

NEVADA'S 2023 – 2028 STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Council on Food Security

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Purpose of the SHIP

Describe how DPBH and community partners will work together to improve the health of the population

Provide guidance to DPBH, DHHS, other state and local agencies, community organizations, partners, and stakeholders



Prioritize existing activities and/or set new priorities in key areas; help direct resources; implement projects, programs, and policies



Serves as the foundation from which to take collective action and facilitate collaboration



SHIP Process



SHIP Partners

Steering Committee



- Carson City Health and Human Services
- Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, DHHS
- Governor's Public Health Resource Officer
- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful
- Minority Health and Equity Coalition
- Nevada Association of Counties
- Nevada Housing Division, Dept. of Business and Industry
- Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity, DHHS
- Nevada Public Health Institute
- Nevada Rural Hospital Partners
- Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada
- School of Public Health, UNR
- Silver State Equality
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- Southern Nevada Health District
- Southern Nevada Veterans Advocacy Council
- Washoe County Health District
- Washoe Tribal Health Center

SHIP Partners, cont.

Social Determinants of Health Subcommittee

- Carson City Health and Human Services
- Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH),
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, DHHS
- Governor's Public Health Resource Officer
- High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- Larson Institute for Health Equity and Impact,
School of Public Health, UNR
- Nevada Department of Transportation
- Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity, DHHS
- Office of Oral Health, DHHS
- Nevada Speech Language Hearing Association
- Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board
- Silver State Government Relations
- Silver State Health Insurance Exchange
- Southern Nevada Health District
- The Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada
- Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
- United Healthcare
- VA Sierra Nevada Health Care
- Washoe County Health District

SHIP Priorities



**Access to
Health Care**



**Mental Health and
Substance Use**



**Public Health
Infrastructure**



**Social Determinants
of Health**



Access to Health Care



Behavioral Health Workforce



Health Care Workforce



Oral Health



Mental Health and Substance Use



Children's Behavioral Health



Crisis Response System



**Substance Use Prevention,
Treatment, and Recovery**



**Investment in the Behavioral
Health System**



Public Health Infrastructure



**Data and Information
Technology Modernization**



**Flexible, Sustainable Public
Health Funding**



Public Health Workforce



**Public Health Governance,
Quality, and Partnerships**



Social Determinants of Health



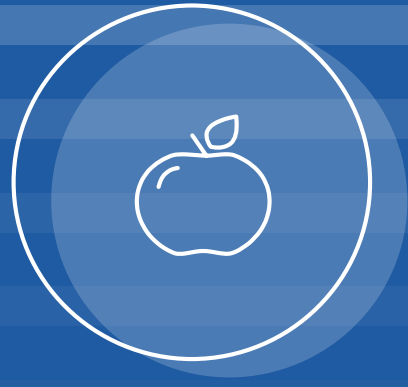
Food Security



Health Literacy



**Climate Change /
Environmental Health**



Why Food Security?

Considerations / Discussion

- Data from the State Health Needs Assessment shows a clear need
 - Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Desire to address issues that contribute to, or are associated with, poverty
- Meets numerous criteria: severity, equity, upstream, impact, momentum, capacity
- Alignment with regional community health improvement plans (CHIPs)
 - Washoe County Health District—Goal: Increase access to healthy food in Washoe County to prevent chronic disease
 - Southern Nevada Health District—increasing access to health foods is integrated in various objectives and action steps
- Enthusiasm about the Department of Health and Human Services' Food Security Strategic Plan 2023

Social Determinants of Health: Food Security

Goal: Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the hunger gap

Objective 1: Improve collaboration, communication, coordination, and information-sharing among food ecosystem partners.

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Objective 2: Increase representation of partners from transportation and housing sectors, tribal communities, and those who have lived experience with food insecurity in decision-making processes related to food security.

Objective 3: Support new strategic partnerships that can assist with transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to people, particularly individuals at increased/ higher risk for food insecurity.

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Objective 4: Increase participation in state/federal nutrition programs by individuals experiencing food insecurity and/or who are higher risk for food insecurity.

Next Steps & Questions

- **Finalize goals and objectives**
- **Finalize and publish SHIP**
- **Develop action plan for each objective (lead agencies/organizations)**
- **Compile individual action plans into comprehensive SHIP Action Plan**
- **Implement action plans (all stakeholders/partners)**
- **Track implementation and report on progress through DPBH's performance management system**
- **Review and revise SHIP action plan annually through 2028**

Thank you!

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