



Washoe Regional Behavioral Health

Senate Bill 69 Summary

Peer Recovery Support Specialists

YRBS Passive Consent

Substance Misuse Education

Substance Misuse Prevention Coalitions

Peer Support

Legislative Intent: Require certification for Peer Recovery Support Specialists and Peer Recovery Support Specialist Supervisors.

Benefits to Nevada:

- Clearly defines peer recovery support services and peer recovery support specialists.
- Establishes a required certification process to ensure minimum standards are met before using the title Peer Recovery Support Specialist.
- Establishes requirements governing the supervision of peer recovery support specialists.

Substance Misuse K-12 Prevention Education Curriculum

Legislative Intent: Support the move to evidence-based substance misuse prevention programming to meet current standards.

Benefits to Nevada:

- Provides teachers a link to nationally recognized evidence-based substance misuse prevention programs.
- Compiles a list of current curriculum and/or programs being implemented in grades K-12.
- Allows partnering community organizations to fund more school-based prevention programs.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Passive Consent

Legislative Intent: Increase survey response rates through a uniform passive (opt out) consent process in all school districts.

Benefits to Nevada:

- Cost savings as there is less administrative burdens with passive consent vs. active consent.
- Supports the only common data source related to youth behaviors available to Nevada's 17 counties.
- Eliminates the loss of federal funding due to not having core measure data.
- Greater participation among students ensures reliable data, and less chance of biases and under-representation of certain groups.

Establish Substance Misuse Prevention Coalitions in NRS

- ▶ Legislative Intent: Legitimize the substance misuse prevention coalitions legal status in statute.
- ▶ Benefits to Nevada:
 - ❑ Ensures Nevada is in alignment with national best practice standards as established by the Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA).
 - ❑ Urban, rural, and frontier communities are equally represented in the coalition model, recognizing the importance of community level decision making.
 - ❑ The coalition model is science driven, evidence-based, and has been operating as the prevention model in Nevada for 20 years.
 - ❑ Coalitions have secured \$11,864,320 for FY20-21 to support local-level behavioral health issues.

Thank you!!



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