

The Force Awakens: Nevada's Service Saga

Aging and Disability Services Conference | 2024

Half Day Intensive – April 16th, 2024

12:30pm – 5:00pm

Early Check In

1:00pm – 2:45pm

Breakout Session 1 (attend one)

Presentation Name	Room Assignment	Presenters	Presenter Title/Org
The Life of a Medicaid Waiver	Paradise A	Rosa Lester	Program Officer I, Sierra Regional Center, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
		Cathy York	Developmental Specialist IV, Sierra Regional Center, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
		Michaela Lipon	Social Work Supervisor 1, Office of Community Living, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
		Anthony Jones	Social Services Program Specialist III, NV Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
		Ellen Frias-Wilcox	Social Services Program Specialist III, NV Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
		Megan Wickland	Health Program Manager III, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
		Crystal Wren	Social Services Chief 2, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
Show Me the Money: From Budgets to Reimbursements	Paradise B	Kristi Martin	Management Analyst III, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
		Alexandra Crocket	Community Services Grant Manager, NV Aging and Disability Services Division

2:45pm – 3:15pm

Break and Snacks

3:15pm – 5:00pm

Breakout Session 2 (attend one)

Presentation Name	Room Assignment	Presenters	Presenter Title/Org
Medicaid Billing Technical Assistance	Paradise A	Monica Schiffer	Social Services Chief I, Community and Provider Engagement, NV Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
		Mackenzie Lopez	Provider Relations Team Lead, Gainwell Technologies
		Sophia Heinz	Provider Relations Field Representative, Gainwell Technologies
		Sarah Dearborn	Chief, Behavioral Health Unit, NV Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
		Ellen Frias-Wilcox	Social Services Program Specialist III, NV Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
Use the Force: Networking and the Battle Against Unmet Needs	Paradise B	ADSD Planning & Community Services Teams	NV Aging and Disability Services Division

Main Conference Day 1 – April 17th, 2024

7:30am – 8:30am Check in and Breakfast

8:30am – 9:00am Welcome and Opening

9:00am – 10:00am Plenary Session: Lived Experience Panel – *Maxmillian Lowe, Christopher Ripke, and Marsy Kupfersmith*
Facilitated by *Fay Gordon, Regional Administrator (Region 9), Administration for Community Living*

10:00am – 10:15am Break

10:15am – 11:30am Breakout Session 1 (attend one)

Presentation Name	Room Assigned	Presenters	Presenter Title/Org
The Social Impact of Generational Diversity in the Workplace	Emerald A	Natalie Mazzullo, M.Ed.	Healthy Aging Initiative Coordinator, University of Nevada, Reno
Effective Communication Strategies and Understanding Dementia Related Behavior	Grand 7	Caroline Baumis, MSW	Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association
Communication Access: Working with Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Disabled	Emerald C/D	Jennifer Montoya	Social Services Program Specialist III, Communication Access Services, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
		Andy Firth	Nevada Relay Administrator, Communication Access Services, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
Nevada Early Intervention Services: Successful Partnerships and Collaborations	Emerald B	Danielle Stage, MD, MPH	Senior Physician, NV Early Intervention Services, NV Aging and Disability Services Division

11:30am – 12:45pm Lunch, Networking, and Exhibitor Tables

12:45pm – 2:00pm Breakout Session 2 (attend one)

Presentation Name	Room Assigned	Presenters	Presenter Title/Org
Nevada's Grow Your Own Initiative: Professional Development (PD) Center	Emerald B	Lori Ann Malina-Lovell, DrPH	Clinical Program Planner II/Part C Coordinator, Director's Office, NV Department of Health and Human Services
		Maya Raimondi, M.Ed.	PD Center Director
		Abbie Chalupnik, M.A.	Clinical Program Planner I, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Person-Centered Service Delivery	Emerald C/D	Obioma U. Officer, MA	Executive Director, NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
		Shelly Freed	LVDS Secretary, Las Vegas Deaf Seniors
Bridging Cultures, Enriching Lives: Collaborative Strategies for Enhancing Aging and Disability Services for Nevada's Tribal Communities	Grand 7	Carla Eben	Numaga Senior Services Director, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
		Billie Jean Guerrero	Director, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Cultural Center
		Deidre Quimayousie	Health Benefits Representative, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

		Casey Acklin, MA	Engagement Coordinator, Dementia Engagement, Education, and Research (DEER) Program, School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Reno
		Charae Wamsley	Family Care Specialist, Alzheimer's Association, Northern Nevada
Creative Collaborations: A Unified Approach in Times of Disasters	Emerald A	Heather Lafferty	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Access and Functional Needs Coordinator, NV Division of Emergency Management
		Kimberly Palma-Ortega	Public Health Liaison, NV Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

2:00pm – 2:15pm Break

2:15pm- 3:30pm Breakout Session 3 (attend one)

Presentation Name	Room Assigned	Presenters	
IECMH Endorsement® Has Come to Nevada!	Emerald A	Jacquelyn Kleinedler, MA, MFT, LADC, NCC	Executive Director, NV Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
Suicide Prevention/Crisis Intervention 101 (with a focus on seniors)	Emerald B	Cherylyn Rahr-Wood	Northern Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, NV Rural Hospital Partners
Independent Living	Grand 7	Dawn Lyons	Executive Director, NV Statewide Independent Living Council
		John Rosenlund	NV Assistive Technology Collaborative Director, Office of Community Living, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
		Scott Youngs	Senior Project Manager and Consumer Advocate, NV Center for Excellence in Disabilities
		Catherine Neilsen	Executive Director, NV Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities
		Maxmillian Lowe	Consumer Advocate
Forward-Thinking & Cross-Sectoral Collaboration: Enhancing Services for Nevadans with Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Handouts: Collab , EDSD	Emerald C/D	Amy Dewitt-Smith	Executive Director, Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4)
		Jennifer Ruiz	Health Educator/Coordinator, Nevada Senior Services
		Jazmine Smith	Mental Health Counselor, Desert Regional Center, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
		Jane Gruner	Contract Project Manager, Nevada Senior Services

3:30pm – 3:45pm Break

3:45pm – 5:00pm Breakout Session 4 (attend one)

Presentation Name	Room Assigned	Presenters	
Promoting Person-Centered Plans Through Strong Partnerships in Guardianship Handouts: Conduct , Rights , Standards , Rules	Grand 7	Debra Bookout, Esq.	Directing Attorney, Legal Aid Center of Southern NV, Inc.
		Karen Kelly	Clark County Public Guardian, Clark County Public Guardian's Office

Embracing Dementia Inclusion: Leveraging the Dementia Friendly Nevada Values within Aging and Disability Services	Emerald C/D	Casey Acklin, MA	Engagement Coordinator, Dementia Engagement, Education, and Research (DEER) Program, University of Nevada, Reno
		Jennifer Carson	Director, Dementia Engagement, Education, and Research (DEER) Program and Dementia Friendly NV, University of Nevada, Reno
Building Trust & Collaboration with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community	Emerald A	Obioma U. Officer	Executive Director, NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
		Shelly Freed	LVDS Secretary, Las Vegas Deaf Seniors
Cultivating a Culture of Inclusivity in the Workplace	Emerald B	Princette Bowling	Program Officer, NV Office of Minority Health & Equity

Main Conference Day 2 – April 18th, 2024

8:00am – 9:00am Check in and Breakfast

9:00am – 10:30am Plenary Session: Multisector Plan on Aging
Cheyenne Pasquale, Planning Chief, NV Aging and Disability Services Division
Carrie Graham, PhD, Director of Aging and Disability Policy, Center for Health Strategies

10:30am – 10:45am Break

10:45am – 12:00pm Breakout Session 5 (attend one)

Presentation Name	Room Assigned	Presenters	Title/Affiliation
AARP Equipping Employers with Tools and Resources to Support Working Caregivers	Emerald A	Laura Malloy	Program Manager, AARP
		Veronica Segovia Bedon	Program Management, Director for Family Caregiving, AARP
Dignity of Risk	Grand 7	Sharon Lewis	Principal, HMA
Social Determinants of Health: Implications for Aging in Nevada	Emerald B	Cheryl Johnston, PhD, LMSW, ACHP-SW	Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Developing Partnerships that End Homelessness for Older Adults	Emerald C/D	Brooke Page	Director, Southwest, Corporation for Supportive Housing

12:00pm – 1:15pm Lunch, Networking, and Exhibitor Tables

1:15pm – 2:30pm Breakout Session 6 (attend one)

Presentation Name	Room Assigned	Presenters	Title/Affiliation
Workforce Development and System Collaborations Handout: Group Scenarios	Emerald C/D	Michael Yoder	Workforce Development Division Manager, NV Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
Person Centered Thinking for Professionals Handouts: Biscuits , Think	Emerald B	Amy Dewitt-Smith	Executive Director, Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4)
Culturally Responsive Practices in Person-Centered Supports	Grand 7	Sharon Lewis	Principal, HMA
		Regina Sisneros	Director of Equity Initiatives & System Innovations, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
		Kirissa Doyle	Individual with Lived Experience
		Dora Uchel-Martinez	Individual with Lived Experience
		Ilean Haller	Individual with Lived Experience
The Force of Networking and Navigation	Emerald A	Amy Thompson, RN, OCN, CN-BN	Cancer Survivorship Programs Manager, NV Cancer Coalition

2:30pm – 2:45pm Break

2:45pm – 4:15pm

Breakout Session 7 (Regional Workgroups) (Discussion for Multisector Plan on Aging and Action Steps from Conference)

- Washoe County – Grand 7
- Clark County – Emerald A
- Rural and Frontier Counties – Emerald B
- State Departments – Emerald C/D

4:15pm – 4:30pm

Break

4:30pm – 5:00pm

Closing and Call to Action