

2024 ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Sponsorship & Exhibitor Packet

December 13th - 14th

Commission for
Persons who are
Deaf and Hard of
Hearing

Access for All

“Putting Unity in CommUNITY based
Advocacy for Legislative Change.”

Join us in providing stakeholders and community partners interactive legislative advocacy training on uniting, empowering, and magnifying the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) message for legislative and policy change.



Visit our Conference Webpage for Additional Highlights

2024 D/HH Engagement Conference



Hello Future Sponsor and/or Exhibitor!

The Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) are “Putting Unity in CommUNITY” through advocacy for legislative and policy change on behalf of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Our Deaf and Hard of Hearing allies including community members, state agencies, providers, local governments, and advocates are showing an increase in advocacy and desire to unit their efforts collaboratively to improve accessibility for D/HH Nevada residents across our state. We invite you to be an ally in this effort as a sponsor the Commission’s 2024 Engagement Conference, Putting Unity in CommUNITY! Your sponsorship will honor these collaborative efforts by continuing to equip conference attendees with the knowledge necessary to unite as a community.

This year’s conference anticipates more than 150 participants representing the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and speech impaired communities, service providers, and community partners from across Nevada. In offering a range of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in the fields of Sign Language Interpreting, Marriage Family Therapy, Clinical Professional Counseling, Social Work, Rehabilitation Counseling, and Healthcare Executives we’re expecting attendance from a very diverse group.

Support from sponsors and exhibitors like you help make this conference possible and allow us to provide important interactive trainings and facilitates community collaboration in a culturally sensitive environment. In return, as an exhibitor and/or sponsor, your organization will have the opportunity to network, advertise, and boost your visibility in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities of Nevada. So please, join our CommUNITY today!

For more information and details, please see our attached packet and be sure to visit our official conference webpage, <https://dhh-2024-engagement-conference.my.canva.site/> for updates. For additional insight and more, please contact Obioma Officer at Obioma@adsd.nv.gov or 725-235-3206 VP.

We thank you for your consideration to support this conference and we look forward to hosting a fantastic event for our CommUNITY.

Many Thanks in Advance,

Obioma Officer, MA
Executive Director
Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
A Commission of Aging and Disabilities Services Division (ADSD)

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WHO WE ARE

The Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing was established to provide advocacy on behalf of individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Speech-Impaired, Deaf-Blind, and Deaf Plus. Established in 2017 within the Office of the Governor, the Commission was to make recommendations to the state of Nevada and local governments concerning the services to these communities. Our objectives are guided by NRS 427A.750 ([NRS 427A \(nv.gov\)](#)) and our Strategic Priorities of ([State Plan 2021-2027 – CDHH State Plan FY2022 to 2027 \(nv.gov\)](#)): Access, Engagement, Advocacy.

Our Commission consists of 12 member seats appointed by the Governor ([Members \(nv.gov\)](#)). These individuals are a diverse group of experiential experts within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Ranging from Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, Parents of D/HH children, and D/HH Service Providers with a varying range of communication modalities and preferences. Our commission also consist of 5 subcommittees dedicated to taking a closer look at the needs of accessibility, education, legislation, interpreting, and employment.

For more information about our Commission, visit [Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired \(nv.gov\)](#).

OUR MISSION AND VISION

“The mission of the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired: All Nevada citizens will have equal and full access to resources, services and opportunities in all aspects of community life.”

“The Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired will 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.”

Our Vision is for “All Nevada residents who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Persons with speech disabilities along with their families and professionals who support them have timely access to information, effective communication, education, and services that promote choice and independence.”

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OUR CONFERENCE

Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired (NVCDHH) 2024 Engagement Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, December 13th-14th at the Santa Fe Station Casino and Resort in Las Vegas, NV. The conference's interactive session and workshops are not only intended to unite, empower, magnify the Deaf voice in Nevada, but also to serve as a safe space for technical assistance, education, and training through a Deaf and Hard of Hearing lens. Attendees will develop new strategic approaches to collaborate with allies of our community while highlight legislative needs alongside those that develop policies and guide legislative change.

The objectives of the Nevada Commission for Person who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired are seeking to unite, empower, and magnify the Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing message for legislative change as it pertains access to Education, Medical Services (i.e. Mental Health), and D/HH Service Policies. Becoming one voice by uniting our message of Access, Engagement, and Advocacy statewide.

The goals for this conference are to continue our Strategic Priorities outlined within our State Plan ([CDHH State Plan FY2022 to 2027 \(nv.gov\)](#)) of:

Access:

The Commission is committed to working with partners and stakeholders to increase access to services for the target population throughout Nevada. This includes:

- Effective communication access to priority services such as healthcare, education, employment, and other social services.
- Quality workforce of sign language interpreters, including certified-deaf interpreters (CDI), and captioning providers.
- Inclusion of appropriate accommodations during emergency situations and public meetings such as the Legislative session.

Engagement:

The Commission's efforts are most impactful through the development of working relationships with a multitude of partners including state, local, private owned and public businesses to increase diversity and inclusion efforts. This includes:

- Continuous engagement with the target populations to improve efforts.

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Engagement (Continued):

- Continuous engagement with the target populations to improve efforts.
- Increase awareness of target population and effective communication strategies among state and local partners, as well as other community providers.
- Building partnerships to increase the access and support of the target population throughout the state.

Advocacy:

The Commission is deeply invested in advocating on behalf of the target populations in Nevada. Ensuring that all citizens are treated with equity, dignity, and respect is a top priority for the Commission.

- Evaluate policy decisions and program designs to advocate for the needs of the target populations.
- Increase awareness of the legislative process among the target population, including how to participate as advocates for themselves and the community.
- Coordinating with other advocacy groups to amplify efforts on behalf of the target population.
- Addressing the needs of marginalized communities within the target populations.

Our Breakout Sessions' 3-Track System:

Our conference experience includes a 3-track educational approach over both days of Interactive breakout sessions on Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Speech Impaired Access in: Education, Medical Settings, and Service Polices. These sessions are designed to be interchangeable, allowing attendees to attend whichever session sparks their interest.

Throughout our conference we offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from:

- The Registration for Interpreters for the Deaf (RID),
- The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC),
- The American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Units – self reported,
- The Nevada Board of Examiners Marriage Family Therapists (MFT) and Clinical Professional Counselors (CPC), and
- The Board of Examiner for Social Work (BESW).

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

There are two options for supporting the Commission's 2024 Engagement Conference, each with perks and benefits. Levels of support are outlined in detail on the following pages.

Exhibitors – supporting the conference as a Vendor gets you a designated table in the “Vendor Fair” each day to promote your services.

Sponsors – Support from sponsors helps to offset some of the larger expenses that come with holding the conference. Sponsorship support comes with added visibility and acknowledgement at the conference. There are three levels of sponsorship.

Benefits of Support

For Sponsors:

- Access to a diverse group of Deaf and Hard of Hearing attendees and allies during the conference; attendees are composed of nonprofit agencies, medical professionals, educators, prominent National Deaf leaders, state government leaders, staff from state programs, and other key stakeholders in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and disabilities communities of Nevada.
- Designation and recognition as an event sponsor.
- Sponsor's logo and link will be placed on the conference website and program.
- Sponsor's name and logo will be included on all promotional items used for the conference.
- Exhibitor space at dedicated sessions that will allow you to promote your programs and

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- Exhibitors will be set up in the hallway between breakout rooms and session space as the designated “Vendor Fair”.
- “Vendor Fair” space during dedicated sessions and breaks will allow you to promote your programs and services.
- “Vendor Fair” Listing in the conference Program.
- Vendors listed on the conference website.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

- Designated Vendor booths will include a 6-foot table and two chairs.
- Please limit the number of representatives at each exhibitor table to two; contact us if you have a need for additional representation.
- Vendors are expected to be present until 2:30p.m. each day.
- Electricity for booths is NOT available.
- American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter volunteers WILL BE limited.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to bring a means to increase communication access for their vendor booth in case all volunteer interpreters are in use.
- A confirmation and follow-up email will be sent to all sponsors and/or exhibitors with additional information.

The Commission's 2024 Engagement Conference was made possible, in part, with funds from the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities through 75% of grant funds from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services; Administration on Community Living grant #2301NVSCDD; 25% matching funds appropriated by the Nevada State Legislature under NRS 232.320 administered through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, and with support from our sponsors.

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LEVEL OF SUPPORT

Conference Benefits	Exhibitor \$75	Gold \$500	Platinum \$1000	Diamond \$2500
Pre-Conference				
Listing on Conference Webpage	X			
Logo in Conference Announcements				X
Logo on Conference Webpage		X	X	X
Conference Program				
Listing in Conference Program	X			
Logo on Conference Program Sponsor Page		X	X	X
Promotional Space in Conference Program*			Half Page	Full Page
Logo on Conference Program Cover				X
During Conference				
Designated Booth Both Days	X	X	X	X
Meal Ticket(s)**	1	1	2	2
Verbal Recognition during Conference		X	X	X
Logo Featured in Conference Slideshow Recognition Display		Listing	Shared	Featured
Logos on Conference Signage*			X	X
Conference Registration Includes FREE CEUs with attendance when applicable			2	2
Logo on Attendees Lanyards				X

*If sponsorship made by November 10th

**Includes light refreshments Day 1 of conference and hot meals provided on Day 2 of conference

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COMMITMENT FORM

Sponsorship & Exhibitor Commitment Form

Please complete all sections. Note: Company - official business/organization name to be used for communication and recognition purposes; Contact Name - contact person to whom communication should be directed.

Company:

Contact Name:

Title:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Name(s) of those who will be present at exhibitor table:

1)

2)

Please provide a brief description of what you intend to exhibit and benefits to conference attendees:

Please indicate your level of support:

- Platinum Sponsor - \$2500
- Gold Sponsor - \$1000
- Silver Sponsor - \$500
- Exhibitor - \$75

Please make check or purchase order payable to: Las Vegas Deaf Seniors (LVDS)

Mail Commitment Form and Check or Money Order to:

Las Vegas Deaf Seniors (LVDS)
ATTN: Joe Adamo - LVDS Treasurer
2405 Esteem Ridge Drive
Henderson, Nevada 89052
Memo: 2024 Engagement Conference
Or

eMail Commitment Form and Proof of Zelle Payment to:

Las Vegas Deaf Seniors (LVDS)
ATTN: Sean Mulholland, President at Seanmulholland7@gmail.com
Zelle Payment Payable to: Las Vegas Deaf Seniors
Email: LasVegasDS@outlook.com
Memo/Subj.: 2024 Engagement Conference

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