

Corporation for Supportive Housing



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**Policy  
Pathways to  
Homelessness  
Solutions in  
Nevada**

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## Today's Goal

- 1** Participants will develop an understanding of CSH and our work in NV.
- 2** Participants will identify the building blocks of the advocacy process.
- 3** Participants will develop an understanding of the key components of public policy
- 4** Participants will explore potential policy ideas to advance pathways to solutions to homelessness.



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# CSH Introductions

- Director, Southwest (Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Utah)
- Nevada Native
- Advisory Committee on Housing
- Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing Technical Assistance Committee
- Former Board Member of the Nevada Housing Coalition

Brooke Page, Director



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## ////// About CSH



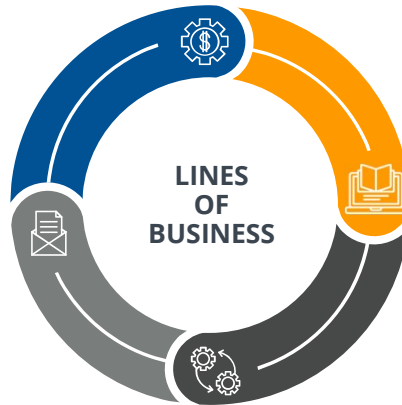
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# What We Do

CSH is a touchstone for new ideas and best practices, a collaborative and pragmatic community partner, and an influential advocate for supportive housing.

**04.Lending**  
Powerful capital funds, specialty loan products and development expertise

**03.Consulting & Assistance**  
Custom community planning and cutting-edge innovations



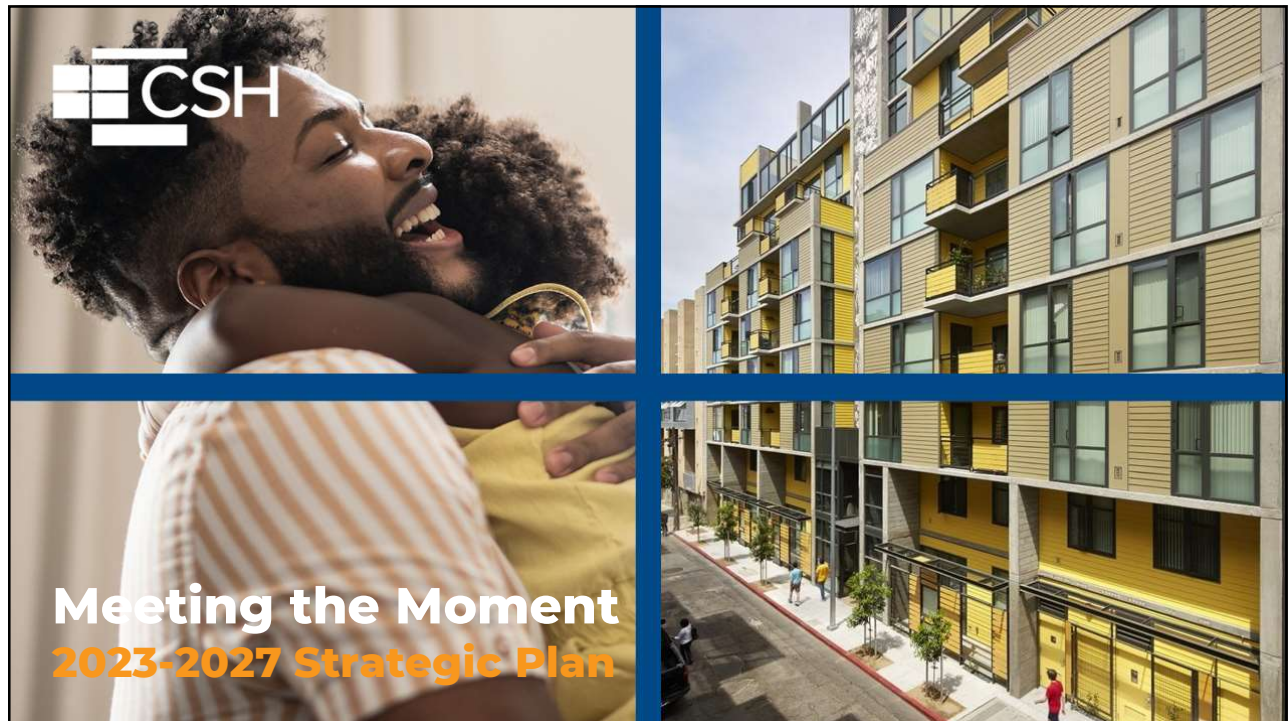
**01.Training & Education**  
Research-backed tools, trainings & knowledge sharing

**02.Policy Reform**  
Systems reform, policy collaboration and advocacy

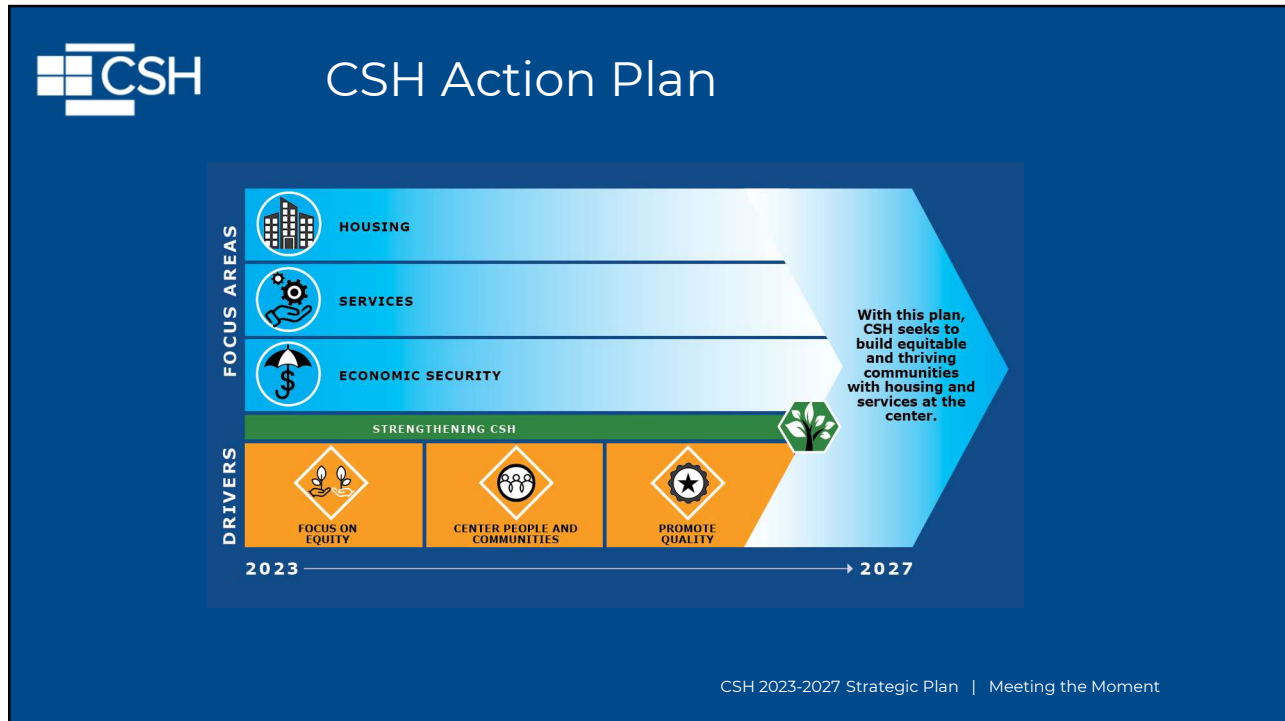


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**CSH LINES OF BUSINESS:**

**POLICY & ADVOCACY**  
**Act as a change agent to advance concrete policies and strategies to promote thriving communities with housing and services at the center.**

- ✓ Partner with persons with lived experience to develop policy recommendations and influence policy and implementation.
- ✓ Engage and influence decision makers to increase and align funding for and remove barriers to housing and services.
- ✓ Advance anti-racist policies and practices as a way of dismantling the impact of historical and structural racism.
- ✓ Use data ethically and responsibly to guide work internally and externally, measure results, and reduce inequity.

**INVESTMENT**  
**Use funding to increase the availability and sustainability of quality housing aligned with services and accelerate systems transformation.**

- ✓ Invest in housing development while building community and BIPOC developer capacity.
- ✓ Connect funding to outcomes to increase the impact of community initiatives focused on supportive housing.
- ✓ Use lending and grant making as a catalyst and lever to influence projects, change systems, and increase the availability of quality supportive housing.

**STRENGTHEN THE FIELD**  
**Provide training, technical assistance and thought leadership to stakeholders across systems with a shared interest in strengthening the supportive housing ecosystem.**

- ✓ Innovate & elevate new models and solutions for supportive housing.
- ✓ Provide training, guidance and technical assistance to a range of partners including: funders, housing developers and operators, service providers, nonprofit organizations, and government.
- ✓ Work internally and externally to strengthen and support the workforce that is part of the supportive housing field. This includes advocacy for sufficient wages, professional growth and inclusion.
- ✓ Convene sectors such as homelessness, housing, justice, child welfare, health, youth & families, aging, and development disabilities together to address shared goals.

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**Exploring the  
Intersection Public  
Policy**



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**Defining Key  
Terms in Policy**

**Systems Change**

- Address the **root cause of a problem**

**Policy Change**

- Codifies Systems Change

**Advocacy**






- Public Support **for a** Particular Cause

**Lobbying**

- Direct
- Grassroots






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# Approach to Policy Agenda

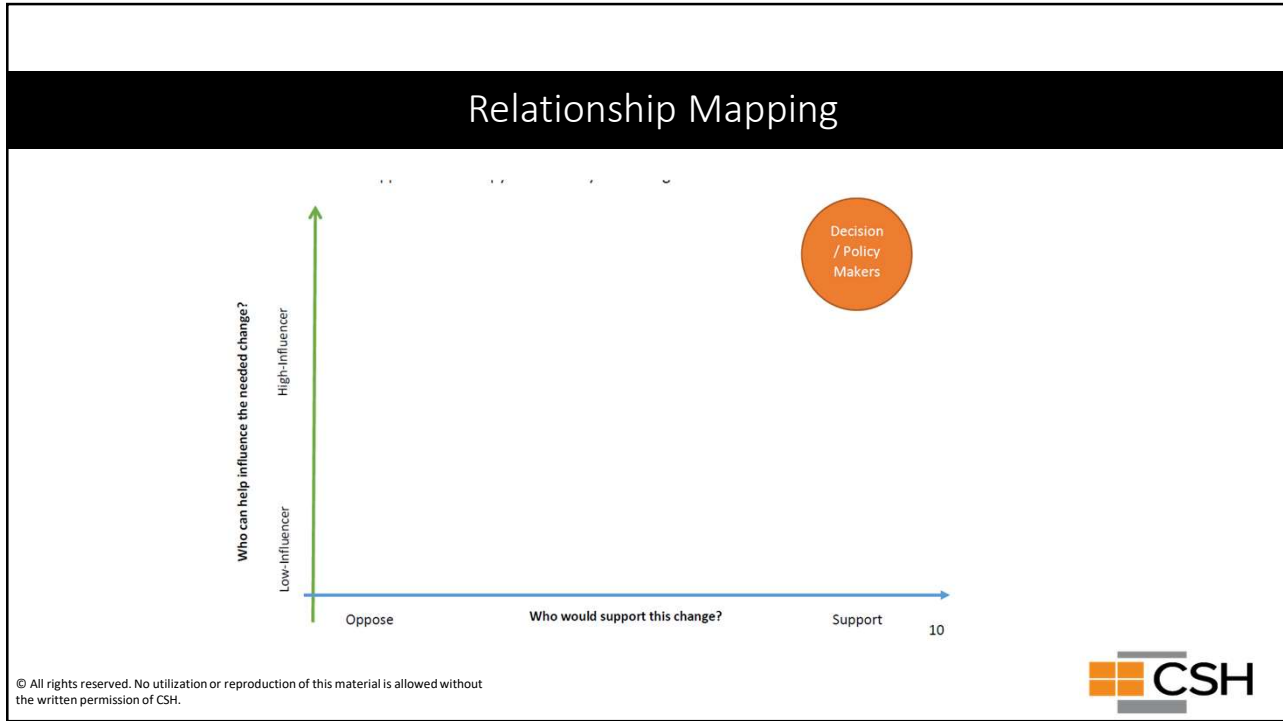
-  What is the problem we are trying to solve?
-  What do we need the State of Nevada to do to solve this problem?
-  Has attempts been made in the past to address this problem?
-  Were the attempts successful, if not why?
-  How will the solution be funded?

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## Approach to Policy Agenda

-  Does the solution require funding, legislation, administrative or practice (e.g. training, approaches) changes?
-  How will the solution be funded (if funding is required)?
-  Have other organizations, states or municipalities had success with solving this issue (this requires some research)?
-  What are the potential barriers to implementation of the solution? How can we address them?
-  What other questions should we be asking? What are we missing?

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## Advancing Pathways to Solutions to Address Homelessness in Nevada

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# Nevada's Affordable Housing Bodies



## Engage in the Affordable Housing Plans

Who	Points of Contact
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Coalition	Maurice Page, Executive Director Nevada Housing Coalition 725-310-2689 <a href="mailto:maurice.page@nvhousingcoalition.gov">maurice.page@nvhousingcoalition.gov</a>
Advisory	Nevada Advisory Committee on Housing Karenza Espino, Chief of Administration Nevada Housing Division 775-687-2223, <a href="mailto:kespino@housing.nv.gov">kespino@housing.nv.gov</a>

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## Partnerships to Consider

- **Supportive and other Affordable Housing Developers:** Developing a relationship with the local Coordinated Entry System is the mechanism to access supportive housing. Look for local or statewide housing databases for other affordable housing. Requesting Reasonable Accommodations
- [NVHousingSearch.org](https://www.nvhousingsearch.org) | [Apartments & Homes for Rent in Las Vegas, Reno and across Nevada](https://www.nvhousingsearch.org/apartments-homes-for-rent-in-las-vegas-reno-and-across-nevada)
- **Public Housing Authorities:** Learn who your local housing authority is and consider partnering with them to help individuals access housing choice vouchers or project based vouchers. Some may have preferences or set-asides for older adults who meet the eligibility requirements.
- **Policy Committees and Planning**
- **Affordable Housing Advocate:** [Affordable Housing Advocate \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/affordable-housing-advocate)
- **Fair Housing Violations:** [Nevada Equal Rights Commission \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/equal-rights-commission)

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**BDR 25-1032 → AB310 → NRS Chapter 481**  
**NV Supportive Housing Development Fund**

- Creates a Supportive Housing Development Fund administered by the Nevada Housing Division
- Assesses and measures the outcomes to demonstrate the cost avoidance of providing supportive housing
- Works with Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing (ICHH) to Award Grants
- Defines Supportive Housing and aligns definition with ICHH definition
- Accountability to the Governor and Chair of ICHH
- Can Accept Funds from Multiple Sources
- Provides \$32.2 million to carryout the grant program
- Nevada Revised Stature Chapter 481



**Sponsor: Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe Moreno**  
**Status: Passed nearly unanimously. Signed into Law by Governor Lombardo.**

Photo'd from left to right: Asm. Reuben D'Silva, Lori Murphy, Amanda Vaskov, Christine Hess, Juawana Grant, Gov. Joseph Lombardo, Brooke Page, Asm. Claire Thomas, Asm. Daniele Monroe Moreno, Nick Vander Poel, and Asm. Sabra Newby.



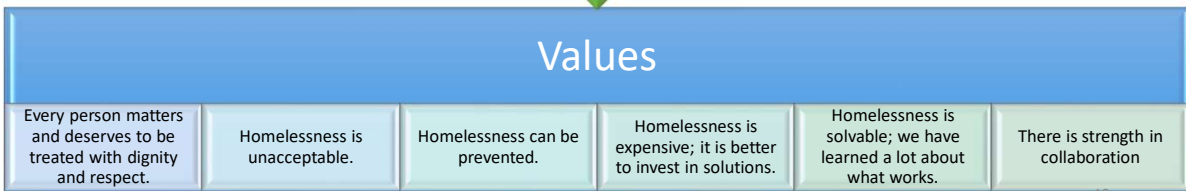
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**Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing**

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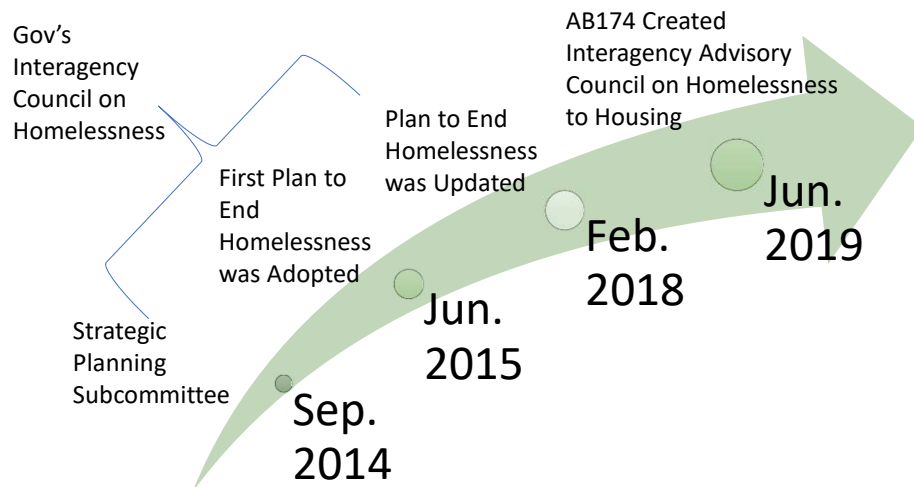
# Mission and Values

The mission of the Nevada Governor’s Interagency Council on Homelessness is to lead Nevada’s efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

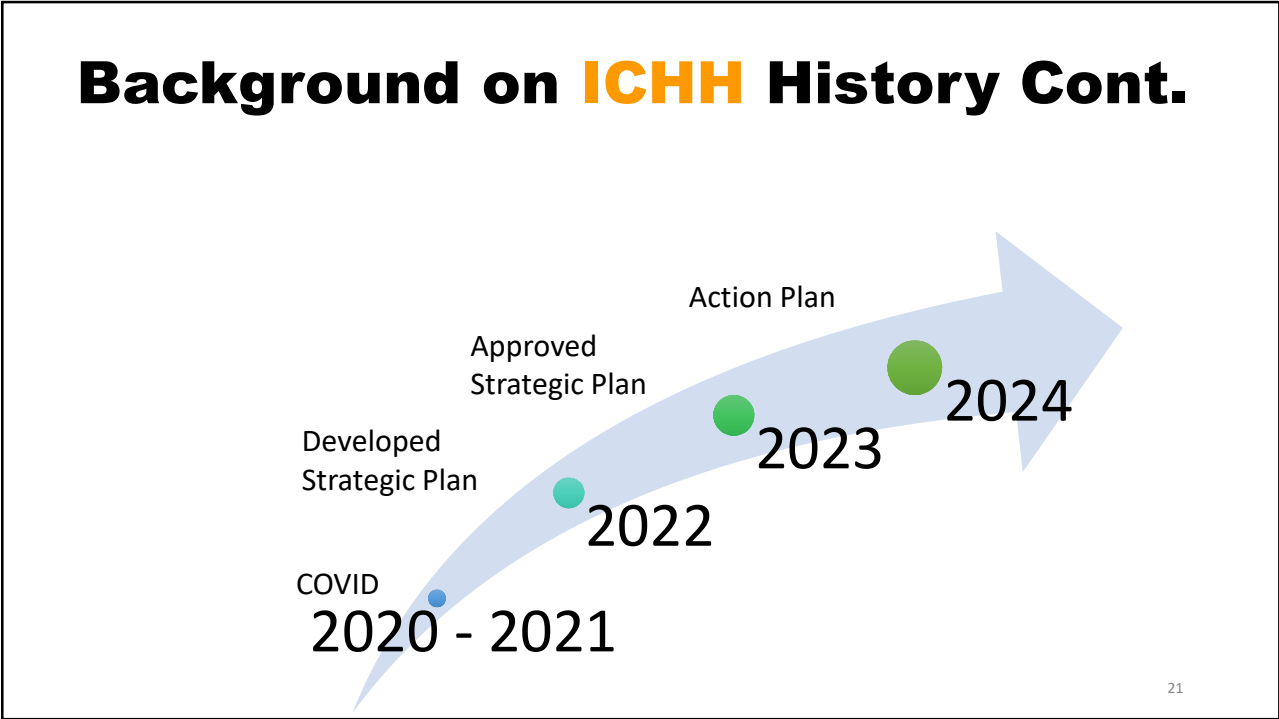


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# Background on ICHH History



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## Nevada's Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing



Participate in Monthly Meetings

Who	Points of Contact
ICHH	Homeless to Housing Unit Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services 628 Belrose St.   Las Vegas, NV 89107 T: (702) 486-1635   E: <a href="mailto:DWSSH2H@dwss.nv.gov">DWSSH2H@dwss.nv.gov</a>

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## Affordable Housing Community



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## EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

### 1.1. PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHS

- 1.1.1. IMPROVING EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY
- 1.1.2. SETTING HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS
- 1.1.3. ESTABLISHING PATHWAYS FROM EDUCATION TO WORKFORCE

### 1.2. IMPROVING ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

- 1.2.1. UTILIZE ACING ACCOUNTABILITY METRICS TO ENSURE PROGRESS IN CORE EDUCATION INITIATIVES
- 1.2.2. STRENGTHEN STATE OVERSIGHT/INTERVENTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- 1.2.3. ENGAGING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ON EDUCATION OUTCOMES

### 1.3. EXPANDING ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- 1.3.1. RESTRUCTURE/REFORM UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- 1.3.2. EXPAND PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE THROUGH CHARTERS AND OPEN ZONING
- 1.3.3. PERFECT AND EXPAND PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS

### 1.4. COORDINATING AND INTEGRATING WORK TRAINING ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NEVADA BUSINESSES

- 1.4.1. CONSOLIDATE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS
- 1.4.2. FACILITATE CROSS-GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE COLLABORATION
- 1.4.3. WORK DIRECTLY WITH BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON WORKFORCE



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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### 3.1. ATTRACTING TALENT TO ADDRESS HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES

- 3.1.1. INVEST IN AND EXPAND GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
- 3.1.2. GROW CRITICAL NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS
- 3.1.3. SUPPORT COMPETITIVE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### 3.2. IMPROVING ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

- 3.2.1. SUPPORT MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS THROUGH TRAINING AND REIMBURSEMENT
- 3.2.2. EXPAND PRIMARY CARE LOAN FORGIVENESS/REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS
- 3.2.3. IDENTIFY DEDICATED FUNDING STREAMS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

### 3.3. REDUCING DEPENDENCY ON SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.3.1. SUPPORT BUILDOUT OF CAMPUS OF HOPE CONSISTENT WITH STATE INVESTMENT
- 3.3.2. STRATEGICALLY DEPLOY NEW MENTAL HEALTH INVESTMENTS
- 3.3.3. ENHANCE PROGRAMS SUPPORTING TRANSITIONS TO WORK

### 3.4. ENSURING VETERANS HAVE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE SERVICES

- 3.4.1. EXPAND VETERANS SUPPORT SERVICES THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES
- 3.4.2. MONITOR AND IMPROVE MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES AT STATE VETERANS HOMES
- 3.4.3. COORDINATE SERVICES FOR VETERANS BETWEEN STATE DEPARTMENTS

### 3.5. IMPROVING HEALTHCARE QUALITY METRICS AND OUTCOMES

- 3.5.1. EXPAND MEDICAID PAYMENT QUALITY OUTCOME INCENTIVES
- 3.5.2. SUPPORT BUILDOUT OF HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE TO FILL SERVICE GAPS
- 3.5.3. RECOGNIZE HEALTHCARE BUILDOUT AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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## PUBLIC SAFETY & INFRASTRUCTURE


- 4.1. CREATING A SAFE AND RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**
  - 4.1.1. SUPPORT BUILDOUT OF NEW AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION MODES
  - 4.1.2. FOCUS STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS ON CRITICAL SAFETY NEEDS
  - 4.1.3. PARTNER WITH NEIGHBORING STATES AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ON NEW OPPORTUNITIES
- 4.2. EXPANDING ACCESS TO BROADBAND SERVICES**
  - 4.2.1. FAITHFULLY DEPLOY BROADBAND EQUITY ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) PROGRAM FUNDING
  - 4.2.2. COMPLETE BUILDOUT OF STATE-OWNED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
  - 4.2.3. PARTNER WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS ON ACCESS PROGRAMS
- 4.3. PREVENTING CRIME**
  - 4.3.1. CREATE AND BUILD A CULTURE OF RESPECT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
  - 4.3.2. SUPPORT TOUGH-ON-CRIME LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS
  - 4.3.3. COMBAT ILLEGAL DRUG USE AND TRAFFICKING
- 4.4. REDUCING RECIDIVISM AND PREPARING OFFENDERS FOR COMMUNITY REENTRY**
  - 4.4.1. DEVELOP CROSS-GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS FOR EXITING OFFENDERS
  - 4.4.2. BUILD OUT NEW AND EXPANDED WORKFORCE TRAINING FOR INMATES
  - 4.4.3. SUPPORT INMATE EDUCATION PROGRAMMING AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES





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# Policy Ideas

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Develop a standardized tenant selection housing policy for who can access housing. One standard tenant selection plan
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Develop a statewide tracking system of all fund sources in the state and what they are used for and eligibility criteria to access funding.
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Increase supportive services for people with disabilities, severe mental illness, substance use disorders to support access to housing and housing stability and increase the number of payees who can assist with fiscal management.
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Encourage partnerships and collaboration between continuum of care providers and state agencies. This could involve joint planning, resource sharing, and coordinated service delivery to maximize the impact of matching funds.
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Create a policy that provides the opportunity to address rehabilitation post incarceration.

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## Open Discussion

- What other policy ideas? do you think are important t consider?
- How can we move the needle to address homelessness

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