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Agenda

Office of Advocacy Rights Attorney (OARA)

1. Introduction to Shauna Brennan
2. Overview of the ADSD Advocacy Rights Attorney Position
3. OARA Initiatives to Support CASD 5 Year Plan
4. 2025 Assembly Bill 461 Long Term Care Planning Program
5. Stakeholder Call to Action



Introduction to Shauna Brennan

Shauna Brennan is the Nevada Attorney for the Rights of Older Person, Persons with a Disability, and Intellectual Disability or a Developmental Disability appointed by Nevada Governor Lombardo. Ms. Brennan serves as the Legal Assistance Developer under the Older Americans Act and serves as a member of the Guardianship Commission.

An alumni of Notre Dame Law School, Ms. Brennan is an experienced attorney passionate about protecting the legal rights of older persons and persons with a disability or related condition.

A long time Nevadan, Ms. Brennan calls Henderson home.



Attorney for the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with a Physical Disability, an Intellectual Disability or a Developmental Disability NRS 427A.1234

Objective: support legal rights, coordinate and provide oversight of legal assistance,
and identify and mitigate abuse
of older and vulnerable adults, persons with a physical disability,
an intellectual disability, or a developmental disability

- Technical Legal Assistance & Legal Resource Development
- Interventions & Enforcement (Complaints; Investigation & Resolution)
- Financial Management Services
- Coordinate Legal Assistance as State Legal Assistance Developer (42 U.S.C. §3058j)
- *Amicus Curiae*- friend of the Court
- Guardianship Commission



Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders: Five Year Strategic Plan and Priorities for Autism Support 2025-2030

CASD Mission: *By investing in early intervention, education, employment, and lifelong support, we can empower Nevadans with autism to reach their full potential and contribute their unique talents to our state.*

OARA's Goal: to cooperate across government and non-profit and private sector to address these problems. The first step is to identify available resources to address these issues. The second step is to identify gaps in legal service and to effectuate initiatives to provide legal services so not one Nevadan is deprived of their legal rights.

OARA Initiatives to Support CASD 5 Year Plan:

1. Refer legal matters to Legal Aid and Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center
2. Identify gaps in legal services to ASD population
3. Financial Management Program to support ability to continue to live independently in the community as ASD population ages
4. Provide technical legal assistance to ASD population advocacy and legal service providers (Fair Housing Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, etc.)
5. Intervene where appropriate to ensure person centered approach and *least restrictive alternative* to Guardianship



2025 Assembly Bill 461

Long Term Care Planning Program

- Requires the development of a program to:
 - Develop and carryout a public awareness campaign about the importance of planning for long-term care
 - Maintain information on a website with resources
 - Coordinate with financial planners, health insurance, and community organizations
 - Address specific demographic segments
- Annual report on or before February 1
- ADSD Implementation
 - In line with existing efforts through no wrong door – Nevada Care Connection
 - Existing federal funding to help support outreach efforts – but not guaranteed to be sustained
- OARA Implementation
 - developing a Financial Management Program
 - Solicit law firms and legal aid to conduct pro-bono workshops for Power of Attorney, Advanced Directives and Simple Wills- not supported by grant funding



Stakeholders Call to Action

OARA is forming a stakeholder workgroup of persons with lived experience with ASD; individuals and their families to provide input to the Financial Management Program.

If you are interested in participating please call Jacqueline Shepherd at 725-281-1069 with the following information:

- ✓ name, email address and phone number
- ✓ identify your relationship to the ASD population
- ✓ identify any positions you hold on boards or commissions
- ✓ identify if you are a person with ASD who holds a job
- ✓ preferred method of communication and accommodation requests



Questions?



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Acronyms

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ADSD	Aging and Disability Services Division
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
CASD	Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders
NRS	Nevada Revised Statute