

# Nevada Community Needs Assessment 2014

Conducted on behalf of the Grants Management Advisory Committee by the Grants Management Unit, Director's Office, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

The purpose of this survey is to help the State of Nevada decide how to use money in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (also known as the Tobacco Settlement Fund). This is your opportunity to tell us about the services that you think will most help residents of Nevada live safe, secure, healthy lives and/or help persons with disabilities live as independently as possible. The information you provide will remain confidential.

## Your Top Priority

**1. If you could choose only one service to receive money from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada, what would it be? Please use no more than five words to describe the service.**

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## Rank Current Services

Two years ago communities across the state provided input on priority needs. As a result, money from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada is supporting services in the following categories.

- Hunger
- Health
- Family Supports
- Support for Persons with Disabilities or their Caregivers
- Help Finding Information About Health and Human Services

The purpose of this section is to help us rank the importance of these services.

**2. First, please read through all the choices on the next page. Then choose UP TO 10 services you think the State should continue funding. Choose a service by checking the box beside that service. It is OK to choose fewer than 10 services if you wish, but DO NOT CHOOSE MORE THAN 10.**

- Food Pantries** – Programs that provide individuals and families with a bag or box of groceries that usually lasts about a week
- Hunger One-Stop Shops** – Programs that help individuals and families increase their ability to access food (for example, help applying for public benefits or referrals to employment resources)
- Childhood immunization**
- Mental health services for children and youth**
- Suicide prevention**
- Tobacco use prevention and cessation**
- Prescription drug help for senior citizens and persons with disabilities**
- Health care costs** – Help finding insurance or another payment source
- Free or low-cost medical services for individuals and families without another resource**
- Traumatic Brain Injury** – Rehabilitative therapy
- Autism** – In-home therapy programs
- Child Abuse and Neglect** – Prevention through crisis intervention and case management
- Case Management** – Assessment of an individual's or a family's situation and personal help resolving a wide range of problems
- Transportation for Persons with Disabilities** – Rides to medical appointments, the grocery store, appointments with social service providers, jobs and elsewhere in the community
- Independent Living Service for Persons with Disabilities** – Help learning the skills needed to live independently (for example, training a person with a visual impairment how to prepare a meal)
- Adaptive Resources** – To help persons with disabilities get and keep a job or live independently (for example, by providing a special computer program and then training the person how to use it)
- Transitional Housing** – To help persons with disabilities who are homeless, or are at risk of being placed in an institution, find and keep accessible housing
- Respite Care** – Payment to provide those who care for persons with disabilities get an occasional break
- Family Preservation** – Cash assistance to help low-income families keep persons with severe or profound disabilities at home (instead of placement in an institution)
- Positive Behavior Support** – Training to teach parents and other caregivers how to improve difficult behaviors caused by disabilities
- Nevada 2-1-1** – A call center that people can contact 24 hours a day, seven days a week to get information about health and human services (an online directory is also available)
- Family Resource Centers** – A network of 22 centers around the state that individuals and families (of all ages and abilities) can call or visit to get information about services

## **Your Ideas**

This is your chance to tell us about services and programs that were not already listed but that might help residents of Nevada live safe, secure, healthy lives and/or help persons with disabilities live as independently as possible. If you do not wish to make a suggestion, you may leave this section blank.

### **3. Hunger**

Your Idea: Is there another service that could help relieve hunger in Nevada?

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### **4. Health**

Your Idea: Is there another service that could help Nevadans live healthier lives?

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### **5. Family Supports**

Your Idea: Is there another service that could help build strong families in Nevada?

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### **6. Support for Persons with Disabilities or their Caregivers (Includes children, adults and senior citizens)**

Your Idea: Is there another service that would improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities (of any age) or their caregivers?

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### **7. Help Finding Information about Health and Human Services**

Your Idea: Is there another way Nevada residents could find information about services?

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### **8. New Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your Idea: Do you, a family member or someone in your community need a service in a category that is not listed above? If so, give the category a name and briefly describe the need here.

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## **Tell Us a Little About Yourself**

9. Are you a service provider? In other words, are you employed by or do you operate an agency or organization that provides a health or human service?

Yes

No

10. How would you describe yourself and/or your family? Please mark all items that apply.

- Family with children ages 0 – 4 years
- Family with children ages 5 – 12 years
- Family with children ages 13 – 18 years
- Family with children with special needs
- Senior Citizen (age 55 +)
- Adult with a disability
- Veteran with a disability
- Child or youth with a disability
- Someone who provides care for a child with special needs
- Someone who provides care for a senior citizen
- Someone who provides care for an individual with a disability
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Geographic Area**

Help us understand the service needs in different geographic areas.

11. Please provide your zip code. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please mark the county where you live.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Carson    | <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nye        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Churchill | <input type="checkbox"/> Humboldt | <input type="checkbox"/> Pershing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clark     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lander   | <input type="checkbox"/> Storey     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Douglas   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln  | <input type="checkbox"/> Washoe     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elko      | <input type="checkbox"/> Lyon     | <input type="checkbox"/> White Pine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Esmeralda | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral  |                                     |

### **Thank you for completing this survey!**

**Completed surveys should be returned by April 30, 2014, by regular mail or by scanned email to:**

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Results of this survey and the final recommendations of the Grants Management Advisory Committee will be posted on the agency website after June 30, 2014.

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