



Nevada Commission On Autism Spectrum Disorders

Addressing issues across the lifespan

Vision Statement

Please rank each suggested vision statement from 1 to 6, with 1 representing the statement you like the best and 6 representing the statement you like the least.

Please use each number (1-5) only once. Thanks!

The vision statement is a vivid description of what kind of future the organization is trying to create. In other words, it is a clear and compelling goal that serves to unify an organization's efforts.

Suggested Vision Statements	Ranking
Nevada is a state that is recognized for achieving the best outcomes for individuals living with an autism spectrum disorder.	
All Nevadans living with autism spectrum disorder have access to information, resources and programs which help them reach their full potential.	
Nevada prevents autism spectrum disorder in our youngest and provides supports which allow all individuals throughout their lifespan to enjoy a full and productive life.	
A world without barriers.	
Nevadans living with autism spectrum disorder enjoy meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of their life.	
A life of limitless opportunity for every Nevadan with Autism Spectrum Disorder.	

Mission Statement

Please rank each suggested vision statement from 1 to 5, with 1 representing the statement you like the best and 5 representing the statement you like the least.

Please use each number (1-4) only once. Thanks!

The mission defines the fundamental purpose for the organization to exist. Together, the mission and values show what people in the organization believe in, giving meaning to the work necessary to make the organization flourish.

Suggested Mission Statements	Ranking
The Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders provides leadership, oversight and legislative advocacy in support of services and evidence-based treatments that achieve outcomes for Nevadans living with autism spectrum disorders.	
Our mission is to help Nevada implement new programs based on the most current research with the goals of preventing autism spectrum disorder in our youngest children and improving the quality of life for all who are now affected.	
Our mission is to ensure that individuals living with autism spectrum disorder are understood by the communities in which they live, supported by the various systems that provide care, and valued as contributing members of society.	
The Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders provides support and promotes opportunities which enhance the lives of individuals living with an autism spectrum disorder.	
The mission of the NV Autism Commission is to address issues across the lifespan affecting Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorders, serve as a central point of advocacy and collaboration and accountability, and to steward resources and efforts to achieve optimal outcomes from diagnosis through adulthood.	

Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles, also called Core Values, shape and influence the actions of a group. Guiding principles are those principles and beliefs that are held dear and which shape how people think and act within the organization, much like freedom is a core value of our country. Guiding Principles can **act as a compass** to keep a group on course.

Please rank the list below according to the principles that you believe are most important and should be held by the Commission. Please rank each value from 1-10, with 1 representing the most critical value and 10 representing the least critical value.

Guiding Principles for the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders	Rank
1. Systems should provide a coordinated, comprehensive and standardized system of care that embraces a person-centered framework throughout the lifespan.	
2. As a vital part of the service system, families have different needs, expectations, resources, values, and priorities, which must be honored in the service delivery process.	
3. Every person living with ASD deserves timely access to appropriate information and available services irrespective of age, culture, ethnicity, gender, Intelligence Quotient (IQ), place of residence, primary language or literacy level, race, socio-economic status or other distinguishing characteristics.	
4. The full range of functional abilities and limitations must be considered when supporting individuals living with ASD. Those with the capacity for more self-direction must be afforded the opportunity to build on individual strengths to maximize independence.	
5. It is critical that professionals providing direct services to Nevadans with ASD demonstrate competency, ensure treatment fidelity, and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions used. Furthermore, secondary providers such as health, transportation, education, and law enforcement personnel provide services more effectively when appropriately educated about ASD.	
6. Timely diagnosis and interventions that are evidence based and provided at the appropriate levels are critical to helping people with autism reach their full potential.	
7. Individuals with ASD and their families should be treated with dignity and respect, and should be recognized as key stakeholders when establishing policy, services, and supports.	
8. Recognizing new treatments/models as science advances the causes of and treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorders should be systematically incorporated in the commission's advocacy efforts.	
9. All Nevadans with ASD have the right to self-determination, and should be afforded the services, supports, and opportunity to live, learn, work and socialize in the communities of their choosing.	
10. The needs of Nevadans with ASD should dictate service options as opposed to what is deemed available through either public policy, Medicaid financing or private insurance.	