



NEVADA RURAL COMMUNITIES SUMMIT: How Providers in Rural Nevada are Increasing Community Resilience

October 28-29, 2024 | Fallon, NV
Churchill County Fairgrounds, Rafter 3c Arena
227 Sheckler Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406

| Day 1 - Monday, October 28 | |
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| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Registration and Vendor Hall Open |
| 1:00 pm – 1:15 pm | Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, Churchill County Jim Barbee, County Manager, Churchill County Pete Weldy, Regional Administrator, Region 9, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm | Framing Remarks: Why this gathering and why now? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelli Quintero, Social Services Chief III, NV Department of Health and Human Services and Event Emcee |
| 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Town Hall – Part 1 (big picture overview) <u>Panelists</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charisse Johnson, Division of Community Assistance, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (invited) National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services (invited) |
| 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm | Break |
| 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Town Hall – Part 2 (breakout session conversation) <u>Panelists</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Packham, Associate Dean, Office of Statewide Initiatives, Co-Director, Nevada Health Workforce Research Center Gerald Ackerman, Assistant Dean, Rural Programs, University of Nevada-Reno, School of Medicine Katie Coleman, Communications Director, Nevada Rural Housing Marty Elquist, Chief Programs Officer, The Children’s Cabinet Frankie Ortiz, Food Bank of Northern Nevada Sara Hunt, Executive Director, BeHERE Nevada |

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| 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm | What to expect tomorrow? Kelli Quintero, Social Services Chief III, NV Department of Health and Human Services and Event Emcee |
| 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Dinner Networking BBQ hosted by Churchill County Social Services and County Manager Jim Barbee. Thank you Churchill County! |

| DAY 2 – Tuesday, October 29 | |
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| 8:30 am – 9:00 am | Refreshments To be enjoyed throughout the day. Thank you Silver Summit Health Plan! |
| 9:00 am – 9:10 am | Day 2 Framing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelli Quintero, Social Services Chief III, NV Department of Health and Human Services and Event Emcee |
| 9:15 am – 10:30 am | Breakout Session #1 <p>A. Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Yanez, Executive Director, Western Nevada, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) – Innovative use of peers and Community Health Workers (CHW) <p>B. Early Childhood Care and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leslie Colbrese, Executive Director, Community Services Agency (CSA) – Head Start Services at a Nevada Community Action Agency <p>C. Food Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stacy York, Director, Storey County Health and Community Services – The story of one rural provider trying to mitigate food insecurity |
| 10:30 am – 10:45 am | Break |
| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | Breakout Session #2 <p>A. Early Childhood Care and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael-Ann Lazzarino, Sarah Dillard, Peach Coons, and Kirsten Day with Community Chest – Innovative early childhood education services in rural Nevada <p>B. Food Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Madson, Executive Director, Health Communities Coalition – Innovative food pantry services in rural Nevada <p>C. Affordable Housing: What does affordable housing look like in Nevada rural communities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katie Coleman, Communications Director, Nevada Rural Housing Beth Dunning, Community Development Director, Nevada Rural Housing Maurice Page, Executive Director, Nevada Housing Coalition |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Lunch Thank you Mayor Tedford and the City of Fallon! |
| 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm | Breakout Session #3 <p>A. Food insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frankie Ortiz, Health Equity Manager, Food Bank of Northern Nevada – Efforts and initiatives to increase food security <p>B. Affordable Housing</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John (Jack) Paul Holtgreive, Neighborhood and Community Investment Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) – Main Street Program & other resources • Corinna Stiles, Administrator, Southwest Office of Native American Programs, HUD – Working with Tribes <p>C. Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shayla Holmes, Director, Lyon County Human Services • Amy Hyne-Sutherland, National Association of CO – Innovations regarding County-provided services |
| 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm | Break |
| 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm | <p>Breakout Session #4</p> <p>A. Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valerie Haskin, Coordinator, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board – Conversation on regional trends and concerns <p>B. Early Childhood Care and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marty Elquist, Chief Programs Officer, The Children’s Cabinet – The impact of ARPA spending in rural areas as well as current and future initiatives <p>C. Food Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Rogers, Nutrition Unit Deputy Chief, Child, Family and Community Wellness, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Food Security, Council on Food Security, and WIC resources and objectives • Rachel Dahl, Supervisory Community Liaison, USDA Rural Development |
| 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm | Break |
| 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm | <p>Next Action Steps and Summary</p> <p>Discussion with all attendees on what comes next.</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelli Quintero, Social Services Chief III, NV Department of Health and Human Services and Event Emcee |