State of Nevada
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Elder Issues In Nevada
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Demographics

Nevada's 60 Years and Over Population by County

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 Estimates American Community Survey
Access to Services

Home and Community Based Waiver - Frail Elderly

- FY 15 Actual: 1752
- FY 16 Actual: 1859
- FY 17 Projected: 2072
- FY 18 Projected: 2265
- FY 19 Projected: 2474
Access to Services (Cont.)

• Seniors on fixed incomes must make difficult choices about how to spend their money.

• About half of all adults have one or more preventable chronic diseases.

• Providing meals/nutrition services to a senior, who may be able to afford food but not prepare it, or may not be able to afford food altogether, can prevent the institutionalization of that person.

• Funding meal and nutrition services makes economic sense for the State.
Behavioral, Cognitive, and Mental Health

Nevada Seniors in Crisis

States with Highest Average Suicide Rates in the U.S from 1999-2009: Ages 60-85+

- United States: 14.45
- Nevada: 33.02
- Wyoming: 25.65
- Montana: 24.35
- Idaho: 22.83
- New Mexico: 22.38

Behavioral, Cognitive, and Mental Health (cont.)

Source: Alzheimer’s Association, 2015 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures
Family Caregivers

- About 65% of older adults with long term care needs are exclusively relying on family and friends to provide caregiving assistance.

- There are an estimated 500,000 Nevadans providing approximately 400 million hours annually of unpaid care to family, friends and neighbors living independently. (AARP)

- Family caregivers provide the majority of unpaid care for their loved ones, at an estimated savings to Nevada of $4 billion per year. (AARP)
Legal Rights

Elder Abuse

Elders over 85 are at highest risk

Women are more likely to be victimized

63%

37%
Legal Rights (cont.)

Long Term Care Ombudsman

Most Frequent Nursing Facility Complaints

- Dignity, Respect (33.39%)
- Discharge/Eviction (28.31%)
- Care Plan/Resident Assessment (15.97%)
- Failure to Respond to Requests (11.62%)
- Medications (10.71%)

Percent of Complaints by Resident Age

- 60 and under
- 61-74
- 75-94
- 95 and over

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Legal Rights (cont.)

Guardianship
Substituted Decision Making
   All decisions any of us regularly make
   Those specifically related to aging
Wrongful Guardianships
   Procedural Safeguards
   Bill of Rights
   Relocation
Exploitation
   Unresolved Clark County Cases
   Isolation
Upcoming Legislation (Being Tracked Closely)
Any Questions?

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