

SEPTEMBER HEALTH EQUITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

EACH MONTH, THE CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION HEALTH EQUITY UNIT WILL SPOTLIGHT ONE PARTNER TO SHOWCASE THEIR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS IN HEALTH EQUITY. THE TEAM THANKS EACH AND EVERY PARTNER AND COMMUNITY BASED-ORGANIZATION FOR ALL OF THEIR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS IN ASSISTING NEVADANS AND MAKING AN IMPACT IN PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PARTNER IS THE

GRANTS MANAGEMENT UNIT & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS



The Grants Management Unit is housed within the Directors Office in the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. The mission of the unit 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 and resource development. Below are responses from the Social Services Program Officer, Michelle McNeely, entailing their current work with the Health Disparities Grant in the Family Resource Centers, including some of their success stories during the duration of the grant.

What is the most exciting project you are currently working on?

The Grants Management Unit (GMU) is currently working with the Family Resource Centers to brainstorm innovative ways to use the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Health Disparities funding to address gaps in services while enriching the communities. "One idea is a community garden in Las Vegas to provide nutrition to underserved populations while also bringing the community together on the project. This is in the beginning phases of discussion, but we hope to have a plan to propose soon!" -Michelle McNeely, Social Services



How has your organization been able to address health disparities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic?

"The GMU is proud to have a network of Family Resource Centers as grantees and partners – through this network, the rural communities in Nevada have seen a significant increase in services and case workers who travel to the outlying areas to ensure no one is left behind. The services include everything from providing covid tests and thermometers, to providing food, supplies, safety equipment and technology to seniors who are homebound due to the pandemic." -Michelle McNeely, Social Services Program Officer

What has been your most memorable moment?

"Being a part of the Churchill County educational playground equipment installation project – this allows for healthy play outdoors and mentally stimulating games for the youth in the rural area of Fernley and was an innovative idea to use these funds for something that will be in place for years to come." -Michelle McNeely, Social Services Program Officer

What piece of advice would you give to new partners?

"Consistent communication is key – from gauging the evolving needs of any area to discussing/sharing potential ideas to meet those needs through grant funding." -Michelle McNeely, Social Services Program Officer



FRC Success Story in Fallon, Churchill County Nevada #1

In partnership between Churchill County Social Services FRC and Churchill County Parks and Recreation educational equipment was installed for the afterschool program to increase educational and physical activity to combat the downtime experienced during the pandemic.

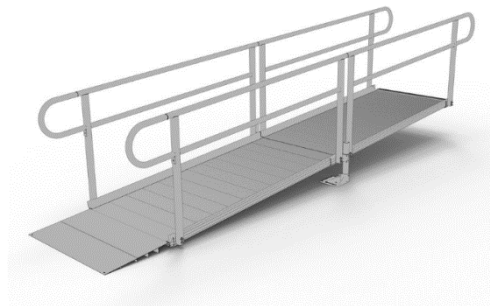
“CARE is a high-quality afterschool program for students in kindergarten through 5th grade that provides homework assistance, tutoring, and recreational activities in a safe, structured environment. Participants enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and swimming at the Churchill Aquatic Center.” -churchillcountynv.myrec.com



FRC Success Story in Fallon, Churchill County Nevada #2

Offers Lifeline Home Alert systems with fall detection lanyard to seniors who isolate to avoid COVID-19 contact.

EZ-Access Wheelchair ramps are also available to those who need safer access to their homes.



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