

# ADSD, Health EIS & DS: Putting all of the pieces together

January 2013 Newsletter

**Helping People: It's Who we are and What we do**

**Within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) — units are consolidating**

## A Note from Mary Liveratti:

As we prepare for the reorganization of disability services, I regret that I will not get the opportunity to meet and work with all of the staff that provide early intervention and developmental disability services. I will be retiring effective January 11th, 2013 but will be working with my replacement and others to ensure that information continues to flow out to all staff about the consolidation.

A webpage has been developed where you can get information, make suggestions or ask questions. You should also discuss concerns with your immediate supervisor. I have been impressed with the dedication and passion of our workers. Working together, we will continue to improve our services for people with disabilities across the lifespan.

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## **Topics to be discussed in the next Newsletter**

- \* Eligibility
- \* Services
- \* Other topics of interest
- \* Stay tuned for more

## **Aging and Disability Services Division**

### WHO WE ARE:

The Aging & Disability Services Division (ADSD) provides resources at the community level which promote equal opportunity and life choices for people with disabilities through which they may positively contribute to Nevada. Within the ADSD there are:

Aging Services

Help for Caregivers

Disability Services

Disability/Senior Rx

Early Intervention/IDEA Part C (this program specific to children 0-3 years of age)

ADSD offices are located in: Carson City, Reno, Elko and Las Vegas.

### WHAT WE DO:

Each Services unit provides administrative and policy oversight as well as working with a variety of community partners to meet the needs of all eligible Nevadans across the lifespan. Private/public sector partnerships are central to effective service delivery, programmatic success and community integration for people with disabilities; therefore, ADSD partners with several Boards, Councils, and Commissions. Please visit our website at: <http://aging.state.nv.us/>.

## Nevada State Health Division (NSHD)

### WHO WE ARE:



### Early Intervention Services

Nevada Early Intervention Services is a statewide program that provides early intervention services to children birth- 3 years of age with developmental delays and disabilities. We serve approximately 3,000 children on any given day. We fall under the federal program and rules of IDEA, Part C. Our main site locations are in Carson City, Reno, Elko, and Las Vegas. In addition, specialty clinics and programs include: Genetics, Craniofacial, Metabolic, Autism Diagnostics, Screening and Monitoring program, and CAPTA. We believe that the best start is an early start!

Eligibility- Nevada's definition of developmentally delayed for early intervention 0-3 years:

- \* 25% delay in two areas of development, or
- \* 50% delay in one area of development, or
- \* A diagnosed physical or mental condition which has a high probability of a developmental delay.

**Change your  
thoughts and you  
change your  
world.  
Norman Vincent  
Peale.**

### WHAT WE DO:

We believe that families are an integral part of the team for decision making and intervention. We provide services during the family's normal daily routines and in the natural environment so the child has on-going opportunities to practice their skills. Our services are at no out of pocket cost to the family. We believe in the trans-disciplinary process, and provide services using the primary service provider model. Early intervention supports the concept of the public-private partnerships, and we contract with various private entities to provide EI services. We connect families with various community resources for on-going support and relationships. Feel free to learn more about us at: <http://health.nv.gov/BEIS.htm> .

## NOTICE:

**A letter from Michael Willden, Administrator for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), was recently sent out to let staff know about the consolidation of the three Divisions. As he states: "The alignment of DHHS programs providing care across the life span will enhance Nevada's efforts to create a system that is accessible, flexible and sustainable." He goes on to state that he is "counting on your support as we move forward with this important initiative."**

## Developmental Services agencies

### WHO WE ARE:

Developmental Services Regional Centers provide supports and services to approximately 6000 children and adults in Nevada throughout their life span. To be eligible for services, the applicant must have a documented diagnosis of intellectual disability or a closely related condition such as Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, or other neurological impairment that is a developmental disability occurring prior to age 22 years. In addition, the person must have substantial limitations in adaptive functioning.

There are three Regional Centers:

- Desert Regional Center, serving individuals in Clark, Nye and Lincoln Counties;
- Sierra Regional Center, providing services in Washoe County; and
- Rural Regional Center, serving the 17 rural Nevada counties.

### WHAT WE DO:

The Regional Centers provide support services that individuals need to assist them in becoming more independent and achieve a greater quality of life. All eligible individuals receive Service Coordination and other services based upon their wants, needs and eligibility. Regional Centers also contract with a variety of community providers who assist individuals to live and work in their communities.



**Developmental  
Services**

### **Change: The Inevitable.**

Change is to one man the death of a friend, to another the birth of a child.  
 Change is the shifting of soft winds of spring, to a hurricane deadly and wild.  
 Change is the moving of the hourglass sands, it's the coming of dawn after dark.  
 Change is taking one step at a time, the emotion in each person's heart.  
 But change in the end, will not change at all – the one constant in everyone's lives  
 Change is the light at the end of the tunnel – the healer who opens our eyes.

Jake Harris

**Changes to an  
agency's  
structure does  
not always change  
what staff do on  
a day-to-day  
basis.**

## Human Resources Corner

Did you know, the Division of Human Resource Management recently added back a valuable resource for state employees, the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This is a new & improved EAP with more services offered to all State employees and it extends to eligible dependents living full-time or part-time in the same household as a qualifying employee. The services offered include confidential support, resources and information for personal and work-life issues at no charge as well as: Child and elder care resource referrals, legal (e.g., family law, ID theft, custody issues etc.) and financial services (e.g., budgeting, debt, credit issues etc.), and much more. For more information go to Com Psych's Guidance Resources website at [www.guidanceresources.com](http://www.guidanceresources.com) or by calling them at (888) 972-4732.

**Common Threads**

**Find the common threads between ASD, Developmental Services agencies and NSHD EIS**

Choices	U O P I N F R A M R E V O T H I E A T B F A H E E L E R E S P I T E N R V H O A A R
Community	E A N P T G G E C O N T I N U I T Y R O V C E P I O D S T E A M I N G O E F U C D E
Continuity	O U A H E M I S E D D E O R Q I S I Z C A M P I R W R L I D R E L F W R G Z I N H N
Cultural Competence	M Q A S U P E T N L I F E S P A N E I R B U E E V J P F L I D T E A A P I T U N I L N N F U V B E S I K I N G E S E S C V T A
Family Support	I E T A U E E N I N O V O I P V A G R Y A T B E T E C T T M R D U I M U T F O I B E
Individualized	Y Y G V I Q O A U W I R O D I L P A A N U L T I O R O V E R S P C E E U P E L E G U
Goals	I O H A E P E T Z E L A P R U A G S G G S A C E I T R Y O E A G V P S E R L S O M D
Lifespan	A T L D P G T A R M I U Y D D R E I N Y O W O E A A U E U R L J L T U F O F S Z D U
Naturalistic	U L F A H E T R R E I I E C N T H R H E O F Y I I H L Z I E M N E E I R E U A G S D
Respite	T M O T U E R N A T U R A L I S T I C T Y I G I C N S E F Q S I S W B T O B V E X E
Teaming	

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