

DWSS

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

General updates since the last full board meeting

- The DWSS Workforce Development Unit (WDU) has created a partnership with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority for the TANF Community Work Experience Program (CWEP). In addition, they are working to make this an on-the-job training site for successful CWEP participants with the goal of permanent full-time employment.
- The WDU has reached out to high school students who will be graduating in 2023 about careers in state service. They have been able to identify 166 high school students who are interested in a state career specifically with DWSS.
- The Recovery Friendly Workplace (RFW) Unit, with the assistance from the State workforce agencies and partners, is working to design pathways for underserved youth in our communities. The collaborative meeting was held in March 2023 with various partners including DETR, Department of Education, Northern Nevada Literacy Council, EmployNV, and the Division of Child and Family Services to develop workforce pathway supports prior to graduation.
- All of the workforce units at DWSS, including the Workforce Development Unit (WDU), Recovery Friendly Workplace (RFW), and Homeless to Housing, have gone under our new Workforce Support and Development Manager.

Any COVID-related news/updates

- No updates

Any information on service providers that can be shared.

- The Recovery Friendly Workplace (RFW) unit has provided the managed care organizations (MCO) with information on the services DWSS provides. This allows the MCOs to outreach to program participants regarding services they may need.
- The RFW and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health will be working together through shared funding to assist shared customers with finding employment opportunities with a sustainable wage and developing housing supports.

Any relevant and/or recent performance measure that can be shared.

- In FFY 2021, Nevada achieved an All-Family Work Participation Rate (WPR) of 22.8% and a two-parent WPR of 29%. Nevada met the adjusted WPR for All-Family.
- The SNAPET federal performance measures for FFY2022, showed 75% of the participants enrolled in the educational component were no longer receiving SNAP benefits twelve months after program completion, 53% of the participants had employment after the 2nd quarter of completion, and 47% of the participants had employment after the 4th quarter of completion.

Any upcoming initiatives and/or plans for the program.

- The SNAPET program is continuing to work with Nevada System of Higher Education to expand the educational opportunities for participants.
- The Workforce Development unit and the Recovery Friendly Workplace unit are working to expand vocational training options, community partners, and employment opportunities for TANF employment and training participants.
- The Homeless to Housing Unit and the RFW unit are working together to continuously foster and expand partnerships with community-based organizations that address homelessness in our communities.