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A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



Dear Colleagues and Partners,

Welcome, and thank you for taking the time to learn more about the programs of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) of Nevada's Department of Human Services.

The Division's job is to ensure all of the people of Nevada—no matter their circumstances—can live the safest, longest, healthiest, and happiest lives possible. Whether through immunizations; behavioral health resources; chronic disease prevention; suicide prevention; pandemic preparedness and response; maternal, adolescent, and child programs; efforts to improve food security; or other community programs promoting health and safety, DPBH makes a difference in the lives of all Nevadans—even though they may not realize it.

Across our programs, you will find a shared commitment to equity, data-driven decision-making, and collaboration with state, local, tribal, and community partners.

Whether working to prevent disease, preparing for public health emergencies, delivering direct services, or shaping systems that improve access to care and health outcomes, DPBH staff work every day to protect, promote, and improve the health and safety of all Nevadans.

I am proud of the depth and breadth of our work and the dedication of our staff and grateful for the partnerships that make this work possible. Together, we are building healthier, safer communities and advancing a future where everyone in Nevada can live in the best possible health.

All in good health,

Andrea

Andrea Rivers
Administrator

ABOUT THE DIVISION

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) is one of four divisions within the Department of Human Services (DHS), which is part of the Executive Branch of the State of Nevada.

It is the primary provider of public health services in many rural areas of the state, and provides certain public health services statewide, though most public health services in urban areas and certain rural areas are provided by local health authorities. The Division also provides a wide range of behavioral health services through civil and forensic inpatient psychiatric hospitals in northern and southern Nevada, rural outpatient clinics and programs, and other critical facilities.

Mission

The mission of DPBH is to protect, promote, and improve the physical and behavioral health and safety of all people in Nevada, equitably and regardless of circumstances, so they can live their safest, longest, healthiest, and happiest life.

Vision

A Nevada where preventable health and safety issues no longer impact the opportunity for all people to live life in the best possible health.

Purpose

To make everyone's life healthier, happier, longer, and safer.

Values



Accountability

We are transparent with and responsible to our team members, stakeholders, and the public we are honored to serve.



Health Equity

We ensure all Nevadans have an equal opportunity to live in good health through cultural competence and safety, respect, and accessibility.



Innovation

We are a continuously learning and improving organization that grows through experience, feedback, and evidence-informed practices.



Integrity

We do the right things for the right reasons to ensure public trust in our services.



Leadership

We provide accountability, inspiration, and a vision for sustainability for the entirety of the public and behavioral health systems in Nevada.



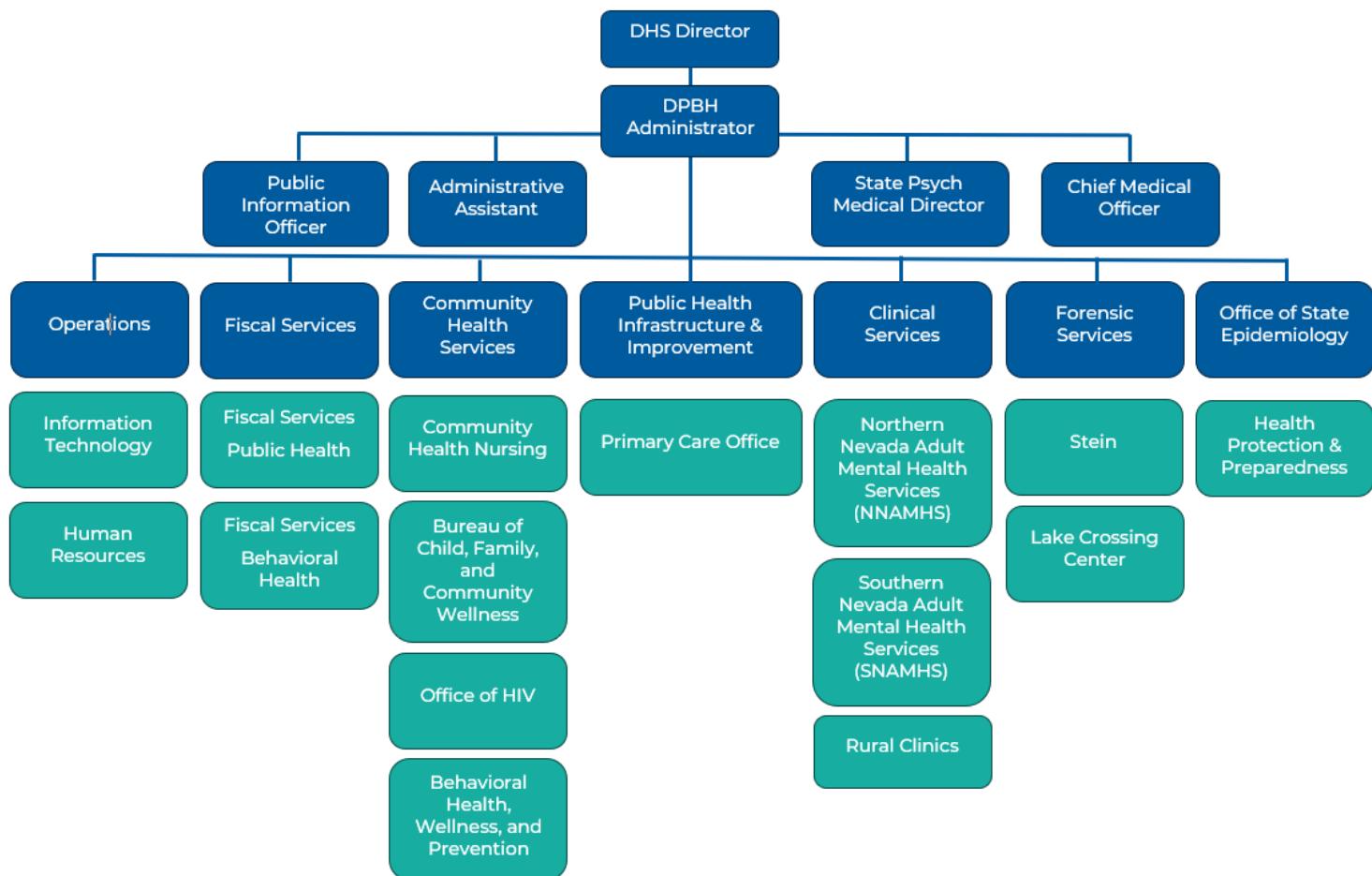
Partnership

We are a single team built on internal and external communication and collaboration.

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health's executive team is comprised of the division administrator, chief medical officer, state psychiatric medical director, statewide forensic director, three deputy administrators, a chief operations officer, agency manager, and the medical epidemiologist.

The Division has three branches: Administrative Services (comprised of Operations and Fiscal Services), Community Health Services, and Clinical Services, as well as the Public Health Infrastructure and Improvement Section, Forensic Services, and Office of State Epidemiology.



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Administrator

Andrea Rivers, MS



With more than two decades of service to Nevada, Andrea Rivers brings deep experience and long-standing dedication to public health in her role as Administrator of the Division.

A proud third-generation Nevadan, Andrea began her state career in 2003 as a contractor working with Nevada Trauma Registry data and has since led major initiatives spanning maternal and child health, public health data systems, and statewide programs like Nevada WIC and the Office of Analytics. Known for her collaborative leadership and belief in government's power to serve women, children, and families effectively, she has helped build systems that strengthen quality, accountability, and access to care for all across Nevada.

Andrea holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a master's in management and leadership from Western Governors University. She is passionate about making Nevada the best it can be and inspiring others to believe in and shape the state's bright future. As Administrator, Andrea is focused on turning this passion into action by enhancing efficiency, improving equity, and producing meaningful outcomes for the people and communities DPBH serves.

Chief Medical Officer

Ihsan Azzam, PhD, MD



Dr. Ihsan Azzam oversees public health surveillance, epidemiology and disease control activities. He advises state and local health authorities, health care providers and community-based organizations, and provides professional education, guidelines, clinical updates, and recommendations to prevent, control, and contain disease outbreaks. Dr. Azzam represents Nevada on state and national forums, advisory bodies, and academic institutions, and he coordinates investigations and surveillance activities among state, local and federal agencies.

Dr. Azzam earned his medical degree from Cluj University of Medicine in Romania in 1982 and completed his OBGYN residency in 1986. He also holds a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Graduate Certificate in Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Demography from the University of Seattle School of Public Health and Community Medicine, and a CDC Chronic Disease Epidemiology

Certificate from the Penn State College of Medicine. At the University of Nevada, Reno, Dr. Azzam completed his MPH in 2002, and PhD in 2010. He has been the recipient of several awards, including the 2011 National Sheppard Award for Excellence in Epidemiology.

Statewide Psychiatric Medical Director

Leon Ravin, MD



Leon Ravin, MD, is a board-certified general adult and forensic psychiatrist who completed his residency and fellowship training at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. Dr. Ravin has been working for the State of Nevada in various clinical and administrative roles since 2006 and has been the Statewide Psychiatric Medical Director for the DPBH since August 2015. Dr. Ravin is a vice chair of the Statewide School Safety Committee for the State of Nevada and a vice chair of the Executive Committee of the Medical Directors Council of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors.

In addition to holding academic appointments with several universities, including his appointments as a Clinical Professor with the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine, and with Roseman University College of Medicine, Dr. Ravin has been one of the lead trainers for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Deputy Administrators and other leadership team members are listed along with their branches in subsequent sections.

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About

The Public Information Office provides communications support to the Division, including:

- Liaising with the media through press releases, press conferences, and responding to media requests
- Promoting accurate and timely public health messages through social media and multimedia campaigns
- Responding to requests for information from the public and other government agencies in alignment with the Nevada Public Records Act, NRS 239
- Managing the Division's brand to ensure high levels of public trust and engagement

Public Information Officer

Daniel Vezmar

Daniel Vezmar joined the Division in 2025, after a long tenure as a producer at KOLO News 8 in Reno. Daniel earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a minor in Spanish from the University of Nevada, Reno.

As the Public Information Officer (PIO), Daniel is focused on helping DPBH achieve its strategic goals of being Nevada's essential and trusted partner on all issues related to public and behavioral health through consistent implementation of the Division's brand both internally and externally.

FORENSIC SERVICES

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About

Forensic Services oversees the statutorily required state competency restoration and evaluation programs throughout the state and works closely with a variety of shareholders, including detention centers, judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and clinical services across the state to improve forensic services.

Forensic Services includes:

- Lake's Crossing Center and Stein Forensic Hospital, which provide inpatient and outpatient competency restoration and evaluation
- Overseeing two new restoration programs being established in the Washoe and Clark County detention centers in 2026
- Assisting with planning and design for the new Southern Forensic State Hospital
- Exploring diversion options for certain individuals
- Overseeing the Washoe and Clark County forensic mental health jail-based programs

Statewide Forensic Director

Drew Cross

Drew has dedicated his career to public service since 2009, with a deep commitment to the state where he was born and raised. He is a proud alumnus of the University of Nevada, Reno.

He began his professional journey in health care after earning his Nursing Degree, starting in the intensive care unit at Renown. Drew joined the state's behavioral health system as a nurse at Lake's Crossing Center.

Throughout his tenure at Lake's Crossing, Drew held several key leadership roles, including serving as Agency Manager. He brings extensive expertise in forensic mental health and has played a critical role in building and sustaining strong partnerships at both the community and state levels. In December 2023, Drew was promoted to the Statewide Forensic Director. His focus continues to be providing client care for those involved with the forensic system.

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Webpage: [Administrative Services Branch \(nv.gov\)](http://Administrative Services Branch (nv.gov))

About

Administrative Services is comprised of:

- The Office of Information Technology (OIT)
- Human Resources

Chief Operations Officer

Annette Altman



Annette Altman has lived in Nevada since 1997 and has been employed with the State of Nevada since 2006. Though Annette completed her education with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology, she has built a career in the management of human resources.

While employed with the State of Nevada she has held titles ranging from Human Resource Analyst 1 through Human Resource Officer 3. Currently, Annette supports Human Resources and the Office of Information Technology as the Chief Operations Officer. Annette has shown her dedication and passion for health and human services, having been employed with DPBH (previously Mental Health and Developmental Services) for the entirety of her state career.

Office of Information Technology

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) provides service, support, guidance, and leadership on all aspects of information technology (IT) to the Division.

This includes application development, infrastructure operations and engineering, user support, IT project management, capital planning, security, and enterprise architecture.

OIT includes the following units:

- Server and Network Support
- System and Networking, Field and Technical Services
- Field and Technical Support
- Information Security Office

- Applications and Databases
- Project Management
- Regulatory Services
- Community Services
- Clinical Services
- MSA Contracts

Human Resources

Human Resources supports all DPBH employees, including:

- Attracting and retaining highly skilled staff
- Providing optimum working conditions to encourage maximum output, morale, and retention

Human Resources teams are in the following locations based on budget code.

- Reno / Sparks Office – NNAMHS (3162) and LCC (3645)
- Las Vegas Office – SNAMHS and Stein (3162)
- Carson City Officer – all other budgets

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

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Webpage: [Administrative Services Branch \(nv.gov\)](#)

About

The Fiscal Services office provides general oversight for all fiscal-related activities, through:

- Grants Administration Unit
- Grants Management Unit
- Contract and Leases Unit
- Revenue Management

The Fiscal Services office also provides the following support to the Division:

- Biannual budget preparation and monitoring
- Fiscal analysis of programs within the Division
- Processing expenditures and payments
- Work program preparation
- Payroll processing
- Internal controls development
- Audits

Financial Services Deputy Administrator

John Borrowman

John is a graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in economics with an emphasis in Mathematics. He began his career in private industry before entering state services in 2001, holding key fiscal leadership roles across multiple agencies, including serving as the first civilian Chief Fiscal Officer for the Nevada Highway Patrol.

John later served as Team Lead and Administrator of the Nevada Executive Budget System (NEBS). During his tenure, NEBS underwent significant changes, including major upgrades to the Bill Draft Request Module and Contract Entry and Tracking System tools that remain essential for fiscal administration. John then spent four years as Deputy Director for the Nevada Department of Corrections before joining the DPBH's fiscal unit in 2021, promoting to Chief Fiscal Officer for Behavioral Health and later becoming Deputy Administrator 2026.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH

Contact

Program Webpage:
[Community Health Services Branch \(nv.gov\)](http://Community Health Services Branch (nv.gov))

About

Community Health Services establishes and develops relationships with community partners, including collaborating on resources that will improve public health outcomes for all communities within Nevada. It is comprised of the following programs:

- Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention
- Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness
- Community Health Nursing
- Office of HIV

Deputy Administrator

Julia Peek, MHA, CPM



Julia Peek is a native Nevadan, born and raised in the Carson Valley. She attended Douglas High School, then went to the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) for her Bachelor's in Health Ecology with a minor in Human Development and Family Studies and a Certificate in Gerontology. Julia moved to Seattle to get her Master's in Health Services Administration with a focus on rural and underserved communities at the University of Washington. Additionally, she is a graduate of the Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute and the state's Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program.

Julia has been with DHHS since 2006, starting as a health resource analyst, and then was promoted to the manager of the Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE). During her public health career, Julia has received several awards for her work, including the Dr. John E. Worden Award for excellence in public health from UNR and the Public Health Leader of the Year and Public Health Advocate of the Year from the Nevada Public Health Association.

Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness & Prevention

Contact

Website: [BH - Wellness and Prevention \(BBHWP\)](#)

About

The Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness, and Prevention (BBHWP) serves as both the Single State Agency for Substance Use and the Single State Mental Health Authority for the Division. It is home to numerous programs that provide key behavioral health services for Nevadans. The Bureau also houses the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) which provides support and oversight of licensed opioid treatment programs in Nevada.

The Bureau includes the following programs:

- Behavioral Health Certifications for Excellence in Nevada (BHCEN) Community Mental Health Services
- Community Mental Health Services
- Crisis Response
- Office of Data Management
- Problem Gambling
- Substance Use Programs

Behavioral Health Certifications of Excellence in Nevada

Webpage: [Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services \(formerly known as SAPTA\)](#)

Providers of behavioral health services can apply for Behavioral Health Certifications for detoxification technicians, substance use prevention, and certain levels of substance use treatment.

Certifications are required for providers to receive reimbursement from state or federal grants and Medicaid.

Community Mental Health Services

Community-based mental health services are available in the community instead of at an institution, like a hospital. The Division's mental health services aim to keep Nevadans in their communities to receive treatment whenever possible.

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

The Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) is a grant that provides support to individuals with serious mental illnesses or co-occurring substance use disorders who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.

The grant funds community mental health centers, county or local government entities, health care providers, and non-profit organizations to provide services for people with serious mental illness experiencing homelessness throughout Nevada's communities.

Crisis Response

The Crisis Response section connects Nevadans in need of immediate behavioral health care with help for themselves or a loved one right away. The Crisis Response section works with providers across the state to develop a comprehensive crisis continuum of care comprised of three pillars, including:

- **Someone to Contact:** Nevada 988 offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing any kind of emotional distress. These counselors are only one call, text or chat away on 988lifeline.org. Nevadans can reach out to 988 for themselves or for a loved one and can remain anonymous.
- **Someone to Respond:** The Crisis Response Section is currently studying how to implement mobile crisis teams directly from the 988 Lifeline, with a pilot project planned for 2026. These crisis teams will provide short-term support to Nevada families during the small percentage of behavioral health emergencies that cannot be stabilized through contacting Nevada 988.
- **A Safe Place for Help:** Crisis Stabilization Centers provide triage and assessment, short-term psychiatric stabilization and/or medical detoxification services. They are available 24/7 for adults over the age of 18, with most individuals deemed stable and safe for discharge to resources in their community within 23 hours. Community support services offered onsite include linkage to Medicaid enrollment, case management, primary care, outpatient therapy, housing and more.

Statutory Authority: NRS 433

Office of Data Management

The Office of Data Management is responsible for the collection, protection and maintenance of various data sets available to the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness, and Prevention through community subgrants and other programs.

By ensuring all data is submitted, stored, and anonymized, the Office of Data Management protects Nevadans' privacy while ensuring funds spent provide maximum value to the community and other taxpayers.

Statutory Authority: NRS 441A

Office of Suicide Prevention

The mission of the Office of Suicide Prevention is to reduce the rates of suicide and suicidal acts in Nevada through statewide collaborative efforts to develop, implement, and evaluate a statewide strategy that advances the goals and objectives of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention.

Statutory Authority: NRS 439.511-439.513

Problem Gambling

Webpage: [Problem Gambling](#)

The Problem Gambling Services section is funded through the State's general fund and supports problem gambling programs, including subsidizing problem gambling treatments, for Nevada residents.

This section is supported by the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling, which provides recommendations about grant awards, reviews the needs of local communities, and establishes funding priorities.

Statutory Authority: NRS 458A

Substance Use Programs

Overdose Data to Action

Webpage: [Overdose Data to Action](#)

Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) is a federally funded program through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) intended to expand drug overdose prevention and drug data analysis efforts in Nevada through surveillance and education.

Surveillance activities include tracking overdoses, reviewing risk factors, tracing emerging drug threats, and providing linkages between disparate data sources. Prevention activities include the provision of educational resources, linkages to substance use treatment and recovery services, and outreach to groups disproportionately affected by the overdose epidemic.

Statutory Authority: NRS 441

State Opioid Response

Webpage: [State Opioid Response](#)

The State Opioid Response is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). It aims to address the opioid crisis by providing funding to states to enhance prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts related to opioid and stimulant use disorder.

In Nevada, the State Opioid Response funds a variety of activities, including:

- Expanding access to Naloxone (brand name Narcan), which can reverse opioid overdoses
- Increasing the use of evidence-based medications to treat opioid use disorder
- Providing treatment and support for pregnant and postpartum individuals
- Expanding harm reduction (overdose prevention) programs and services

Statutory Authority: NRS 458

Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services

Webpage: [Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services](#)

Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS, formerly known as SAPTA) works to reduce the impact of substance use in Nevada through identifying substance use patterns and supporting a continuum of support services including prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery.

SUPTRS has regulatory oversight and provides funding for community-based public and nonprofit organizations. It is also responsible for developing and implementing a state plan for prevention and treatment and coordinating state and federal funding.

The program provides women's and perinatal services and conducts SYNAR surveillance and reporting of tobacco sales to youth and young adults.

Statutory Authority: NRS 458

Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness

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About

The Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness (CFCW) educates and informs the public about health-related issues including maternal and child health, food security, immunization, WIC, and chronic and preventable disease.

The Bureau also provides programs to help improve access to health care for, improve outcomes in population health, provide data, and ensure use of evidence-based practices.

The Bureau is comprised of four sections:

- Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP)
- IZ Program (Immunizations)
- Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH)
- Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section

The Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion section (CDPHP) aims to prevent the onset and progression of chronic diseases and improve the health of all Nevadans.

This section focuses on implementing evidence-based strategies and policies to support healthy behaviors, build healthy environments, and improve access to preventive healthcare services.

The main areas of focus for CDPHP include:

- Age-related chronic disease prevention programs
- Cancer prevention and control
- Diabetes prevention and control
- Heart disease and stroke prevention
- Nutrition and physical activity
- Tobacco prevention and control

CDPHP provides education and outreach programs, community resources, and interventions to help individuals and communities adopt healthy behaviors and manage chronic conditions. It also works to decrease health disparities among vulnerable populations and promote health equity. The programs collaborate with various community partners, healthcare providers, and state agencies to implement evidence-based strategies and policies that support healthy living and optimal health outcomes.

Programs for specific conditions are organized to reflect the Socioeconomic Model of Health with dedicated evaluation, quality improvement, and health equity resources cross-cutting efforts section wide, as outlined in the table below.

Model of Health Area	Chronic Disease Area	Key Programs & Resources
Clinical and Community Engagement Unit	Women's Health Connection (Breast and Cervical Cancer)	National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
	Comprehensive Cancer Control	National Cancer Control Program
	Systems Management and Analysis	
	Clinical Interventions and Wellness Evaluation	
Community Wellness Unit	Diabetes	Diabetes Prevention and Control Program
	Heart Disease and Stroke	Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention and Control Program
	Community Prevention and Wellness Evaluation	
Evaluation Unit	Integrated Strategies Evaluation	
	Population Health and Wellness Evaluation	
	Community Wellness Program Evaluation	
	Clinical Interventions and Wellness Evaluation	

Office of Food Security and Wellness

Webpage: [Office of Food Security](#)

The mission of the Office of Food Security and Wellness is to improve the quality of life and health of Nevadans by increasing food security throughout the state. Key programs include Fund for a Healthy Nevada, the Governor's Council on Food Security, and personal and worksite wellness programs.

- **Fund for Healthy Nevada (FHN):** is a source of state revenue funded through tobacco settlement monies received or recovered by the State of Nevada. The FHN funds are managed through the OFS to support initiatives and programs to reduce hunger throughout Nevada communities; promote public health; and improve health services for children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities. This program aims to:

- Align and enhance collaboration efforts of state and non-state agencies to strengthen statewide food security strategies
- Support strategies that increase participation in state/federal nutrition programs
- Support client-centered strategies that increase access to nutrition programs and resources that address determinants of hunger
- Establish evaluation and reporting processes to enhance data collection to drive future strategies and track progress in improving food security in Nevada.
- **Governor's Council on Food Security (CFS):** The Office of Food Security provides administrative support to the Council, which was established as part of Nevada's Plan for Action in 2013 through an Executive Order and codified into state law in the 80th Legislative Session in 2019 (per *Nevada Revised Statutes 232.4963*). The OFS supports the CFS in enhancing collaborative efforts throughout the food security network and implementing policies that support food security statewide. Since its inception, the CFS has provided a platform for stakeholders and subject-matter experts to make recommendations to state agencies on addressing food insecurity in Nevada and has enhanced connections among food security initiatives and partners.
- **Wellness and Prevention Program:** This program supports and promotes strategies and efforts to create a culture of healthy eating and active living in Nevada. Current statewide efforts that impact children, adults, and Nevada communities in early care and education (ECEs) settings, schools, and worksites, include:
 - Enhancing healthy eating options and standards
 - Developing strategies to decrease sedentary time
 - Promoting breastfeeding support
 - Collaborating with local and state partners to promote key behaviors to enhance Nevadans' healthy weight status
- **Worksite Wellness Program:** This program supports workplaces to create environments that support and encourage good health.

Population Health and Wellness Unit

The Population Health and Wellness Unit is responsible for the Division's Tobacco Control Program. The goal of this program is to reduce the overall prevalence of tobacco use among Nevada residents. It is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office on Smoking and Health as well as the Fund for a Healthy Nevada.

Nevada has adopted National Tobacco Control Goals, which aim to:

- Prevent initiation of tobacco use among youth and young adults
- Promote tobacco use cessation among adults and youth
- Eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke
- Identify and eliminate tobacco-related disparities.

These goals are achieved through implementation of a comprehensive, statewide tobacco control program.

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Through the federally funded Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHS), the Division receives flexible funding to fill gaps and provide services specific to Nevada's needs.

The block grant work plan is developed in collaboration with CDPHP programs and partners and must reflect Healthy People 2030 Objectives. The work plan and budget are overseen by the Advisory Council on the State Programs for Wellness and Prevention of Chronic Disease.

- **The Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease:** Formerly the Advisory Council on the State Program for Fitness and Wellness, this Council was established by Senate Bill 197 during the 2005 Legislative Session to make recommendations to DPBH concerning the State Program for Fitness and Wellness. (NRS 439.521)
- **Kidney Disease Advisory Council:** The Division has responsibility to address health disparities related to kidney disease and established the Kidney Disease Advisory Council following passage of Senate Bill during the 81st Legislative session. (NRS 439.261)

Immunization Program

The Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) works with local health departments, hospitals, schools, and clinics to facilitate vaccine distribution and related activities. The program is focused on ensuring equitable vaccination access across Nevada's population. NSIP is a trusted immunization resource and inspires a culture of embracing immunization to protect the public from vaccine preventable disease.

Program Initiatives

- Cocooning Program
- COVID-19 vaccine
- HL7 Interfacing
- Influenza
- Mpox
- Nevada WebIZ
- Perinatal Hepatitis-B Prevention
- School and Child Care Facility Immunizations
- Special Immunization Projects
- Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Information about each of the initiatives listed above is available on the [DPBH website](#) and certain initiatives are outlined below.

Cocooning Program

Cocooning involves immunizing everyone in close contact with a newborn baby to create a cocoon of safety from disease until the child can develop immunity from their own

vaccinations at around one year of age. The Nevada State Immunization Program is focused on cocooning newborns from pertussis (whooping cough) and influenza.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The NSIP works with local health departments, hospitals, and clinics to distribute COVID-19 vaccines and identify facilities that have the capacity to properly stock, administer, and maintain the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as meet additional federal and state requirements.

HL7 Electronic Data Exchange (Interfacing)

Health Level Seven (HL7) is a standardized format for exchanging health-related information, including patient records, laboratory results, and immunization history between different electronic health systems.

An HL7 interface allows immunization data to flow from electronic health record systems into Nevada WebIZ. This reduces the time and effort needed to document immunizations and can reduce data entry errors.

Healthcare providers may establish an HL7 interface with Nevada WebIZ to assist compliance with NRS 439.265 and NAC 439.870-897. The HL7 interface enables a healthcare provider's electronic health record system to share data with Nevada WebIZ, eliminating the need for double entry of data.

Nevada WebIZ

Nevada WebIZ, an immunization information system, is a confidential, population-based, public health information system that collects data on all immunizations given in a geographic area.

Nevada WebIZ has been in use since 2003 by more than 1,900 public and private authorized organizations in 3,100 locations, including medical practices, hospitals, local health authorities, school districts, and childcare facilities. Nevada WebIZ provides information needed to make informed decisions about vaccination, including the correct dosage and timing, and it shows public health authorities the populations most vulnerable to vaccine-preventable disease.

This program is a core component of the Nevada State Immunization Program. It is used to support vaccine ordering and accountability for the Vaccines for Children Program, conduct vaccination quality improvement activities, provide insurance companies with data for Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Sets (HEDIS), and to identify and address disparities in vaccination coverage.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention

The Division and Nevada's local health districts are required to investigate and control the spread of hepatitis B virus by NRS 441.163, 441.165 and NAC 441A.570, and guidelines established by the CDC.

Nevada's Perinatal Hepatitis B Program works with local health districts, hospitals, obstetricians, pediatricians, and other prenatal providers to:

1. Identify high-risk infants by routinely screening all pregnant women
2. Administer the Hepatitis B vaccine to all newborns and Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG) to high-risk infants within 12 hours of delivery
3. Assure completion of the three to four dose Hepatitis B vaccine series and post-vaccination testing for HBsAg and quantitative HBsAB

4. Assure that all susceptible contacts of HBV-infected pregnant women are identified and offered vaccination

School and Child Care Facility Immunizations

According to NRS 432.230 and 432A.235 and NAC 432A.500-.505, children must prove immunity to diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola (measles), mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella, streptococcus pneumoniae, and haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) prior to admission to a child care or accommodation facility in Nevada, unless excused because of a religious belief or medical condition.

Additionally, schools, childcare facilities, and accommodation facilities must report the annual immunization rate by December 31 pursuant to NRS 392.435 and NRS 432A.230.

Special Immunization Projects

Special projects are depending on availability of vaccine funding. As at 2025, DPBH is supporting two projects, including:

1. OB Project – Thirty providers of obstetrical care across the state are offering no-cost influenza and Tdap vaccines to pregnant women as recommended by the Advisory Commission on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
2. Tdap for Cocooning – All hospitals in Nevada with a labor and delivery unit are participating in the cocooning program to immunize the parents or two family members of every newborn delivered to prevent infecting the infant with pertussis

Vaccines for Children Program

The Division administers the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, which uses federal funding to improve vaccine availability by providing vaccines at no cost to eligible children through public and private providers enrolled in the program. Nevada began its VFC program in October 1994. VFC vaccines are purchased under contract by NSIP and supplied to enrolled VFC providers for free.

Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health

The Division's Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) section is focused on protecting the health of all children in Nevada so that they may reach their full potential. MCAH activities include education, awareness, advocacy, policy, and leadership. MCAH believes that active engagement of families, caregivers, and communities is needed to positively impact children's health. Early awareness and interventions can halt or stop the negative effects of disease, and developmental, behavioral, and medical disorders.

MCHA includes the following initiatives:

- Account for Family Planning
- Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health
- Early Hearing Detection and Awareness
- Maternal Morality Review Committee
- Nevada Home Visiting
- Pregnancy Risk Monitoring System
- Rape Prevention and Education
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention

- Title V MCH

Account for Family Planning

The Nevada Department of Human Service (DHS) received funds to support reproductive health activities outlined in NRS 442.710 through 442.745. These funds provide family planning and/or other specified services in Nevada to people who would otherwise have difficulty obtaining such services because of poverty, lack of insurance or transportation, etc.

Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health

The Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health (AIM) is funded through a cooperative agreement between the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). AIM works through state and community-based teams to align national, state, and hospital-level quality improvement efforts to improve overall maternal health outcomes. Key areas of focus include:

- Obstetric hemorrhage
- Severe hypertension in pregnancy
- Safe reduction of primary cesarean birth
- Obstetric care for women with opioid use disorder
- Cardiac conditions in obstetrical care
- Postpartum discharge transition bundle

Early Hearing Detection & Intervention

The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (EHDI) works to ensure all children in Nevada are screened for hearing loss at birth, and that those identified with hearing loss receive timely and appropriate audiological, educational, and medical intervention. DPBH promotes national EHDI goals and timelines developed by the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing, including:

1. Before 1 month of age—conduct hearing screening for all babies
2. Before 3 months of age—complete hearing evaluation by an audiologist if babies did not pass hearing screening
3. Before 6 months of age—enroll babies in early intervention if they are diagnosed with hearing loss

Maternal Mortality Review Committee

Nevada's Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) was established by NRS 442.751 through 442.774 in January 2020. The MMRC works to eliminate preventable maternal deaths, reduce severe maternal morbidity, reduce disparities, and improve population health for women of reproductive age in Nevada. The Committee produces regular reports and recommendations to prevent mortality and severe maternal morbidity.

Nevada Home Visiting

The Nevada Home Visiting program supports agencies and organizations that administer home visiting services to pregnant women, mothers, fathers, and caregivers in the education of their young children to improve maternal and newborn health; improve school readiness; and reduce child injuries, neglect, and abuse.

The program is federally funded through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, which added Section 551 to Title V of the Social Security Act, creating a Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. Federal funding is provided to identify targeted at-risk communities through a comprehensive needs assessment, develop a state home visiting plan, and implement evidence-based home visiting programs that serve the state's target populations.

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System

The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) is a joint research project between DPBH and CDC that aims to identify why some babies are born healthy and other are not. The PRAMS questionnaire asks new mothers about their behaviors and experiences before, during, and after their pregnancy.

The goal of PRAMS is to reduce infant morbidity and mortality and to promote maternal health by influencing maternal and child health programs, policies, and maternal behaviors during pregnancy and early infancy.

Rape Prevention and Education

The Rape Prevention and Education program is part of a national effort launched by the CDC in response to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, which continues through reauthorization and expansion of the original legislation.

Nevada's sexual violence prevention strategies target vulnerable population, teens and young adults of all genders, cultural and racial backgrounds, sexual orientations, religious affiliation, and socio-economical levels.

Strategies used to prevent future sexual violence in Nevada include:

- Bystander intervention education and training
- Health relationship education
- Workshops for professionals and peer educators working in target populations
- Awareness campaigns

Teen Pregnancy Prevention

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program is funded by the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (SRAE) and the State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) of the Family and Youth Services Bureau of the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families.

- PREP – Program models are evidence-based and focused on changing behavior to delay sexual activity, increase condom or contraceptive use for sexually active youth, and reduce pregnancy among youth. Evidence-based, medically accurate, and culturally competent education programming includes the following three adulthood preparation topics: adolescent development, healthy life skills, and healthy relationships.
- SRAE – This program provides education for youth that normalizes the optimal health behavior of avoiding non-marital sexual activity. Topics include personal responsibility, self-regulation, goal setting, health decision-making, focus on the future, and preventing youth risky behaviors. The SRAE program serves under resourced regions, areas with high rates of teen births and sexually transmitted infections, culturally underrepresented youth populations, youth in adjudication systems, youth with experience in foster care, victims of trafficking, and runaway youth, and youth experiencing homelessness.

Title V Maternal and Child Health Program

Nevada's Title V Maternal and Child Health Program is dedicated to improving the health of families, with an emphasis on women, infants, and children. In collaboration with community partners, DPBH works to determine the needs of people in Nevada and develop activities to meet those needs.

Based on the 2025-2030 needs assessment, the program is focused on the following activities:

- Improving access to prenatal and maternal health services
- Increasing the number of women who receive recommended clinical care components at the postpartum visit and appropriate referrals
- Increasing breastfeeding rates among mothers
- Reducing substance abuse during and after pregnancy
- Increasing access to affordable nutritious foods among school aged children
- Improving access to resources and services around sexual health and reproductive health
- Increasing referrals to and appropriate care for adolescents
- Promoting a medical home
- Increasing physical activity among school age children
- Increasing safe sleep practices

Women, Infants, and Children Program

Webpage: [Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\)](#)

WIC is a special supplemental nutrition program that serves income eligible pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutrition risk. The program includes education and counseling about nutrition, improving access to nutritious foods, support for breastfeeding, referrals to community services and programs, and increased access to health screenings.

- **Education and counseling about nutrition:** WIC helps families create healthy habits and reach nutrition goals with health and nutrition information and services that help participants put healthy behaviors into action. Services are customized to each family's needs and interests. WIC also provides tailored nutrition counseling to all participants. High risk nutrition education and support is conducted by WIC Registered Dietitians.
- **Improved access to nutritious foods:** The WIC food package is based on the latest nutrition guidelines to promote optimal health and well-being. WIC foods are low in fat and high in fiber, provide nutritional variety, and help to promote a healthy weight. Every food package is individually tailored to meet the participant's specific nutritional needs.
- **Support for breastfeeding:** WIC offers breastfeeding support, education, and counseling. International breastfeeding lactation consultants are available to WIC participants to assist with breastfeeding concerns. Certain local WIC agencies provide a breastfeeding peer counseling program for basis peer-to-peer support.

Breast pumps are available for WIC participants who are unable to access one through insurance.

- **Referrals to community services:** WIC provides referrals to immunizations, health care, and other programs.
- **Increased access to health screenings:** WIC tracks pregnancy weight gain, and infants' and children's growth through anthropometric measurements. WIC also conducts iron screenings for participants since low iron is a common nutrition concern in pregnant women, infant, and children.

Community Health Nursing

Contact

Program Webpage:
[Clinical Community Nursing \(nv.gov\)](http://ClinicalCommunityNursing.nv.gov)

About

Community Health Nurses provide access to services in underserved areas including:

- Investigations and reporting infectious disease
- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) screening, testing, and treatment
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) screening
- Tuberculosis screening, control, and prevention
- Vaccine clinics as necessary for outbreaks
- Participation in Local Emergency Preparedness Committees, Point of Dispensing exercises, and Board of Health meetings
- Breast, cervical, and Women's Health Connection cancer screening services
- Family planning and reproductive health
- Preventive health care
- Well child screening
- Lead and hemoglobin testing
- Adult and childhood Immunizations
- Topical fluoride varnish administration
- Outreach and education
- Referral and navigation to primary and specialty care

Statutory Authority: NRS 439.170, 439.200, 439.535, 441A

Community Health Nursing (CHN) is a public program focused on the overall health of individuals, families, and adolescents, with priority for the underserved, underinsured, and low-income populations. CHN offers a broad range of family planning, infectious disease, and related preventive health services, and operates eight community health nursing clinics in rural and frontier Nevada. These clinics are in Dayton, Ely, Fernley, Pahrump, Panaca, Tonopah, Winnemucca, and Yerington (see below for addresses and map).

CHN has a discount sliding fee schedule for services based on eligibility requirements. Eligibility determinations include providing proof of income. Services are not denied due to inability to pay. CHN accepts Medicaid, certain private insurance, and Medicare for certain services.

Nurses travel, on average, 500 miles per month throughout rural counties to serve Nevada residents. Community Health Nursing is a reliable and trusted source of health care for rural populations in Nevada.

Services Provided by Community Health Nursing Clinics

Category	Service Provided
Cancer Screening	Breast Cervical Testicular
Communicable Disease Services	Client-centered counseling and education Referral for follow-up Community education
Oral Health	Fluoride varnish for children Oral health education
Family Planning Services and Reproductive Health	Pregnancy testing, client centered counseling and referrals Physical exam Laboratory tests: pregnancy confirmation, pap smear and STD/HIV screening Contraceptive services for women and men, including long-acting reversible contraception (LARC)
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 private and adult vaccines) Flu vaccines Employer required OSHA vaccinations Seasonal vaccines
School Health Services	General health education Oral health education Human sexuality education

Category	Service Provided
	Preschool/daycare screening
Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Services	Physical examinations Testing and treatment Education and client-centered counseling Referrals Reporting and contact tracing
Tuberculosis (TB) Services	Education Referrals Skin Tests, blood draws and x-rays Coordination of treatment for people infected with tuberculosis
Well-Child Screening Services	Screening examination Education and guidance on stages of appropriate developmental milestones Limited laboratory testing: hemoglobin and blood lead Hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings Referrals Immunizations

Community Health Nursing Service Locations



Lyon County

Dayton Community Health Nurse
5 Pinecone Rd., Ste. 103
Dayton, NV. 89403
(775) 246-6211

Fernley Community Health Nurse
555 E. Main St.
Fernley, NV. 89408
(775) 575-3363

Yerington Community Health Nurse
26 Nevin Way
Yerington, NV. 89447
(775) 463-6539

Humboldt County

Winnemucca Community Health Nurse
50 E. Haskell St., Ste. B
Winnemucca, NV. 89445
(775) 623-6575

Lincoln County

Panaca Community Health Nurse
1005 Main St.
Panaca, NV. 89402
(775) 962-8086

Nye County

Pahrump Community Health Nurse
250 N. Hwy 160, Ste. 5
Pahrump, NV 89060
(775) 751-7070

Tonopah Community Health Nurse
1 Frankie St.
Tonopah, NV. 89049
(775) 482-6659

White Pine County

Ely Community Health Nurse
297 Nevada Northern Railway, Ste. 5
Ely, NV. 89301
(775) 293-6558

Office of HIV

Contact

Program website:

[Office of HIV \(nv.gov\)](http://Office of HIV (nv.gov))

About

The Office of HIV is committed to working with partner agencies and organizations to achieve the goals of ending the HIV epidemic and ending the syndemics through advocacy, prevention, testing, treatment and care.

The HIV Program includes the following activities:

- HIV Prevention, Surveillance, and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Ryan White Part B (RWPB)
- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), also known as the Nevada Medication Assistance Program (NMAP)

HIV Prevention, Surveillance, and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Program

HIV prevention and surveillance activities are undertaken by two teams within the Division.

The HIV Prevention team promotes health education—centered around routine HIV testing, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), Doxycycline Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (Doxy Pep)—to reduce both the impact and incidence of HIV in Nevada.

The HIV Prevention team works collaboratively with 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. It to ensure that:

- The HIV prevention planning process supports broad-based participation. HIV Prevention Planning Groups are open to the public and geographically distributed in northern and southern Nevada
- HIV prevention needs are adequately identified in each jurisdiction
- Resources target those at greatest need and align with statewide strategic plans

The HIV Surveillance team is responsible for utilizing health labs to gather data on individuals with or at risk of HIV. Data collection aims to provide insight into the distribution of HIV in various populations and communities, and focuses on:

- People with risk factors for acquiring HIV
- People with diagnosed HIV
- People with undiagnosed HIV
- People with HIV who receive care and treatment and have viral suppression
- People with HIV who are not in care or receiving treatment and need to be re-engaged

- Communities affected by rapid HIV transmission
- Communities in need of HIV prevention and services

The HIV Surveillance team produces the following reports and plans (which are available on the HIV [website](#)):

- HIV Fast Facts—provides an overview of statistics and trends on HIV and HIV Stage 3 (AIDS) in Nevada
- HIV/AIDS Epidemiological Profile Update—presents comprehensive data, such as those diagnosed with HIV, living with HIV, at-risk of HIV, or who died of HIV in Nevada
- HIV Cluster and Outbreak Detection and Response Plan—provides the methodology to address HIV clusters and outbreaks

The Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Program, in collaboration with the federal government, provides a plan for the hardest hit communities to access additional expertise, technology, and resources required to address the HIV epidemic. This program focuses on four key strategies to end the HIV epidemic in Nevada: diagnose, treat, protect, and respond.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program was established in 1990 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of HIV/AIDS Housing. The purpose of this program is to provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income individuals living with HIV and their families.

The program facilitates community efforts to develop comprehensive strategies to address HIV housing needs, including creating housing strategies to prevent individuals from becoming homeless or unstably housed. People are living longer with HIV due to improvements in drug therapies and medical care, which has led to increased demand for essential supportive services, including housing.

Nevada's Office of HIV HOPWA serves Northern Nevada, specifically Washoe County, and in limited capacity Carson City as well as Douglas, Lyon, Mineral, Churchill, Pershing, Humboldt, Lander, Eureka, White Pine, and Elko Counties. In Southern Nevada, this assistance is managed by the City of Las Vegas.

Housing assistance in Northern Nevada may consist of:

- Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance
- Project-Based Rental Assistance
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Permanent Housing Placement
- Supportive services
- Case management
- Housing information services
- Resource identification

Ryan White Part B

Ryan White Part B provides all people living with HIV who are uninsured or underinsured with the opportunity to attain primary medical care and essential support services. To be eligible for services, clients need to provide proof of HIV diagnosis, Nevada residency, and income level (which must be no more than 400% of the federal poverty level to qualify). Clients must recertify every six months.

Services may include:

- Health insurance premium and cost-sharing assistance
- Medical nutrition therapy
- Mental health
- Medical case management, including treatment-adherence
- Outpatient and ambulatory health services
- Outreach
- Medical transportation
- Non-medical case management

AIDS Drug Assistance Program or Nevada Medication Assistance Program (NMAP)

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and Nevada Medication Assistance Program (NMAP) provide access to FDA-approved medication for low-income individuals living with HIV who have limited or no coverage through private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare. These programs work in coordination with other Ryan White Part B services to connect individuals to comprehensive care and deliver high-quality treatment and support.

CLINICAL SERVICES

Contact

Website: [Clinical Services Branch \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/DPBH/Clinical-Services-Branch)

About

The primary purpose of Clinical Services is to provide inpatient, outpatient, and community-based public, forensic, and behavioral health services to individuals in Nevada.

Clinical Services is comprised of five programs:

- Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS)
- Lake's Crossing Center (LCC)
- Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS)
- Rural Clinics (outpatient behavioral health services)

Deputy Administrator

Ronna J. Dillinger, PhD, ABPP

Ronna J. Dillinger has been in state service since 2013. Dr. Dillinger has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and was board certified in forensic psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology in 2012. Her career has primarily focused on forensic psychological assessments. She first joined state service in Nevada as a psychologist at Lake's Crossing Center, performing evaluations related to competency to stand trial and mental state at the time of the alleged offense. She also served as the Psychology Director at Lake's Crossing Center and in 2024, accepted the job of Deputy Administrator of Clinical Services.

Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services

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Sparks, NV 89431

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Website: [Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services \(NNAMHS\) Overview \(nv.gov\)](http://Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) Overview (nv.gov))

About

Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) is a comprehensive, community-based behavioral health system for adults.

Inpatient services are provided through Dini-Townsend psychiatric hospital, located on the same campus as the central NNAMHS site.

Numerous outpatient services are available, including but not limited to:

- Outpatient Pharmacy
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Service Coordination
- Medication Clinic and Service Coordination
- Mental Health Court
- Peer Support

NNAMHS services are provided on a sliding fee scale, and all clinics accept private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare. Services are not denied if an individual is unable to pay.

Dini-Townsend Hospital is the only public psychiatric hospital serving Northern Nevada and is the safety net provider for the region. Thirty beds provide acute stabilization for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis hold or civil commitment. The average length of stay is about 30 days.

Lake's Crossing Center

Contact

500 Galletti Way

Sparks, NV 89431

(775) 688-1900

Email:

NVforensicservices@health.nv.gov

Website: [Clinical Behavioral Services \(nv.gov\)](http://Clinical Behavioral Services (nv.gov))

About

Lake's Crossing Center is a secure forensic facility that provides court-ordered inpatient and outpatient restoration and evaluation services to individuals who have been found not competent to stand trial, so that they may proceed with their legal case.

This forensic facility is also responsible for housing certain individuals who are ultimately determined to be unable to be restored to the statutorily required level of competency to stand trial and who meet certain criteria, as well as individuals found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity.

Lake's Crossing also supervises a small population of individuals who, with court approval, have been placed in the community on conditional release.

Statutory Authority: NRS 175.539, NRS 178.425, NRS 178.461, NRS 178.463

Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services

Contact

Website: [Clinical Behavioral Services \(nv.gov\)](http://Clinical Behavioral Services (nv.gov))

About

Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS) is a state agency that provides civil, forensic, and outpatient behavioral health services in Clark County.

The primary populations served are adults diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illness who are under-insured, uninsured, or uninsurable for medical insurance.

Within the SNAMHS campus, Rawson Neal is a licensed hospital for civil commitment patients, and Muri-Stein and annex is a licensed hospital for forensic court committed patients.

In addition, outpatient services have two urban locations and two rural locations that are open Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Rural clinics located in Mesquite and Laughlin serve all age groups, including youth.

Locations

Las Vegas Locations Serving

Ages 18+

West Charleston Office (Monday to Friday)
6161 W. Charleston Blvd. #1
Las Vegas, NV 89146
(702) 486-6000

East Las Vegas Office (Monday to Friday)
4045 Spencer Street., Suite 300
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(702) 486-6400

Rawson Neal Psychiatric Hospital
1650 Community College Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89146
(702) 486-4400

Outpatient Rural Locations Serving

All Ages

Laughlin Office
3650 South Pointe Circle, Suite 208
Laughlin, NV 89029
(702) 298-5313

Moapa Valley Office
61 North Willow, Suite 4
Mesquite, NV 89027
(702) 346-4696

Stein Hospital

Contact

6161 West Charleston Blvd. Bldg. 3
Las Vegas, NV 89146
(702) 486-6505

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NVforensicservices@health.nv.gov

About

Stein Hospital is a secure forensic facility that provides court-ordered inpatient and outpatient restoration and evaluation services to individuals who have been found not competent to stand trial so they may proceed with their legal case.

This forensic facility is also responsible for housing certain individuals who are ultimately determined to be unable to be restored to the statutorily required level of competency to stand trial and meet certain criteria, as well as individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Stein forensic facility also supervises a small population of individuals who, with court approval, have been placed in the community on conditional release.

Statutory Authority: NRS 175.539, NRS 178.425, NRS 178.461, NRS 178.463

Rural Clinics

Contact

Website: [Rural Clinics Admin \(nv.gov\)](http://Rural Clinics Admin (nv.gov))

About

Rural Clinics provide a full array of outpatient behavioral health services for adults and children in 16 clinics across 12 counties in rural Nevada.

Services are provided Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, not including state holidays.

Services assist individuals with achieving self-sufficiency and recovery, and include (some services may not be available in all clinics):

- Case Management
- Counseling
- Juvenile Justice Assessment and Screening Triage Team (JJASTT)
- Medication Clinic
- Mental Health Court Forensic Assessment and Triage Team (FASTT)
- Mobile Crisis Response Team
- Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST)
- Peer Support Services
- Rehabilitative Mental Health (RMH) Services
- Residential Support

Clinic personnel work collaboratively with their respective counties, community coalitions, and rural hospitals to ensure behavioral health services are integrated and comprehensive, and care is coordinated.

Locations

Battle Mountain

825 North 2nd St.
Battle Mountain, NV 89820
(775) 635-5753

Carson City

1665 Old Hot Springs Rd., Ste. 150
Carson City, NV 89706
(775) 687-0870

Dayton

5 Pinecone Dr.
Dayton, NV 89403
(775) 461-3769

Douglas

1528 Highway 395, Ste. 100
Gardnerville, NV 89410
(775) 687-2160

Elko

1825 Pinion Road, Ste. A
Elko, NV 89801
(775) 738-8021

Ely

1675 Avenue F
Ely, NV 89301
(775) 289-1671

Fallon

141 Keddie St.
Fallon, NV 89406
(775) 423-7141

Fernley

415 Highway 95A, Building I
Fernley, NV 89408
(775) 687-2350

Hawthorne

1000 C Street
Hawthorne, NV 89415
(775) 945-3387

Lovelock

775 Cornell Ave. Suite A-1
Lovelock, NV 89419
(775) 273-1036

Pahrump

240 South Humahuaca
Pahrump, NV 89048
(775) 751-7406

Panaca

1005 Main St.
Panaca, NV 89402
(775) 962-8089

Silver Springs

3595 Highway 50 West, Ste. 3
Silver Springs, NV 89429
(775) 577-0319

Tonopah

1 Frankie Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-6742

Winnemucca

475 W. Haskell St.
Winnemucca, NV 89445
(775) 623-6580

Yerington

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Yerington, NV 89447
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About

The Public Health Infrastructure and Improvement (PHII) Section provides oversight of statewide efforts to improve public health infrastructure and quality, including:

- Public health workforce
- Public health accreditation
- Public health data modernization
- Primary Care Office

Agency Manager

Mitch DeValliere, DC



Dr. Mitch DeValliere is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, with a bachelor's degree in biology. He graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles and was in private practice for 28 years. As Agency Manager, Mitch oversees public health infrastructure and workforce development initiatives for DPBH. His extensive public health management background includes epidemiology, program management, and quality improvement. Mitch is an experienced Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and uses the principles he has learned through his professional and personal experiences to improve quality improvement, process flow, and efficiency at the Division.

Public Health Workforce

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health's workforce is the backbone of the agency, and the Public Health Infrastructure and Improvement section is dedicated to supporting recruitment and retention efforts so the public health workforce can best serve Nevada's residents and visitors.

A core focus of the PHII pipeline is expanding Academic Health Department (AHD) partnerships with Nevada's educational institutions. These partnerships help streamline the transition from academic training to public health practice, while strengthening collaboration between public health agencies and academia. AHD efforts include:

- Enhancing practice-oriented education and training opportunities for students
- Creating more collaboration among agency staff and academic faculty
- Advancing public health research through joint projects
- Leveraging partner resources

- Developing both current and future members of the workforce

Additionally, PHII manages the Public Health Workforce Pipeline Development Plan, which outlines a clear vision for Nevada's public health workforce. It includes specific goals and strategies to:

- Build a career pipeline that spans from elementary school to retirement
- Increase internships, fellowships, and work-based learning experiences
- Grow and diversify the applicant pool for public health jobs
- Improve retention and streamline career navigation in the public health sector

Public Health Accreditation

Accreditation provides a means for health departments to build capacity in key areas. The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is the national accrediting body for public health, and it assess health departments' capacity to carry out the 10 Essential Public Health Services and Foundational Capabilities from the Foundational Public Health Services framework.

In addition, accreditation promotes public trust and demonstrates an ongoing commitment to quality and performance improvement. Achieving PHAB accreditation was identified as a key objective in the Division's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. DPBH submitted its initial application for accreditation—in partnership with the UNR School of Public Health—at the end of 2024.

In parallel, DPBH collaborated with local health authorities and the Nevada Association of Counties to assess Foundational Public Health Services across the state. This effort identified resources and infrastructure needs for each county.

Nevada also joined the 21st Century Learning Community in 2022. Led by the Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI) at PHAB, this initiative supports statewide public health system transformation. Its diverse membership—including public health departments, associations, academic partners, and local leaders—is focused on rebuilding trust, driving excellence, and expanding innovative practices. Many states are leveraging lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic to accelerate change.

Public Health Data Modernization

The PHII team works with other DPBH units to modernize the division's data capabilities through the Data Modernization Initiative (DMI). This initiative aims to address several issues, including outdated technologies, obsolete skills, siloed information, burdens on health care providers, inconsistent data collection and reporting policies, and the exclusion of public health from Electronic Health Records.

PHII works with the Office of Information Technology and the Office of State Epidemiology to systematically address existing technology challenges.

DMI priorities include building infrastructure and automated data sources to enhance data sharing and creating systems to accelerate transferring data into action. PHII is also supporting the development of cloud data storage and interoperability.

Primary Care Office

The Primary Care Office (PCO) receives federal funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to administer a range of programs aimed at improving access to health care in Nevada.

A core responsibility is to submit applications for federal designations such as Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and Medically Underserved Areas or Populations (MUA/Ps). These designations help Nevada communities qualify for additional federal resources and strengthen efforts to recruit healthcare professionals.

The PCO also facilitates the Nevada Conrad 30/J-1 Physician Visa Waiver and National Interest Waiver (NIW) programs. These initiatives help bring international medical graduates to underserved regions across the state. Under the Conrad 30 program, DPBH may support up to 30 international physicians annually to serve in HPSAs, MUA/Ps, or in non-designated sites that serve underserved populations.

In partnership with the Primary Care Advisory Council (PCAC), the PCO reviews waiver applications and provides recommendations to the U.S. Department of State. The office also evaluates site applications for HRSA Loans and Scholarships and offers recruitment and retention support for primary care providers in designated areas.

Established in 2008, the PCAC serves as an advisory body for the Conrad 30/J-1 program, enhancing oversight and providing strategic guidance to the DPBH Administrator on primary care initiatives.

OFFICE OF STATE EPIDEMIOLOGY

Contact

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About

The Office of State Epidemiology (OSE) prevents and responds to a variety of public health issues through disease surveillance, standardized data collection, meaningful interpretation, and establishing statewide standards and centralized guidance to improve health outcomes for Nevada communities.

The Office of State Epidemiology undertakes surveillance related to:

- Chronic Health Conditions
- Communicable Disease
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity
- School & Childcare Guidance and Resources
- Healthcare Associated Infections
- Health Equity & Occupational Health
- Informatics & Health Information Systems
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Rare Diseases
- Tuberculosis
- Viral Hepatitis

In addition, OSE oversees the Bureau of Health Protection and Preparedness (BHPP), to align surveillance and preparedness activities of the Division.

STATE MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Melissa Peek-Bullock, MPH



Melissa Peek-Bullock is the Nevada State Medical Epidemiologist. In this role, Melissa oversees the Office of State Epidemiology, which is comprised of multiple and interrelated epidemiology disciplines, including infectious disease, environmental health, chronic disease, health equity, occupational health, facility specific infection control, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections, tuberculosis, informatics, the Nevada Central Cancer Registry, and the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity program. These epidemiology disciplines come together to support preparation, prevention of outbreaks and poor health outcomes, and proactive surveillance to help drive upstream policy and decision making.

Melissa has an extensive background in public health and epidemiology, having served as both a disease investigator and epidemiologist at Washoe County Health District from 2005-2016. Melissa also served as the Nevada State Epidemiologist from 2016-2023 before accepting the position of Nevada State Medical Epidemiologist. Melissa holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Nevada, Reno and is currently pursuing a PhD in Applied Environmental Sciences.

Communicable Disease Program

Webpage: [Communicable Disease | Office of State Epidemiology](#)

The Communicable Disease Epidemiology Unit is responsible for:

- Developing statewide disease investigation protocols and accompanying materials
- Collaborating with the Office of Analytics to maintain weekly surveillance of communicable disease trends within Nevada
- Providing recommendations to reduce communicable disease transmission and associated negative outcomes

Additional responsibilities include serving as the primary contact for internal partners, local health authorities, and other external partners for guidance and consultation related to communicable diseases, as well as leading the statewide respiratory virus surveillance efforts monitoring influenza, COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and other viral respiratory pathogens.

Environmental Health

Webpage: [Environmental Health | Office of State Epidemiology](#)

Environmental health addresses all the different ways the world around us can impact our physical and mental well-being, and the OSE Environmental Health Unit is focused on the intersection between zoonotic and environmental factors that affect human health.

Environmental health includes air, land, water, food, animals, and people. Each of these areas is directly related to the other. The health of one affects the health of all and can impact how we eat, live, and grow.

Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity

Webpage: [Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity | Office of State Epidemiology](#)

The Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Disease (ELC) Program is a CDC funded program that provides financial support to the local jurisdictions throughout the state of Nevada to detect, prevent, and respond to emerging infectious diseases.

The Nevada ELC program is comprised of many projects, including cross-cutting epidemiology and laboratory capacity, vaccine-preventable and respiratory diseases, and vector-borne diseases.

Healthcare Associated Infection

Webpage: [Healthcare Associated Infection | Office of State Epidemiology](#)

A healthcare-associated infection (HAI) is an infection that develops during, or soon after, receiving health care services or being in a health care setting.

These infections are considered a threat to patient safety, but HAIs can be prevented.

The purpose of the HAI Program is to provide education to health care facility staff to combat transmission of HAIs and monitor the prevalence of multidrug resistant organisms in Nevada.

Informatics & Health Information Systems

Webpage: [Informatics & Health Information Systems | Office of State Epidemiology](#)

The Informatics and Health Information Systems program stands at the forefront of public health innovation, leveraging advanced technology to enhance surveillance, coordination, and response efforts.

Through initiatives such as interoperability solutions, electronic case reporting, and integration of electronic laboratory reports, it works to streamline data exchanges, empower healthcare providers through data modernization, and strengthen the state's capacity to monitor and address public health threats effectively.

The Division's flagship system, EpiTrax, serves as a powerful tool for active and passive surveillance and data reporting, enabling DPBH to track disease trends, detect outbreaks, and allocate resources strategically to safeguard community health.

Nevada Central Cancer Registry

Webpage: [Nevada Central Cancer Registry](#)

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. This 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; other facilities that provide screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services; and providers of health care who diagnose and/or treat patients with respect to cancer. Information on cancer cases is reported to NCCR. This is accomplished by abstracting state-required patient cancer information from medical records. Collected data is entered into a specialized database where additional case information is added, edited, and consolidated for accuracy and completeness.

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

Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance

Webpage: [Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance | Office of State Epidemiology](#)

The Nevada Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention and Control Program 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 the STD Prevention and Control program include:

- Promoting 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
- Providing risk reduction education and materials

Rare Disease

Webpage: [Rare Disease | Office of State Epidemiology \(nvose.org\)](#)

The Rare Disease Program has established systems for reporting sickle cell disease (SCD) and lupus and their variants to conduct comprehensive epidemiologic surveys and evaluate the appropriateness of measures for treatment of these conditions.

Rural Disease Investigations

The OSE also serves as the local health authority for Elko, Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, Storey, and White Pine Counties. The Rural Disease Investigation Specialist (DIS) team performs communicable disease investigations, contact tracing, outbreak support, technical assistance to local providers, and community outreach and education as needed.

Tuberculosis

Webpage: [Tuberculosis | Office of State Epidemiology](#)

The Nevada Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program assists state, local, and community efforts to decrease transmission of active tuberculosis (TB) and reduce the health burden associated with TB disease. The Program:

- Promotes patient-centered treatment and case management for individuals diagnosed with TB disease,
- Promotes testing and preventive treatment for individuals with inactive or latent TB infection (LTBI) and those at high-risk for TB disease
- Monitors trends of TB and LTBI
- Disseminates resources for healthcare providers and the public

Viral Hepatitis Surveillance & Prevention

Webpage: [Viral Hepatitis Surveillance & Prevention | Office of State Epidemiology](#)

The Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Program:

- Provides testing, partner counseling, and referral health education
- Assesses patients
- Assists with insurance enrollment
- Facilitates support groups
- Provides vaccinations against HAV/HAB
- Provides medical follow-up to specialty care, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, 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.

Bureau of Health Protection & Preparedness

Contact

Website: [Public Health Preparedness](#)

About

The Bureau of Health Protection and Preparedness (BHPP) protects public health in a variety of ways, including:

- Licensing or permitting emergency medical professionals and certain medical equipment
- Overseeing the Nevada Office of Vital Records and the Medical Marijuana Registry
- Planning for public health emergencies

BHPP includes the following Sections:

- Emergency Medical Systems (EMS)
- Medical Marijuana Registry
- Office of Vital Records
- Public Health Preparedness (PHP)
- Radiation Control Program

Emergency Medical Systems

Webpage: [Emergency Medical Systems](#)

Statutory Authority: *NRS 405B and NAC 450B*

The Nevada Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program oversees the State's EMS system to ensure high-quality pre-hospital care, regulatory compliance, and workforce development. Specifically, it:

- Manages certification, licensure, and continuing education for paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians (AEMTs), emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs)
- Operates online license management system
- Conducts background checks
- Regulates and inspects ground and air ambulance services, non-emergency secure behavioral health transport services
- Staffs the Emergency Operations Center (ESF-8 desk) and collaboration with public safety agencies
- Issues trauma center designations
- Manages the Trauma Care System
- Issues do-not-resuscitate cards
- Supports Provider Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) forms
- Ensures radio and communication compliance on Nevada Shread Radio System

- Serves as central repository for National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS)
- Provides cognitive testing of emergency medical technicians and paramedics

Medical Marijuana Registry

Webpage: [Medical Marijuana Registry](#)

Statutory Authority: NRS 453A and NAC 453A

The Nevada Medical Marijuana Patient Cardholder Registry administers the provisions of the Medical Use of Marijuana law as approved by the Nevada Legislature and adopted in 2001.

Office of Vital Records

Webpage: [Office of Vital Records](#)

Statutory Authority: NRS and NAC 440

The Office of Vital Records 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.

In addition, the Office of Vital Records:

- Participates in the national vital statistics systems
- Responds to the needs of health programs, health care providers, businesses, researchers, educational institutions and the public
- Amends registered records with required documentation such as court orders, affidavits, declarations, and reports of adoptions pursuant to NRS and NAC 440; amendments include corrections, alterations, adoptions, and paternities

Public Health Preparedness

The Public Health Preparedness (PHP) section oversees:

- Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER)
- Healthcare Preparedness Program
- Nevada Health Alert Network
- Nevada Trauma Registry
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program
- State Emergency Registry of Volunteers
- Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Environmental Sampling

Radiation Control Program

Statutory authorities: NRS 457, 459, NRS 653

The Division is designated as the state radiation control agency, and through the Radiation Control Program, DPBH evaluates and responds to hazards from sources of ionizing radiation. The Radiation Control Program includes the following functions:

- Radiation Producing Machines Section

- Radioactive Material Section
- Technologists Licensure Section
- Radiation Incidents and Emergency Response
- Beatty Low-Level Radioactive Waste Site Closed
- Dosimetry Forms and Guidance
- Radon/Statewide Radon Hazard Awareness & Public Information
- Statues and Regulations

ACRONYMS

ADAP – AIDS Drug Assistance Program

AHD – Academic Health Department

AIDS – Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

AIM – Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health

BBHWP – Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness and Prevention

BHPP – Bureau of Health Protection and Preparedness

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDPHP – Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section

CFCW – Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

CHN – Community Health Nurse

COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease of 2019

CPM – Certified Public Manager

DC – Doctor of Chiropractor

DHS – Department of Human Services

DPBH – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

EHS – Environmental Health Services

ELC – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity

EMS – Emergency Medical Systems

EPSDT – Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment

FASTT – Forensic Assessment and Triage Team

FDPIR – Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation

FFATA – Federal Funding Accountability Transparency Act

FNS – Food Nutrition Service

HAI – Healthcare-Associated Infection

HAV – Hepatitis A Virus

HCQC – Health Care Quality and Compliance

HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

HPSA - Health Professional Shortage Area

HRSA – Health Resources and Services Administration

HR – Human Resources

IZ – Immunizations

JJASTT – Juvenile Justice Assessment and Screening Triage Team

LCC – Lake's Crossing Center

LTBI – Latent TB Infection

MAC – Medical Advisory Committee

MCAH – Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health

MCH – Maternal and Child Health

MDRO – Multidrug Resistant Organism

MHA – Master of Healthcare Administration

MOST – Mobile Outreach Services Team

MPH – Master of Public Health

MUA – Medically Underserved Area

MUP – Medically Underserved Population

NAC – Nevada Administrative Code

NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness

NIW - National Interest Waiver

NNAMHS – Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services

NRS – Nevada Revised Statutes

NSIP – Nevada State Immunization Program

OD2A – Overdose Data to Action

OIT – Office of Information Technology

PACT – Program of Assertive Community Treatment

PCO – Primary Care Office

PHAB – Public Health Accreditation Board

PHII – Public Health Infrastructure and Improvement

PHP – Public Health Preparedness

PRAMS – Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System

RC – Rural Clinics

RMH – Rehabilitative Mental Health

ROCS – Revitalized & Optimized Contract System

RSV – Respiratory Syncytial Virus

RWPB – Ryan White Part B

SCD – Sickle Cell Disease

SNAMHS – Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services

SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SOR – State Opioid Response

SSDI – State Systems Development Initiative

STD – Sexually Transmitted Disease

STI – Sexually Transmitted Infection

SUPTR – Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services

TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TB – Tuberculosis

UEI – Unique Entity Identifier

UNR – University of Nevada, Reno

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

WIC – Women, Infants, and Children Program