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**Department of Health and
Human Services**

**2024-2025 Governor Recommends Budget
Nevada Dementia-Capable Community Care
Stakeholder Conference**

Aging and Disability Services Division
Dena Schmidt, Administrator



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Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Vision and Mission

Vision: Nevadans, regardless of age or ability will enjoy a meaningful life led with dignity and self- determination.

Mission: To ensure the provision of effective supports and services to meet the needs of individuals and families, helping them lead independent, meaningful and dignified lives.



ADSD Organizational Chart

DHHS Aging and Disability Services Division

Dena Schmidt
Administrator

Kevin Horigan
Executive Assistant

Administration

Ellen Crecelius
Deputy Administrator

Fiscal Services

Human Resources

Information Technology

Children's Services

Rique Robb
Deputy Administrator

Autism Treatment Assistance Program

Nevada Early Intervention Services

Developmental Services

Jessica Adams
Deputy Administrator

Desert Regional Center

Intermediate Care Facility

Rural Regional Center

Sierra Regional Center

Quality Assurance

Jennifer Frischmann
Agency Manager

Adult Protective Services QA

Children's Services QA

Community Based Care QA

Developmental Services QA

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Office for Consumer Health Assistance

Carrie Embree
Governor's Consumer Health Advocate

Adult Protective Services

Bureau for Hospital Patients

Community Advocates

External Review

Nevada Workers' Compensation

Surprise Billing Arbitrations

Office of Community Living

Jeffrey Duncan
Agency Manager

Community Based Care

Planning, Advocacy, and Community Grants

Legal Advocacy

Jennifer Richards
Chief Advocacy Attorney





Accomplishments

- **Autism Treatment Assistance Program** – Increase in caseload from July 2021, 880 active children to December 2022, 992 active children. Decrease in eligible client waitlist July 2021-165 days, December 2022-66 days.
- **Quality Assurance Enhancements**
 - Provider training offered via online platform
 - Implementation of audit team to identify and prevent provider overpayments and compliance with standards
 - Development and implementation of automated process to streamline workflows
 - Long Term Care Ombudsman Surveys
 - Personal Needs Allowance
 - Resident Satisfaction
 - Vaccine Acceptance and Administration
- **Nevada Care Connection** – Federal grant awarded to strengthen governance infrastructure for Nevada’s No Wrong Door efforts.
- **Family Caregiver Support** – Three federal grants providing investments in infrastructure to support family caregivers through coordinated efforts related to training, recruitment, and direct services. Partnering with the DHHS-Grants Management Unit and the Division of Child and Family Services.

Agency Updates

- Vacancy Rates – Total agency 18%; Adult Protective Services 54%, Intermediate Care Facility 25%, Community Base Care 32%.
- Office of Community Living – New Agency Manager over Community Based Care and Planning, Advocacy and Community Services units.
- Elders Count Report – [Reports \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov)
- Olmstead Planning - [ADSD Olmstead Planning Process – Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.](#)



Division Priorities

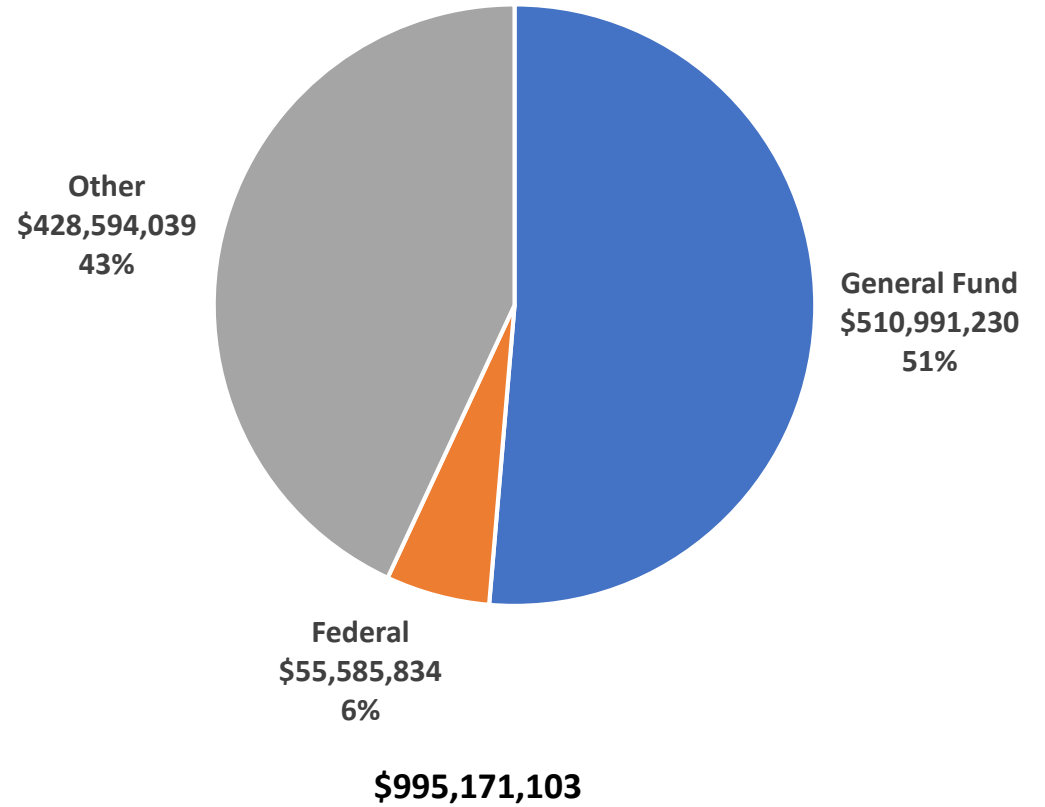
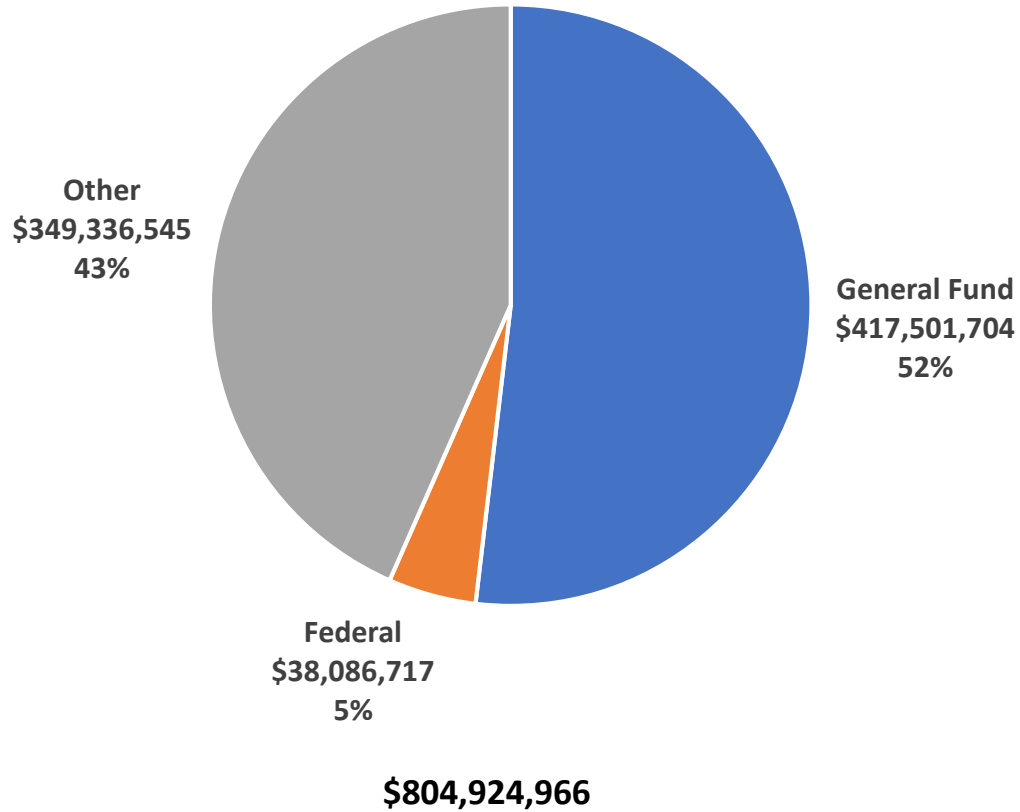
- **Infrastructure** – Human Resources, Information Technology and Fiscal positions to support Division operations.
- **ARPA Position Maintenance** – Sustainability of workload associated with multiple projects as well as Division growth.
- **Reclassifications and equity adjustments** – Alignment with changes in activities and responsibilities.
- **Provider Rates** – Third party rate studies conducted to support proposed rate increases needed as well as alignment of payments in state programs with proposals in Medicaid rates.



Budgeted Funding Sources

Legislative Approved FY22-FY23 Biennium

Governor Recommends FY24-FY25 Biennium





Summary of Major Enhancements

Administrative Infrastructure – Human Resources, Information Technology and Fiscal positions to support the division's administrative operations.

- **New positions:** One Information Technology (IT) Manager, three IT Professionals, one IT Technician, one Personnel Officer, one Personnel Analyst, one Personnel Technician, one Administrative Assistant, one Administrative Services Officer and one Accounting Assistant.

Social Worker Reclassification - The Adult Protective Services Program is requesting the reclassification of 48 Social Worker 2 positions to Social Worker 3s and nine Social Work Supervisor 1 positions to Social Work Supervisor 2s. This reclassification will help the division attract and retain staff to support vulnerable adults in need of critical APS activities.



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Development Support Technician (DST) Increase - Funds a two-grade increase for the Developmental Technician 3s and Developmental Technician 4s at the Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). This increase will help the division attract and retain staff to ensure that the ICF staffing aligns with appropriate staff to client ratios, quality of care is provided while ensuring safety of staff and persons served.

Continuation of Existing Positions - Provides ongoing funding for existing positions. Impacted positions include: three Management Analysts, two Agency Managers, and four Social Services Program Specialists.

Rate Increases - Increases rates to support client access to care. Impacted programs include Community Options Program for the Elderly, Personal Assistance Services, Family Preservation Program, Developmental Services, Fiscal Intermediary Program, and Early Intervention Services.



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Program Infrastructure - Funding to support the division's needs related to complex client care and specialty services.

- **New positions:** One Administrative Assistant, three Ombudsmen, one Psychological Development Counselor, one Program Officer, and two contracted Board-Certified Behavioral Analysts.

Summary of American Rescue Plan Act Projects

Aging and Disability Resource and Service Navigation	\$1,700,000
Mobile Respite and Caregiver Supports	\$1,700,000
Personal Care Workforce Impact	\$5,000,000
Elimination of Waiting list for Home Modifications and Assistive Technology and Bed Bug Remediation	\$2,090,000
Homemaker Program Waitlist	\$1,500,000
Home-Delivered Meals for Older Adults	\$2,909,528
Community Based Care Capacity Building	\$4,000,000
Enhancing Health Literacy for Seniors and People with Disabilities and their Families	\$470,000
ADSD Business Process Re-engineering (BPR)	\$520,000
Consultant to Assist with Implementation of Federal Regulations	\$520,000
Specialized Children's Services	\$14,520,000
Analysis of the Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) System	\$199,200
Geriatric and Telehealth Workforce Training	\$843,813



Bill Draft Requests (BDRs)

BDR #	NRS	Description	Impact
38-219 SB43	427A.032 427A.038	Changes membership of the Commission on Aging to include officer or employees of city or county government rather than governing body only.	Allows the Commission on Aging to fill long term vacancies representing county and city governments. Update outdated language to be consistent with broader service population.
40-220 SB4	439.620	Removes requirement that Senior and Disability RX funds must be directly expended by the Department, removes provisions governing direct subsidization of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical and other benefits, increases flexibility in population served, change from quarterly to annual reporting,	Improves access to prescription and pharmaceutical coverage for Nevadans.



Questions?



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Acronyms

- ACL – Administration of Community Living
- ADSD – Aging and Disability Services Division
- APS – Adult Protective Services
- ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act
- ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
- ATAP – Autism Treatment Assistance Program
- BA – Budget Account
- CAS – Communication Access Services
- CBC – Community Based Care
- CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- COPE – Community Options Program for the Elderly
- CIP – Capital Improvement Project
- DS – Developmental Services
- DRC – Desert Regional Center
- FOCIS – Facility Outreach and Community Integration Services
- FPP – Family Preservation Program
- FY – Fiscal Year
- HCBS – Home and Community Based Services
- ICF – Intermediate Care Facility
- IT – Information Technology
- ID – Intellectual Disability
- LTCOP – Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- MAP – Medicare Assistance Programs
- MFP – Money Follow the Person
- NEIS – Nevada Early Intervention Services
- OCHA – Office of Consumer Health Advocacy
- OCL – Office of Community Living
- PAC – Planning, Advocacy and Community Services
- PAS – Personal Assistance Services
- QA – Quality Assurance
- RRC – Rural Regional Center
- SHIP – State Health Insurance Assistance Program
- SMP – Senior Medicare Patrol
- SRC – Sierra Regional Center