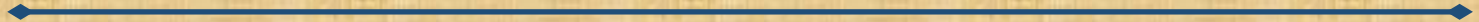


**Transition Day & Deaf Camp 2023**  
**"Camp SignShine meets Camp CRAVE"**  
**Community Roundtable Presentation**

**A Camp SignShine, DETR, & D/HH Commission ED Collaboration**



# AGENDA

## TOPICS:

- Introduction: The Why... Our Objectives
- Our Journey to Today – A Collaborative Effort
- History of Camp SignShine
- History of Camp CRAVE
- History of D/Hoh Transition Day
- 2023 Transitions Day & “Camp SignShine meets Camp CRAVE”
- How to Engage
- Open Discussion – Q & A
- Contact Information
- Closing Remarks and Special Thanks

# The Why... Our Objective

## Our students are our future!

- **The objective of this collaboration is to help repair our transitional pipeline by exposing our students to their potential and options within our state and/or larger resource pool nationwide. These efforts are to bring back Deaf heritage and traditions of Nevada to the state of Nevada.**
  - Key factors of Deaf heritage...
    - Deaf Culture & Historical Norms Exposure
    - Community & Language Development Fostering
    - Modeling, Practice, and Empowerment Support
  - Nevada's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Historical Landmarks
    - Deaf Camps – i.e., Camp SignShine (1975 – 2019)
    - D/HH Transition Day (2017 – 2020)
    - D/HH Socials – i.e., Deaf Bowling League (TBA), BUNCO (TBA), etc.

# OUR JOURNEY TO TODAY

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# A Collaborative Effort

## **Meet our Current Committee of Community Partners:**

Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP)

Camp SignShine Historians

CRAVE Camp Historians

Clark County School District (CCSD) representatives

Nevada Association for the Deaf (NVAD)

Nevada Governors Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD)

Nevada Hands and Voices (NVHV)

And Seeking More!



# **THE HISTORY OF CAMP SIGNSHINE**

Tim Smalley, 2019 Camp  
Director & Sean  
Mulholland, LVDS  
President

# Camp SignShine History

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHs7cls6N3Y>





# THE HISTORY OF CAMP CRAVE

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- **Careers, Recreation, and Vocational Education (CRAVE) Summer Camp**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCaxsn7RHZ8>

CRAVE's purpose is to support students with disabilities through the appropriate use of advocacy, accommodations, and supportive services to ensure access to careers, college, and recreational activities.

The objectives of the program include:

- Increasing the number of students with disabilities enrolled in high school courses that link to college programs
- Enhancing and formalizing linkages amongst postsecondary staff and community agencies
- Increasing employment outcomes

The following will be provided at CRAVE Summer Camp:

- Lodging at the UNLV & UNR dormitories
- Camp staff
- Meals
- Transportation
- Curriculum

# Camp CRAVE History

# THE HISTORY OF D/HOH TRANSITION DAY

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**2023  
TRANSITIONS  
DAY & “CAMP  
SIGNSHINE  
MEETS CAMP  
CRAVE”**

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# Objective of the Merge

- Introduce our specialty DHH VR staff to the community
- Improve outreach efforts to Deaf/HH/deafblind transition aged youth throughout the state of Nevada
- Engage our students and families through Pre Employment Transition Services and Vocational Rehabilitation Services to improve self sufficiency and independence in the community
- Align our efforts with community partners and honor our Deaf heritage and traditions within the state

# The Life of a Camper

| CRAVE Camp Agenda 2018 |                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                        | Monday<br>8/11                                                                                                              |  | Tuesday<br>8/12                                                                                                                                                                             |  | Wednesday<br>8/13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | Thursday<br>8/14                                                                                                                             | Friday<br>8/16                                                                          |                                                                                                                        |  |
| 7:00 am – 8:30 am      | Classroom Supplies-Lore<br>Backpack Supplies-Burrey                                                                         |  | Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Breakfast                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |  |
| 8:00 am – 9:46 am      | Brende will supply dorm room assignments and parking passes                                                                 |  | <b>Why CRAVE?</b><br>IEP 101<br>Laws/Rights Beyond High School<br>BEH 216<br>Lore, O-Eden                                                                                                   |  | Financial Aid, Majors, Placement Tests,<br>Remedial Classes, Selecting & Registering for<br>Classes, Online Components to College,<br>Typical 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester, Note Taking & Study<br>Skills, Scenarios/Role-Play<br>BEH 216<br>Jennifer, Olga |  | Campus Tour<br>Departing from Student Service<br>Complex Bldg # 72<br>Brende is<br>coordinator                                               | Team Project<br>Presentations<br>T-shirts<br>BEH 216<br>Brende, Lore,<br>Jennifer, Olga |                                                                                                                        |  |
| 9:46 am – 10:00 am     |                                                                                                                             |  | Break                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Break                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                         | Break                                                                                                                  |  |
| 10:00 am – 11:30 am    |                                                                                                                             |  | Self-Advocacy<br>Requesting Accommodations (school &<br>work)<br>Reevaluation of Disability After High<br>School<br>*Visiting professors: UNLV DRC/<br>BEH 216<br>Brende is<br>coordinating |  | Communication<br>BEH 216<br>Lore, Olga                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | Exploring You & Work<br>BEH 216<br>Lore, Camie                                                                                               |                                                                                         | Team Project<br>Presentations<br>Photos<br>Certificates<br>BEH 216<br>11:00 am Lunch<br>Jennifer, Lore<br>Brende, Lore |  |
| 11:30 am – 12:30 pm    | Lunch is NOT provided                                                                                                       |  | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | 11:46 depart                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |  |
| 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm     | Registration<br>Tonopah Hall<br>Lorena, Tracy,<br>Brenda                                                                    |  | CDM Career Development<br>Career Exploration<br>Job Search<br>Self-Expectations<br>Computer Lab-CBC C126<br>Jennifer, Olga                                                                  |  | Money Management<br>Financial Realism<br>Budgeting<br>*Visiting Professor: Wayne Turner US Bank<br>BEH 216<br>Lore                                                                                                                                      |  | Master Application<br>Resume Building<br>Cover Letters<br>Surviving Entry Level Jobs<br>Computer Lab-CBC C126<br>Ken & Team                  | Team Project Topics,<br>Scenarios 1-6                                                   |                                                                                                                        |  |
| 2:00 pm-2:14 pm        | Break                                                                                                                       |  | Break                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Break                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |  |
| 2:16 pm – 3:00 pm      | Ice Breaker<br>Orientation<br>Engagement<br>Decision Making<br>Tonopah Hall<br>Lorena, Brenda                               |  | Understanding the Degree -Job/Income<br>Connection, Backwards Mapping<br>Computer Lab-CBC C126<br>Jennifer, Olga                                                                            |  | Time Management<br>Organizational Skills<br>Quality of Life<br>Balancing Act<br>Dropout/Burnout Prevention<br>BEH 216<br>Nathan, Lore                                                                                                                   |  | World of VR<br>Interview Skills<br>Professionalism<br>Mock Interviews<br>*5 Things you learned today<br>Computer Lab- CBC C126<br>Ken & Team |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |  |
| 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm      | Goal Setting<br>Public Speaking<br>Team Project Introduced<br>*5 Things you learned today<br>Tonopah Hall<br>Nathan, Brenda |  | 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm<br>Book Store – T-shirts<br>Recreation: Campus Life<br>*5 Things you learned today<br>Student Union<br>Lorena, Tracy, Beverly                                             |  | Team Work<br>(3:30-4:30)<br>*5 Things you learned today<br>BEH 216<br>Lore                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Teamwork (Team Project Prep)<br>Tonopah Hall<br>Counselor 3                                                                                  |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |  |

Red – Career/Employment/Training  
Blue – Self-Advocacy/Self-Determination  
Purple – Postsecondary Education/Training  
Green – Recreation (Barnard &/or Overnight Camp Counselors)  
Orange – Independent Living

| CRAVE Camp Agenda 2018 |                                                   |         |                                                     |         |                                                     |                                                     |         |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm      | Dinner                                            | Barnard | Dinner                                              | Barnard | Palms Hotel<br>(4:30 departure)<br>Buffet @ 5:00 pm | Dinner/Banquet                                      | Barnard |
| 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm      | Recreation: Travel Training MGM<br>CSI<br>Barnard |         | NW Climbing (Henderson)<br>Leave at 6 pm<br>Barnard |         | (8:00) Variety Show<br>Barnard                      | Banquet (Panda Express)<br>Student Union<br>Barnard |         |

Lead People are in BOLD PRINT they go in charge of the activity listed in the curriculum box. \*5 Things you learned today-At the end of each day the presenter will go over 5 things learned that day, to prep students for Jeopardy.

All staff will monitor students at breakfast, breaks, and lunch. This includes teaching students to navigate the campus.

# Projected Curriculum

## Curriculum Topics

### 5 Pre ETS Categories

- Career Exploration
- Work Based Learning Experiences
- Workplace Readiness
- Self-Advocacy
- Post-Secondary Options

### Panel, presenters, and activities on subtopics:

- DHH Commission & Board meeting
- College readiness & job readiness
  - Disability Resource Center
  - Disability Disclosure
- Money management & finance
- Communication, accessibility and technology
- Team Project/Performance

# HOW TO ENGAGE.

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Director

# How to Engage.

## The Need and The Ask...

- The need
  - Camp
    - Presenters for Topics
    - Camp Swag
    - Prom Décor
    - Signage (will include sponsor's logos)
    - Monetary Donations to Camp SignShine Efforts & Contributions
  - Transition Day
    - Transportation for Transition Day
    - Senior Student Gifts
    - Laptops/iPads
    - Vendor Booths
      - Resources
      - Job Opportunities
      - Academic Opportunities
      - D/HH Artist/Performers
      - D/HH Business Owners
- The Ask
  - Camp
    - Become a Presenter
    - Sponsor Swag
    - Sponsor Prom
    - Donate towards Signage (sponsor's logos added)
    - Sponsor a Camper
  - Transition Day
    - Sponsor Transportation
    - Donate Senior Student Gifts
      - Laptops/iPads
      - College/School Supplies
    - Host A Vendor's Booth
      - Resources
      - Job Opportunities
      - Academic Opportunities
      - D/HH Artist/Performers
      - D/HH Business Owners



# **OPEN DISCUSSION Q & A**

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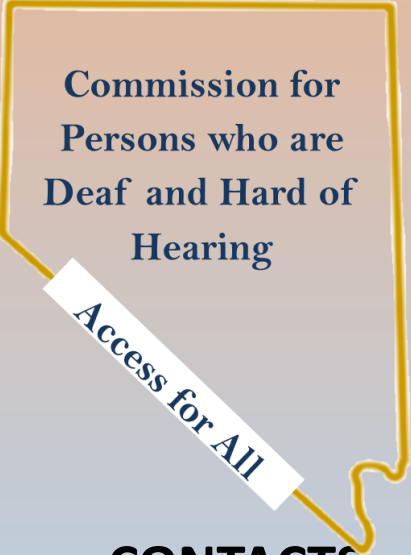
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Questions &  
Thoughts Welcomed

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# Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Commission for  
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## OUR MISSION

“All Nevada citizens will have equal and full access to resources, services and opportunities in all aspects of community life.”

“To advocate for and support the goal that all Nevada citizens have equal and full access to resources, services and opportunities in all aspects of community life.”

## • CONTACTS

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- [https://adsd.nv.gov/Boards/NCPWADHHSI/Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired/](https://adsd.nv.gov/Boards/NCPWADHHSI/Nevada%20Commission%20for%20Persons%20Who%20Are%20Deaf%20Hard%20of%20Hearing%20or%20Speech%20Impaired/)



**Department of Employment,  
Training & Rehabilitation  
(DETR) Bureau of Vocational  
Rehabilitation (BVR)**



**Nevada**  
Vocational Rehabilitation

**Purpose:** The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is a state and federally funded program designed to help people with disabilities become employed and to help those already employed perform more successfully through training, counseling and other support methods.

- **Email:** [NVRehab@detr.nv.gov](mailto:NVRehab@detr.nv.gov)
- **Phone Numbers (VR):**
  - 702-486-5230 (Southern Nevada)
  - 775-687-6860 (Northern Nevada)
- **Website URL:**
  - <https://detr.nv.gov/> (DETR)
  - <https://vrnevada.org/> (VR)

**Mission:** To bring Nevadans together to promote barrier-free communities in which individuals with disabilities have equal access to opportunities for quality work and self-sufficiency.

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### **Vision**

LVDS believes a person's senior years should be filled with continued independence, companionship caring, and informed choices. Though education, advocacy and service can be coordinated with outside services.

## **LAS VEGAS DEAF SENIORS (LVDS)**

### **Mission**

LVDS is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of Deaf seniors in the greater Las Vegas area. LVDS achieves its mission through:

- a. A coordinate system of education, advocacy, and services that recognize and embrace the beauty, culture and language of the Deaf Community.
- b. Activities that will empower Deaf Seniors to advocate on their behalf to foster awareness of Deaf seniors to the general public.

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**CLOSING  
REMARKS &  
SPECIAL THANKS**

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# Thank you!

Special thanks to all our Camp Historians, families, allies, Partners, Non-Profits, and Deaf Camp Committee for their time and allyship in efforts to restore the Nevadan Deaf Heritage in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities within our state.

Thank you, Accommodations Team for your ongoing support.

We'd like to take a moment to personally thank each of you as our Community for your consideration and willingness to take part in this endeavor.

Thank you all again for joining us tonight and please stay safe!

