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Annual Impact Report

Special 30th Year Edition



ABOUT US

The Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) is a designated 501(C)3 organization, and was established in 1992, under the name Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition. Since its establishment, the Nevada Homeless Alliance has convened community partners in the planning and execution of 30 Homeless Standowns and Project Homeless Connects. Over the last five years alone, these events have assisted more than 15,000 individuals experiencing homelessness access vital resources and services.

The Nevada Homeless Alliance engages collaborative strategies in the pursuit of making homelessness in Southern Nevada rare, brief, and one-time. This requires a multidimensional approach among government agencies, community organizations, the private sector, and citizens, including people experiencing homelessness. The Nevada Homeless Alliance works to create and strengthen these relationships to facilitate an effective and comprehensive systematic response to ending homelessness.

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Our vision is to end homelessness in Southern Nevada.

By advocating for and partnering with SN community for a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring

VISION

MISSION

To advance collaborative strategies to end homelessness in Southern Nevada through advocacy, public awareness, education, and coordination of services.



OUR TEAM

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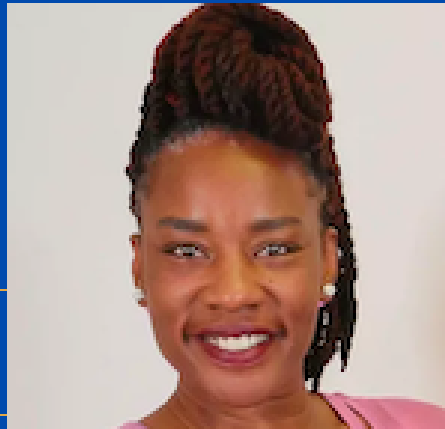


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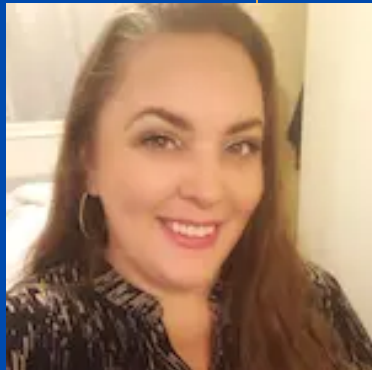


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Donald Gripper

Resource Specialist



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Resource Specialist



Julianna Pozo

Resource Specialist





Executive Summary

In 2022, The Nevada Homeless Alliance spearheaded new programs and projects and embarked upon a new journey with success. Expanding to direct services, an educational conference, and more frequent events in the community lays the foundation for us to continue to provide vital resources and expand our reach.

Nevada Homeless Alliance now employs 7 full-time employees which include: Executive Director, Operations Assistant, Manager of Community Engagement and four Resource Specialists.

Our agency works with 9 independent contractors, all with Lived Experience of Homelessness. Three of the individuals are Peer Vaccine Ambassadors who provide COVID Vaccination Clinic outreach, education and support. Six contractors are part of the Lived X Consultants which includes a diverse team of consultants from a variety of backgrounds who have experienced significant housing instability or literal homelessness within their lifetime.

In this impact report you will learn more about our new programs and events and will see the great impact we had on our community:

- More PHC Pop up events
- Regular COVID Vaccination Clinics throughout the community.
- Launched a Homeless Diversion and Barrier Busting Program.
- 2023 Inaugural Conference on Ending Homelessness.
- Engaging People with Lived Experience/Expertise.

We are excited to see what great impact we will have on Southern Nevada and the State of Nevada in 2023 as we are planning exciting fundraising activities as well as our 2023 Conference on Ending Homelessness.

We are beyond grateful for the continue support from our federal, state, county, city and community partners. Lastly, the work we do would not be possible without our corporate partners, sponsors, donors, and volunteers.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Executive Director

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2022, The Nevada Homeless Alliance served 4206 clients.



Most Connect Events included a COVID-19 Pod and Housing Diversion Barrier Busting services

IT WAS WELL WORTH IT

NHA received a referral from a partner agency who are advocates for those who have been in the justice system. We were told that there was a 56 year old African American male who had recently been released from serving a 37 year prison sentence and was struggling with trying to obtain an apartment. The client was sleeping in his car for the previous week prior to meeting with us. The client stated that he had two jobs, was recently released from prison and that he had served 37 years . The client needed a hand up with the initial move in costs in order to obtain permanent nighttime residency.

The client received light touch case management and help with the initial portion of one months rent and furniture assistance from Nevada Homeless Alliance. The client thanked me at the move in inspection, and he was elated to be in his own place.

Thirty seven years is a long time to be without your own home. I encouraged the client to follow up with any future needs . Food, hygiene supplies, or just to even connect if he needed to talk to someone. The coolest part about this case , besides the reality of him getting into his own home, was witnessing his grateful attitude. In spite of being imprisoned for those many years, he managed to make it work for good for himself , and that is why he is a success. We helped him get housing. He took it to a whole other level, and taught me a valuable lesson.

At the end of the day, I feel that each client has an opportunity for a changed life due to our abilities to be available, providing invaluable service.

We have stressful days, but these stories are well worth it.....

Kevin Whalen

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT EVENTS

Since its establishment, the Nevada Homeless Alliance has convened community partners in the planning and execution of 30 Homeless Standdowns or Project Homeless Connects. Over the last five years alone, these events have assisted more than 15,000 individuals experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness access vital resources and services.

In 2017, Nevada Homeless Alliance launched Pop-Up PHC which consisted of monthly mobile events connecting

individuals experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness to on the spot resources.

In 2022, Nevada Homeless Alliance convened 13 Pop-Up PHC'S which served 1665 households. Fall 2022 Project Homeless Connect was held November 22, 2022 at The Silver Nugget Event Center. 843 Households were served.

Therefore, NHA's Project Homeless Connect events served a total of 2508 households.

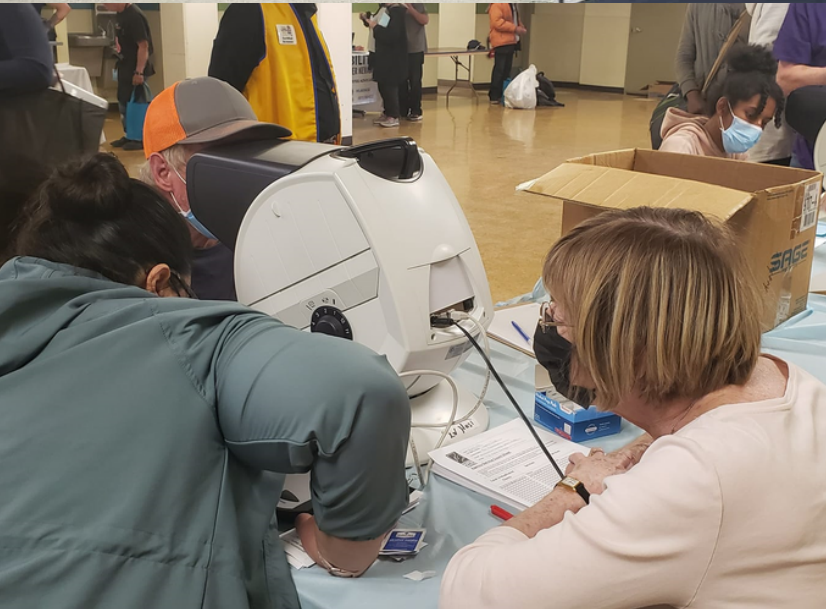


Pop Up PHC

2022 OUTCOMES



- 90 - EMPLOYMENT RELATED
- 108 - SHOWERS
- 120 - LEGAL AID
- 138 - SNAP ASSISTANCE
- 214 - MEDICAID APPLICATIONS
- 172 - HOUSING RELATED SVCS
- 377 - PET GIVEAWAYS
- 508 - UNIQUE MEDICAL SVCS
- 792 - FOOD PANTRY/ HOT MEALS
- 1192 - CLOTHING
- 1354 - HYGIENE KITS
- 1441 - BUS PASSES



HOUSING
is a **HUMAN**
RIGHT

2022 FALL
PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

NOVEMBER 2022

873

CLIENTS SERVED

460 *Housing services
and resources*

1786 *Medical/Dental/
Vision services*

241 *Legal info and
services*

429 *Behavioral Health
Resources*

221 *Veteran
Services*

259 *Pet services and
info*

141 *Youth Specific
services/info*

65 *Employment
Related*

104 *Haircuts*

60 *Showers*

2022 FALL
PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

NOVEMBER 2022

298

VOLUNTEERS

124

*CHAT assessments and
check ins*

330

Dental Kits

160

Harm Reduction

182

*Vision Screenings/
97 Reading glasses*

54

Tax Info and Services

80

*General Medical
Checks*

21

Job Applicaitons

27

Foot Screening

40

Free Phones

47

HIV Tests

63

Gambling information

6

Mammograms



HOMELESS DIVERSION AND BARRIER BUSTING

Nevada Homeless Alliance officially launched the Homeless Diversion and Barrier Busting Program May 1, 2022. The funding source for this program is Clark County American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal funds

Nevada Homeless Alliance was aware that COVID-19 had driven an increase in homelessness and a lack of access to social services and resources by disadvantaged populations. The Homeless Diversion and Barrier Busting program helps to break down those barriers by improving access.

Objectives

- 1** Provide resources to individuals at-risk of homelessness to divert them from the homeless system
- 2** Remove barriers to housing for people experiencing homelessness and housing stability



The Nevada Homeless Alliance team, specifically Resource Specialists, collaborates with homeless service providers, county and state providers, libraries, parks, and outreach teams to offer vital homeless diversion and barrier busting services to low-income clients.

RESOURCE SPECIALIST IMPACT

HOMELESS DIVERSION AND BARRIER BUSTING



Rebecca is a 57 year old Caucasian female who was couch surfing. Rebecca was out of work and was having difficulty obtaining employment due to transportation issues. Her car had a cracked radiator, and she had hip issues, making it difficult for her to take the bus. Using American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Resource Specialist Joshua was able to provide financial assistance to assist with her car repair, and she obtained employment at VONS!

A 36-year old African American male from Compton California was homeless in Las Vegas since 2017. During this time period, he encountered many obstacles and barriers. He utilized "Walk-in Mondays" to see NHA Resource Specialist Donald G. He shared that he was not really expecting to be able to successfully acquire items necessary to get his ID, but NHA proved him wrong. He was provided services to obtain his ID. The client stated that he has a pending employment opportunity. The following message was sent to Mr. Gripper, (Resource Specialist) from Mr. Gossit. He stated: "Thank u so much for helping me save my life... You just don't know what I've been thru and from one Compton guy to another I really appreciate y'all help... I'm in tears I'm so happy... Thanks again"



Jerry Yu a 29 year old Asian male who was homeless in Las Vegas. He was in need of his birth certificate in order to obtain a Nevada Identification for the first time. With the assistance of NHA Resource Specialist, Precious Pettaway, he was able to receive his birth certificate and identification. Mr. Yu has obtained employment as a server and has started orientation. NHA provided financial assistance to assist him in obtaining his food handlers card. NHA also provided financial assistance to pay for him to reside in transitional housing at The Salvation Army. Jerry is on his way to stable housing.

RESOURCE SPECIALIST IMPACT

HOMELESS DIVERSION AND BARRIER BUSTING

NHA Resource Specialist, Julianna Pozo assisted a 30 year old single mom pending housing placement. She needed immediate assistance with birth certificates for herself and her child for her Section 8 application. She attempted to get this service on her own and was given an estimated wait period of 90 days before the document would be shipped from another state. NHA Resource Specialist contacted the Department twice to expedite the matter, and the client was able to obtain the birth certificates within a week. The client was beyond grateful to Julianna for her proactiveness in assisting her. She has now found housing placement and has a home for her and her little one. NHA was also able to provide her with resources for her child to obtain diapers, we recommended a diaper bank, and a baby's bounty

A 44 year old female Oregon native, came to Las Vegas seeking a change of scenery with her 17 year old son, who had special needs. She reserved an apartment online, sent her deposit and when she arrived in Las Vegas, the landlord of the home was nowhere to be found. She was stranded with her RV and her belongings. Struggling to run away from her addiction, she found a partner who promised her a home, where she experienced domestic violence. She was able to leave that situation and in desperation contacted the number on our website. Julianna Pozo, NHA Resource Specialist responded to the request. The client inquired detox or rehabilitation. Julianna immediately reached out to the NHA Director who made a call to a Treatment Center for a bed, where the client was admitted that day. She was extremely grateful for our help, contacted her mother and cried out with us before leaving. Julianna walked her out of the building with tears of gratitude. She confessed she was scared, but she knew this was the right thing to do.

NHA assisted a 33 year old African American Male, who was sleeping in an encampment. He obtained employment, but his ID expired. His Resource Specialist, Joshua, was able to hop online the same day and renew it, then send it to his supervisor, clearing him to work. He said "Thanks a million. Omg!!! The Blessings just keep rolling in and I am so thankful!! Thank you so much, I wish you guys a happy holidays and a fantastic New Year I know this coming year is going to be even better thank you so much God bless and be safe"

A 30 year old African American male had been battling with homelessness since he relocated to Nevada. The client had gone to DMV on his own in hopes to obtain an identification as he had been provided a declaration of homelessness. Resource Specialist Precious Pettaway was able to educate the client on the DMV requirements for initial identification. The client was able to successfully obtain a Nevada drivers license. The Resource Specialist was able to assist the client in locating resources to aid with his CNA license. The client accepted his first travel nurse assignment and left November 18th to report for work.

HOMELESS DIVERSION AND BARRIER BUSTING

Community COLLABORATION

Resource Specialist are deployed to work *within community provider offices to promote low barrier access.*

Partners:

DWSS

Crossroads

Giving Project

Foundation for Recovery

Help of Southern Nevada

Homeless Courtyard

Lovewell Center

Lutheran Social Services of Nevada

Nevada Partners

St Judes

The Just One Project

The Salvation Army Owens Campus

The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center

U.S. Vets

Vegas Stronger

Vegas Treatment Center

HOMELESS DIVERSION AND BARRIER BUSTING

Outcomes and Demographics 1075

1194 *Households served*

100 % *Under 50% AMI*



98% *Under 30% AMI*

825 *Nevada ID Assistance*



430 *Birth Certificates*

15 *Financial Assistance*



400+ *Community Partner referrals*

COVID-19 HEALTH DISPARITIES

Nevada Homeless Alliance was awarded grant funds from Southern Nevada Health District under SNHD COVID-19 Health Disparities program as part of the CDC's National Initiative to address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, including Racial and Ethnic Populations and Rural communities to provide health care services, education, and support regarding COVID-19 health disparities and outcomes.

NHA was tasked with making COVID-19 vaccines available to individuals experiencing homelessness in southern Nevada, reducing the burden of COVID-19 on the medically underserved homeless community of southern Nevada.

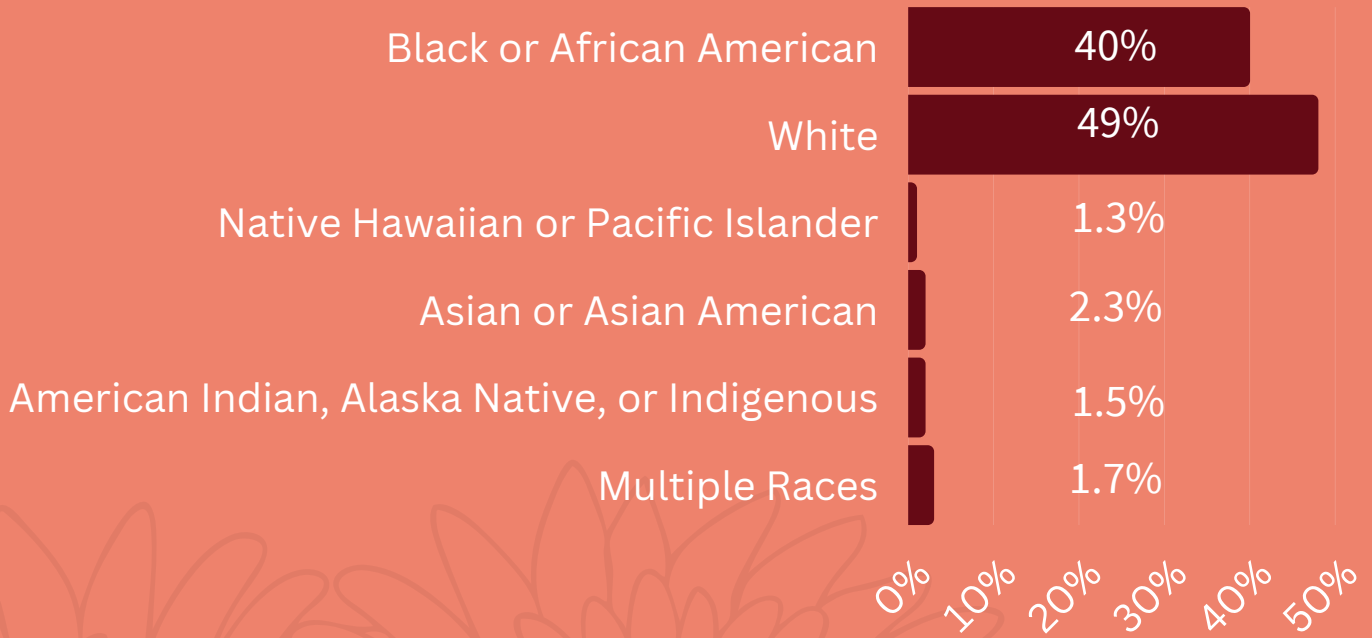
Besides convening Bi-Weekly Vaccine Planning meetings, we provided stipends to three people experiencing homelessness to serve as Peer Vaccine Ambassadors. These Peers assist with outreach, education, and event planning.

Progress

- 1** 32 COVID CLINICS
- 2** 627 COVID VACCINATIONS
- 3** 240 SURVEYS
- 4** 700+ Vaccine Incentives (gift cards) given away

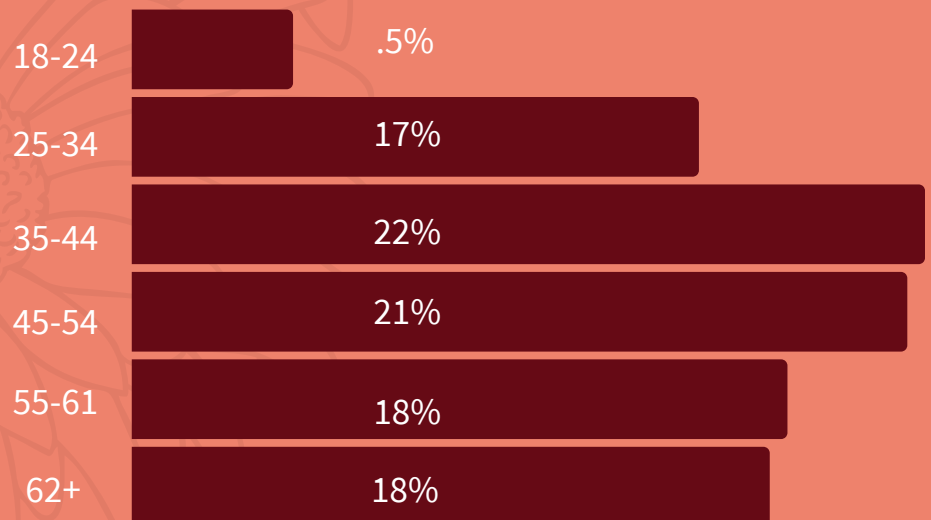


OUTCOMES AND DEMOGRAPHICS



HISPANIC/LATINO	14 %
VETERANS	10 %
FEMALE	34 %
MALE	65 %
TRANSGENDER/NO SINGLE GENDER	1 %

AGE



2022 INAUGURAL CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

The Nevada Homeless Alliance's 2022 Inaugural Conference on Ending Homelessness was held at UNLV on September 29, 2022. This was a sold out event with over 300 guests.

The conference featured a Town Hall with Northern, Southern, Rural, State, and Federal system leaders on the strategies unfolding to address and end homelessness.



Guest Speakers included Governor Steve Sisolak, Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto, and Jeff Olivet from U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. Dr. Sheldon Jacobs was the master of ceremony, main speaker was Jason P.U.-HUD Regional Administrator, and closing speaker was Shalimar Cabrera from US Vets Las Vegas.



Breakout topics included:

- Remarks from People with Lived Experience of Homelessness
- Busting Barriers to Housing Access through Policy and Innovation
- Building Supportive Housing Capacity
- Addressing Family and Youth Homelessness
- Shared Housing and Master-Leasing
- Housing Problem Solving
- Healthcare for People Experiencing Homelessness
- Specialty Courts and Homeless Services
- Strategies to work with clients who exhibit challenging behaviors

Conference participation included representation from Northern, Rural, and Southern Nevada. Other partners who participated include HUD, National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), Nevada Housing Coalition (NHC), Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN) and ACLU.

Our plan is to host a yearly conference. Southern Nevada during even years, and Northern Nevada during odd years. Therefore, in 2023, we will be in Reno!!

2022 INAUGURAL CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS



2022 Inaugural Nevada Conference
on Ending Homelessness



LIVED X CONSULTANTS

After participating in a training with a cohort of other local partners, Nevada Homeless Alliance accepted the task of contracting individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness and Housing instability. Two teams were originally formed, and they have now merged to create the Lived X Consultants.

We believe that People with Lived Experience are the closest to the problem of homelessness, therefore are closest to the solution.

Southern Nevada, Lived X Consultants, is a diverse team of consultants from a variety of backgrounds. Each of member has experienced significant housing instability or literal homelessness within their lifetime, and these experiences have shaped their perspective and contributed to their expertise around housing and homelessness.

Lived X Consultants participate in community working groups and decision-making/planning bodies to share their expertise.

Lived X Consultants are committed to centering the voice of people who are experiencing and have experienced homelessness, because that know that is the only way to implement an effective person-centered response system.

Find more information here:

<https://nevadahomelessalliance.org/livedx/>

CLOSING REMARKS

The work that we do would not be possible without our community of volunteers and donors. Their ongoing contributions are vital to Nevada Homeless Alliances success and ability to continue to serve the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

In 2022, we had 420 volunteers, an average of 2 events per week or 104 per year (5 hours per event) with a dollar value of \$124,000. These are committed Nevadans that value serving others.

Thank you for contributing towards our mission. Because of your donation of time we were able to make a difference in those we serve.

What Next?

April 1, 2023

First Annual NHA Bed Races
Fundraiser

Spring 2023

Collaboration with Nevada Department of Corrections to assist returning citizens who will be discharged without financial or social support. Goal is to decrease inflow to unsheltered homelessness from NDOC.

Summer/Fall 2023

2nd Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness, Northern Nevada

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and

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