

Annual Impact Report

2024

Stronger Together: Advancing
Solutions for a Thriving Nevada



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Executive Director

The logo for "Housing is a Human Right" features a stylized white arch above the text "HOUSING is a HUMAN RIGHT" in a bold, sans-serif font. "HOUSING" and "RIGHT" are in white, while "is a HUMAN" is in a smaller, lighter font.

With Gratitude

To our funders, partners, volunteers, and advocates—

Thank you for making a difference in 2024.

Together, we are building a future where everyone has a place to call home.

Our Mission & Vision

Mission:

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

Vision:

To end homelessness in Southern Nevada.

2024 Impact Summary By the Numbers

In 2024, NHA served 5,339 individuals across Southern Nevada through various outreach and support programs designed to meet people where they are and connect them with life-changing resources.

- 36 Pop-Up Events
- 13 Family Connects
- 657 Housing Services
- 1,203 Medical Services
- 1,165 Recovery Services
- 108 IDs
- 75 Haircuts

2024 Programs

- Pop Up Connect Events=Bringing critical services directly to the streets (Ongoing)
- Family Connect Pop Ups=Meeting family needs with targeted, wraparound support (Ongoing)
- People with Lived Experience=Centering lived voices in all systems change work= (Ongoing)
- Homeless Diversion and Barrier Busting Program=Removing obstacles like ID loss, financial assistance (rent, deposits, auto repair, food, etc.)
- SNHD Vaccine Pods=Making vaccines and healthcare accessible to the most vulnerable

2024 OTHER

- Homeless Service Provider Training
- 2024 NV Statewide Conference on Addressing Homelessness: *LEVEL UP: Policy, Practice, Partnerships*
- 31st Annual Homeless Candlelight Vigil: "Celebration of Hope"
 - 2024 NAEH Conference on Ending Homelessness: Along with Lived X Team Members and other computer partners- Capitol Hill Day Captain!!
 - 2024 Lived Experience Leadership Conference

Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect Events

Held 36 times in 2024, our mobile outreach events bring vital resources directly to those in need, offering housing assistance, health services, employment help, and more in a one-stop model.

Family Connect- in partnership with CCSD

Through 13 events in 2024, Family Connect provided tailored support to families in crisis, including legal aid, Medicaid enrollment, youth services, and housing assessments.

Project Homeless Connect Outcomes

Services Provided:

- 657 Housing Navigation
- 1,203 Medical
- 1,165 Recovery/SU Services
- 108 ID Recovery
- 60+ Birth Certificates
- 473 Mental Health
- 393 Employment

Lived Experience Leadership

We supported advisory boards in Clark and Washoe counties made up of individuals with lived experience of homelessness, justice involvement, mental health or substance use, domestic violence, etc.. helping to ensure inclusive, informed decision-making across systems.

- Washoe County LEAB
- Southern Nevada Lived X Consultants (TEAM)
 - Now includes two FTE Lived Experience Specialists!
 - 9 Independent Contractors

Advocacy, scoring and ranking, training, and community education

Homeless Diversion and Barrier Busting Program

- Launched in 2022, this ARPA-funded initiative removed barriers to housing by providing essential documents (IDs, birth certificates), emergency financial assistance, and referrals to critical services.
- 100% under 50% AMI
- 2,700+ served since 2022
- 1,800+ ID recoveries
- 850 Birth Certificate assistances
- Financial help for housing, employment, transportation
- Re-Entry @ NDOC

NAEH Capitol Hill Day



2024 NV Statewide Conference on Addressing Homelessness



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on Addressing Homelessness.

LEVEL UP
Policy • Practice • Partnerships

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31st Annual Homeless Candlelight Vigil: "Celebration of Hope"



Vigil.. Continued



Pastor Henry Sneed
August 27, 1967 - July 9, 2024



In loving memory of Pastor Henry Darnell Sneed, our honorary board member, whose dedication, wisdom, and unwavering faith enriched our organization and community. A devoted husband, father, life coach, and pastor, Pastor Sneed's legacy of service and compassion continues to inspire us all. His impact will forever be felt, and we honor his memory with deep gratitude.

Remembrance Wall



In loving memory of Harvey Austin, our longtime volunteer care coordinator at The CARE Complex, whose unwavering dedication and compassion profoundly impacted our community. Harvey's heartfelt commitment to serving others continues to inspire us all.



In loving memory of Louis Hixon, a devoted father, mentor, and steadfast advocate for our community. His unwavering dedication and compassionate spirit touched countless lives, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him. A life well lived, his legacy continues to inspire us to serve with kindness and purpose.

Juan Salinas
1964- February 2, 2024

A profound loss, not only for The Salvation Army community. His unwavering commitment to the A+ community created lasting change and space for those in need. Juan's legacy will continue to inspire us to uplift the most vulnerable among us.

Intersection between incarceration and homelessness

- National research suggests that up to 15% of incarcerated people experience homelessness in the year before admission to prison.
- City- and state-level studies of homeless shelters find that many formerly incarcerated people rely on shelters, both immediately after their release and over the long term.
- People who have been to prison just once experience homelessness at a rate nearly 7 times higher than the general public.
- People who have been incarcerated more than once have rates 13 times higher than the general public.

The buzz....

“People don’t want to share where they are going when they expire their sentence....”

“They are no longer NDOC responsibility”

“There are laws in place that stipulate that we have to provide them with gate money, medications, and drop them off if that is part of their release plan”



NEVADA'S RE-ENTRY VISION (2021)

Nevada's Re-entry Vision is dedicated to reducing the rate of offenders returning to incarceration by **utilizing collaborative interagency partnerships** and nationwide best practices for re-entry programming.

Success for an offender is defined as: *having stable housing* and employment, effective treatment, positive personal relationships, family support and appropriate supervision that will enable productive and law-abiding lives.

Nevada believes it has an economic and moral imperative to support offenders recently released from custody to regain entry into the community.

There is a link between poverty and incarceration nationwide.

- What does that look like in Nevada?
- There is no data about recidivism rates specifically for poor and homeless Nevadans because the states incarceration data isn't run against the homeless services data OR data is simply not collected.

Returning citizens:

- Face the same challenges that lead to homelessness among the general population.
- Face unique barriers to housing and employment associated with their criminal justice system and involvement

There is a lack of ownership of the problem among government agencies and community organizations

Communication and Collaboration

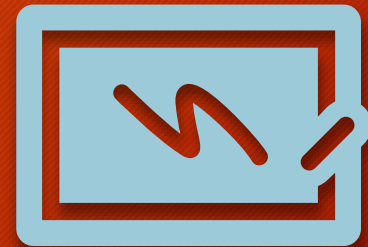
It is critical that local leaders, local, state, non-profit agencies, citizens, and service providers understand the connection between homelessness and the criminal justice system to develop communities and ensure everyone has access to safe and stable housing.

NHA tirelessly does this work!



Suggestions

- Create a re-entry task force/working group;
- Add 'housing status' as a data point to be collected at prison entry and exit- Accomplished with AB32
- Synthesize data to determine how homelessness does/does not impact recidivism rates;
- Strategize community plans to ensure returning citizens are:
 - Informed about housing options
 - Screened prior to exit, if appropriate
 - Ensure returning citizen are provided with housing search, placement and financial assistance as well as case management upon exit from prison or while on parole, if appropriate



2025 ... and Looking Ahead



- NHA App Launch: Improving access to services via mobile tech
- Ongoing Pop-Up Events..... Monthly Family Connect Pop Ups
- Employment Connect
- Quarterly Medical Connects starting in Q3
- Monthly Youth Connect starting in Q3

NEW!!!!

Pet Deposits and Fees, Silver Summit CIP Re-Entry Program launch, Flexible Funding to assist individuals obtain and maintain permanent housing.

Homeless Service Provider Training- CEUs approved by BOE/SW and NCB

Psstttttt- We have a **NEW HOME!!!**

2025 ... and Looking Ahead

- 2025 Statewide Conference: Mission Possible: Policy, Practice, Partnerships (September 2025)
- YHDP Guided Home Youth Peer Navigation (October 2025)
- Biannual 2025 Project Homeless Connect: over 150 partners providing on-the-spot resources (November 2025)
- Annual Candlelight Vigil: Honoring lives lost to homelessness (December 2025)

Thank you

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