

DWSS

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

General quarterly updates since the last full board meeting

- The DWSS Workforce Development Unit (WDU) and DETR are expanding our partnership to improve collaboration regarding matching employers and job seekers. DETR will inform DWSS of critical industry needs for skilled positions for cohort development and DWSS will assist with direct referral of customers to open positions on EmployNV.
- The WDU is reaching out to high school students who will be graduating in 2023 about careers in state service. The unit is scheduling presentations at high schools across the state.
- The Federal Fiscal Year 2023 SNAPET State Plan was approved by the USDA, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).

Any COVID-related news/updates

- No updates

Any information on service providers that can be shared.

- The Recovery Friendly Workplace (RFW) unit is working with Crossroads Treatment Center and partnering with Salvation Army and Goodwill Career Center to assist customers with long term supports to avoid homelessness and reduce reliance on public assistance. Salvation Army is assisting with career placement for individuals leaving Crossroads.
- The RFW and WDU units are working with the Division of Forestry, Nevada Parole and Probation, and the Department of Corrections to develop a pilot program to assist with placement in employment pathways for justice involved individuals with assistance from the Managed Care Organizations.

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.