of hardware and software, database administration, general IT support, and information security.

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## Human Resources (HR)

Program Summary

Provide Comprehensive Human Resource Services to all DPBH employees, including, but not limited to: Recruitment & Hiring, Classification, Employee and Management Relations, HR policy development and updates, and Performance Management.

Program Website

Employment Information - <http://health.nv.gov/Employment.htm>

State Job Announcements - <https://nvapps.state.nv.us/NEATS/Recruiting/ViewJobsHome.aep>

Statutory Authority

NRS Chapter 284, 281, 289 and various other state statutes; Federal laws (FLSA, FMLA, ADAAA)

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## Clinical Services Branch

The Clinical Services Branch is led by a Deputy Administrator, but the position is currently vacant. The primary purpose of Clinical Services is to provide statewide inpatient, outpatient and community-based public and behavioral health services to Nevadans.

Clinical Services Branch is comprised of the following programs and services:

- Behavioral Health Central Office Administration
- Lakes Crossing Center (LCC)
- Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS)
- Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS)
- Rural Community Health Services (RCHS)

Behavioral Health programs provide behavioral services to individuals with behavioral health disorders across the continuum of care based on their individually assessed biopsychosocial needs. Services are provided on a sliding fee basis and Medicaid, Medicare and most insurance carriers are accepted.

### **Behavioral Health Inpatient Services – LAKES, NNAMHS and SNAMHS**

**Psychiatric Hospitalization Services** assist individuals needing a high level of psychiatric care requiring 24-hour observation and supervision by mental health professionals. This service includes comprehensive discharge planning and formal aftercare coordination. Discharge planning meetings are held with family and other support persons to allow individuals to move to least restrictive/community setting as quickly as possible. Length of stay is usually a few days to several months.

### **Behavioral Health Outpatient Services – All Agencies (unless otherwise indicated)**

**Crisis Intervention (CI) Services** assist individuals in acute psychiatric and/or personal distress to reduce this symptom and improve coping and stabilization to prevent hospitalization.

**Day Treatment Services** are provided in a therapeutic environment to reduce emotional, cognitive, and behavioral problems and improve functioning for community transition and integration.

**Medication Clinic/Psychiatric Services** provides medication management and monitoring, medication training and support, health education and pharmacy services to consumers. Clinics are staffed with Psychiatrists, Advanced Practice Nurses, Registered Nurses, Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians.

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Therapy**, provided individually or in a group, is a dynamic, holistic, strengths-based and psychoeducational modality of treatment that is designed to assist an individual in increasing functioning and improving coping strategies to manage symptoms; change distorted thinking patterns; improve communication and interpersonal relationships and learn successful problem-solving techniques.

**Mental Health Court** is a collaboration between each agency and the Criminal Justice system. This program provides opportunity for people with misdemeanor and minor felony criminal charges who would benefit from behavioral health and case management services to be diverted from the standard criminal justice system if they participate in the voluntary program. It is a multidisciplinary treatment model, ensuring consumers obtain benefits, comply with court ordered treatment, medication and substance abuse recovery. Services available at NNAMHS, SNAMHS, and RCHS.

**Mobile Crisis Team (MCT)** is a specialized unit that works with Las Vegas area hospital emergency departments. The Team is comprised of licensed clinical social workers who travel to local emergency rooms (ER) to evaluate patients on involuntary holds and when feasible, develop safe discharge plans to allow the ER to discharge the person back to the community. This service averts unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations, saves ER personnel time and reduces the numbers of psychiatric patients in the ER. Services available at SNAMHS.

**Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST)** is a specialized program staffed with two Licensed Clinical Social Workers from NNAMHS, in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies (Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County) to offer psychiatric services to homeless mentally ill and those with mental illness who bring themselves to the attention of law enforcement. This helps prevent increasing numbers of mentally ill from being housed in the jail and assists with enrolling them in appropriate services. Services available at NNAMHS.

**Psychosocial Rehabilitative Mental Health (RMH) Services** assist consumers in recovering their ability to perform activities of daily living, social activities, relationships and employment related skills. Services include:

**Basic Skills Training (BST):** BST services teach individuals a variety of life skills such as self-care, social, communication, organization, transitional living and time management.

**Consumer Assistance Programs – Peer Support Services:** Peer run programs offering clients the opportunity to connect with others are run by specially trained consumers. Peer Support Services are designed to improve functioning and to help the individuals live, work, learn and participate fully in their communities. These services include peer groups, education, and advocacy. Peer Drop-In Centers are currently available at SNAMHS, NNAMHS, and RCHS.

**Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR):** PSR services target psychological functioning within a variety of social settings and may include any combination of the following interventions: behavior management, social competency, problem identification and resolution, effective communication, moral reasoning, identity and emotional intimacy, self-sufficiency, life goals and sense of humor.



**Residential Support**, offered in conjunction with other services, assists those living with severe mental illness to remain in a community living situation. The program includes rent and utility assistance and assistance with activities of daily living based on the individual consumers' particular needs. This program is funded in part by the HUD Shelter Plus Care Grant and also the Olmstead Grant (the Olmstead Grant is received by the Nevada DHHS Director's Office and then given to DPBH through a contractual arrangement). The remaining resources come from general fund. Services available at NNAMHS, SNAMHS, and RCHS.

**Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)** assists homeless, or those at risk of becoming homeless, individuals access mental health services, apply for housing assistance, and/or maintain current housing. This program is funded through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). DPBH contracts with three private providers throughout the state to meet the program objectives. Service available at: Statewide.

**Service Coordination/Case Management Services** link individuals to needed medical, social, educational and other community support services. The caseload guideline is 1/35. Services available at NNAMHS, SNAMHS, and RCHS.

**Intensive Service Coordination** is similar to service coordination, but is limited to serving people who have a mental illness and have committed a felony offense, those deemed incompetent to stand trial, as well as those released from the corrections system after they have served their sentence. Clients are provided coordination of care specific to housing, medication management, obtaining benefits, and community resource assessment. This service is funded primarily with State General Funds. Services available at SNAMHS.

**Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)** is a multi-disciplinary, team-based approach of 24/7 comprehensive and flexible treatment, support and services within the community. Sometimes described as a hospital without walls, this service provides intensive support to people (caseload ratio of 1/12) with mental illness who have a history of high use of emergency, hospital and law enforcement services. The teams work in an interdisciplinary manner to support consumers in living in the community with adherence to their medication program and employment rehabilitation. The PACT team must be composed of at least one QMHP and one other QMHP, QMHA or Peer Supporter. PACT is for individuals who have the most serious and intractable symptoms of a severe mental illness and who, consequently, have the greatest difficulty with basic daily activities, keeping themselves safe, caring for their basic physical needs or maintaining a safe and affordable place to live and require interventions that have not been effectively addressed by traditional, less intensive services. Services available at NNAMHS and SNAMHS.

**Senior Mental Health Outreach Program** provides case management and outreach to seniors with a diagnosed mental illness. This is currently funded by an Independent Living Grant. Services available at NNAMHS.

**Co-occurring Disorders Programs** for individuals who have both substance abuse and mental health treatment needs, may receive specialized services that address both disorders. This treatment is provided in an outpatient setting and may include individual and group therapy. Treatment may be provided within a specific mental health program or may be coordinated with additional treatment providers in the community, including SAPTA-funded agencies.

**Community Triage Centers** are operated by a private non-profit provider, and funded through a cooperative agreement between DPBH, the counties in which they operate (Washoe in the north, and Clark in the south), and local hospitals. The centers provide short-term (maximum three day) residential and medical services primarily for individuals with alcohol/substance abuse problems. The purpose of the centers is to serve as an alternative to local emergency rooms for individuals who do not meet the criteria for involuntary commitment but require brief detoxification and assessment/referral for co-occurring disorders. Services available at NNAMHS and SNAMHS.

**Forensic Mental Health Services** at Lake's Crossing Center (LCC) provides statewide forensic mental health services in a maximum security facility to offenders who are referred from the court system so their competency can be restored. LCC is Nevada's only facility for this purpose and, therefore, serves people from throughout the state. On the DPBH Campus in Sparks, evaluations are done to determine capacity for restoration of legal competency to stand trial and for treatment of clients adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) so they may return safely to the community. LCC also staffs the Sex Offenders' Certification Panel and the Community Tier Reconsideration Panel with a licensed Psychologist. LCC is also charged with certifying all Forensic Examiners throughout the state. LCC is largely funded by state general funds, with a small amount coming from county reimbursements. LCC also provides fee-based assessments to consumers in detention facilities.

**Psychiatric Residency** is run in conjunction with the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Residents in psychiatry complete educational and clinical practice rotations at the Dini Townsend and Rawson Neal Hospitals, as well as in SNAMHS outpatient clinics. Most of the psychiatrists who work at these facilities are former residents. Services available at NNAMHS and SNAMHS.

### **Behavioral Health Central Office Administration**

#### Program Summary

The Administrative Office is responsible for administrative programs, program planning and quality. These responsibilities include:

- Improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Enhance communication
- Increase statewide collaboration
- Promote team decision making
- Bring knowledge together to share and improve services and processes
- Integrate and standardize services; break down silos
- Streamline access to care, services and processes
- Include and collaborate with community partners, including but not limited to the statewide Coalitions, National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI), school districts and other community stakeholders.

#### Program Website

Program website - <http://mh.nv.gov/>

#### Statutory Authority

NRS 433 and various federal regulations

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### **Lake's Crossing Center for Mentally Disordered Offenders**

#### Program Summary

Lake's Crossing is Nevada's only forensic psychiatric facility. The program provides inpatient and outpatient services statewide to individuals involved with the criminal justice system who have concurrent mental health issues. The biggest portion of the population served is individuals for whom there is a question of their competency to stand trial and who may need restoration to competency so they can proceed with their adjudication. Approximately 850 outpatient evaluations are performed by the clinical staff annually to determine whether individuals referred by the courts from the counties need to be committed for restoration. LCC performs all pre-commitment evaluations for the state except for Clark County, which contracts with private providers. When a need for restoration is determined, defendants are sent to LCC for restoration. Approximately 230 defendants a year are provided those inpatient services. The program also treats individuals who are found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity and those who cannot be restored to competency and are too dangerous to be committed to the civil hospitals. Some of these individuals are successfully treated to qualify for conditional release in the community where they are supervised by LCC caseworkers. Eventually, if they are successful in treatment, the court may discharge them from supervision. Lake's Crossing also provides staff for the Community Tier Notification Review Panel and other community education and service projects such as trainers for the Crisis Intervention Teams.

Program Website  
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Statutory Authority  
NRS 178.398 through 178.471

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## **Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS)**

### Program Summary

NNAMHS occupies part of 92 acres deeded to Nevada in the 1800s for the benefit of the mentally ill and intellectually disabled. Located adjacent to the Truckee River in Sparks, Nevada, it shares sculpted grounds with Lake's Crossing Center, the State Forensic Hospital, and Sierra Regional Center, the treatment center for the intellectually disabled. NNAMHS is a comprehensive, community-based, behavioral health system for adult consumers. Inpatient services are provided through Dini-Townsend psychiatric hospital, located on the same campus as the central NNAMHS site. Numerous outpatient services are available which include but are not limited to the Washoe Community Mental Health Center, Outpatient Pharmacy, Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program, Medication Clinic, Service Coordination, Mental Health Court, Residential Programs, and Mobile Outreach Services Team (MOST).

### Program Website

Program website - <http://mh.nv.gov/>

### Statutory Authority

NRS: Title 39 - Chapter 433 - Mental Health General Provisions

NRS: Chapter 433 - Administration of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Programs

NRS: Chapter 458 - Abuse Of Alcohol and Drugs

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### Program Summary

SNAMHS provides inpatient and outpatient services for adults living in Clark County and adults, children and adolescents in four southern rural communities – Pahrump, Mesquite, Caliente and Laughlin.

Inpatient services are provided on the main SNAMHS campus located at 6161 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas. There are three hospital buildings on the campus designed to provide services for adults with mental illness. The three buildings are the Rawson Neal Hospital Building, the 3A Hospital Building and the Stein Hospital Building. Currently the hospital buildings serve the civil population. In 2015, the Stein hospital building will also serve the forensic population for adults. The campus is co-located with the state hospital for children and adolescents and with the southern facility for the intellectually disabled, Desert Regional Center. SNAMHS has seven behavioral health clinics serving the community and rural southern Nevada. There are three urban clinics serving the Las Vegas Valley and four rural clinics serving Nevada's southern rural areas. SNAMHS services include, but are not limited to, Inpatient Acute Psychiatric, Mobile Crisis, Outpatient Counseling, Service Coordination, Intensive Service

Coordination, Medication Clinic, Residential Support Programs, Mental Health Court, Peer Support Programs and Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams.

Program Website

Program website - <http://mh.nv.gov/>

Statutory Authority

NRS: Title 39 - - Chapter 433 - Mental Health General Provisions

NRS: Chapter 433 - Administration of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Programs

NRS: Chapter 458 - Abuse Of Alcohol and Drugs

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### **Rural Community Health Services (RCHS)**

#### Program Summary

Rural Community Health Services (RCHS) offer outpatient behavioral health services. Services are provided Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. RCHS serves both children and adults and has 13 clinics and one integrated care center in the northern rural areas of the state. RCHS also includes the community health nursing (CHN) clinics.

#### Program Website

Program website - <http://mh.nv.gov/>

#### Statutory Authority

NRS: Title 39 -- Chapter 433 - Mental Health General Provisions  
NRS: Chapter 433 - Administration of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Programs  
NRS: Chapter 458 - Abuse Of Alcohol and Drugs  
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## **Community Health Nursing**

### Program Summary

Community Health Nursing, as the sole provider of public health nursing in Nevada's 10 frontier and rural counties, endeavors to promote optimal wellness through the delivery of public health nursing, preventive health care, and health education.

Each Community Health Nursing clinic offers a variety of services including nursing services to residents of all ages and incomes. The community health nurses provide services in 13 locations. Each clinic provides services at a low cost or uses a sliding scale dependent upon income. CHN does not deny services due to inability to pay. The clinics accept self-pay, private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare.

CHN provides essential public health services such as immunizations, well child exams, breast and cervical cancer screenings, sexually transmitted disease prevention and treatment, and men and women reproductive health services an area of responsibility of over 96,000 square miles. The nurses average 1,000 miles per month of traveling throughout the rural counties to serve residents in the state of Nevada. Community Health Nursing has earned a reputation of reliability and is a trusted source for healthcare for rural populations within Nevada.

### **Services Provided**

The Community Health Nursing program offers a variety of services to residents of all ages in rural Nevada. Residents are asked to check with their local clinic for available services in their area and to schedule appointments.

#### **Cancer Screening**

- Breast
- Cervical
- Colorectal
- Testicular

#### **Communicable Disease Services**

- Client-centered counseling and education
- Referral for follow-up
- Community education upon request

#### **Dental Health**

- Fluoride varnish for children

#### **Family Planning Services**

- Pregnancy testing, client centered counseling and referrals
- Physical exam
- Laboratory tests: pap smear, STD/HIV screening, WIC hemoglobin, urine dipstick
- Contraceptive services for women and men
- Pregnancy verification for Medicaid

#### **HIV/AIDS Services**

- Rapid HIV testing
- Referrals
- Client-centered counseling

#### **Immunizations**

- Vaccine for Children (VFC) immunizations for infants/children through age 18 years.; limited supply of adult vaccines
- Flu vaccines (Seasonal)
- Employer required OSHA vaccinations
- Seasonal

#### **School Health Services**

- Dental education
- Human sexuality education
- Lead screen
- Preschool/daycare screen

#### **Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Services**

- Physical examination
- Testing
- Education and client-centered counseling
- Treatment
- Referrals

#### **Tuberculosis (TB) Services**

- Education
- Referrals
- Skin Tests
- Treatment for persons infected with tuberculosis

#### **Well-Child and Healthy Kids (EPSDT) Services**

- Screening examination
- Education and guidance on stages of appropriate developmental milestones
- Limited Laboratory testing: hemoglobin and blood lead, urine analysis
- Hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings
- Referrals
- Immunizations

#### Program Website

Program website - <http://www.health.nv.gov/CommunityHealthNursing.htm>

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