

Dial three easy numbers to get connected in Nevada

Dial 2-1-1 Text Zip Code to 898211

www.Nevada211

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## How 2-1-1 Came To Be.....

#### 2000: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

- All states must develop a 2-1-1 system
- Take burden off 9-1-1 operators
- Help individuals needing non-emergency assistance and services
- 2005: Added to State of Nevada Revised Statutes (232. 359)

# Purpose of 2-1-1

- Provide Information and Referral (I&R):
  - Basic Human Services
  - Physical and Mental Health Resources
  - Employment Support Services
  - Programs for Children, Youth, Families, Seniors, Persons with Disabilities, etc.

Provide Community Emergency and Disaster Response Information

### Availability.....

- Free, Confidential Service, Available 24/7, 365 Days A Year.
  - Dial 2-1-1
  - Text Zip Code to 898211
  - www.Nevada211.0rg
  - Information Available in More Than <u>150 Languages</u>!
- Current Database of Providers (FY17, Q2):
  - 762 Agencies
  - 1,934 Programs
  - 3,059 Services

### A New 2-1-1 Administrator as of July 1, 2015



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- Selected by State Of Nevada/DHHS Through RFP Process
- 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization
- United Way Member Agency

## **Accomplishments Since July 2015**

- Doubled the Number of Calls Received Each Month
- Redesigned Website that is Much More User-friendly
- Updated Existing Database
- Creation of Five-year Strategic Plan
- Enhanced Outreach and Education Efforts

### **Trained, Professional Call Specialists**

- Asks the Caller's Name, Zip Code, and Contact Number
- Identifies Needs of Caller Through Qualifying Questions
  - EX: Is Transportation Assistance Needed?
- Search 2-1-1 Database for closest provider and/or most available to provide assistance
- Provide Relevant and Localized Referral Contact Information

### Nevada 2-1-1 Statistics

#### • Answer Between 10,000-12,000 Calls Per Month!

• 78% of Calls Answered Under 30 Seconds; 92% In Less Than Two Minutes

#### • Top Three Referrals:

- Housing/Shelter
- Food
- Utility Assistance

#### • Top Three Age Group Users:

- 30-39 (20%)
- **50-59 (18%)**
- 40-49 (17%)

## **Disaster Response**

- Activation Within Minutes.
- Respond to Non-emergency Calls and Messages.
- Relieves Burden on 9-1-1 and Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- When Possible, Onsite 2-1-1 Representative During an Emergency.
- January '17 Northern Nevada Flood Disaster Response
  - 1,502 Calls; Mostly over a Three-day Period!

### **2-1-1 Partnership Benefits You, Us, and Clients!**

- Makes it Easier for People to Find You
- People in Need Find You on the First Contact
- Allows Your Staff to Focus on Your Client Base
- 2-1-1 Database Reduces Need for Duplicative Services
- Can Provide You Caller Statistics/Client Demographics
- Available 24/7, Reducing Need for Overtime Hours

# Nevada 2-1-1 Next Steps

- Create a more robust and inclusive database
  - Customize database search functionality
- Conduct a Marketing and Outreach Campaign to Better Inform the Public About 2-1-1
- Create Nevada 2-1-1 Community Ambassador Group
- Improve Relationships with Providers Statewide. Prove our Worth!

### **Making 2-1-1 Database More Effective**

#### Accuracy of Database: Ensure Provider Information is Included and/ or Up-to Date!

Correct contact information, Hours of Operation, Services provided

### Go To www.Nevada211.org

- New Providers: Click on "Add New Agency Information"
- Existing Providers: Click on "Update Existing Agency Information"

#### Use Our "Door Knockers" to Help You Complete the Process

### State Agencies: How Can I Promote Nevada 2-1-1?

- Ensure Your Provider Service Information is Included/Up-to-Date in 2-1-1 Database
- Discuss 2-1-1 with Your Partner Stakeholders
- Require 2-1-1 Registration for all Sub-grantees
- Partner with 2-1-1 on I&R Database/Call Center Projects
- Inform Your Clients About the Availability and Services Provided Through 2-1-1



### **Programs & Services**

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### **Crisis Prevention Programs**

- Utility Assistance
- Food Security
- Debt Management / Repayment
- Representative Payee Program
- IRS Advocacy Program



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#### **Asset Development Programs**

- Free Tax Preparation
- Establish Checking/Savings Accounts
- Down Payment Assistance for First Time Homebuyers
- Lending Circles
- Individual Development Accounts (Matched Savings)
  - Homeownership
  - Education



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### Counseling

- Financial Counseling and Coaching
- Housing Counseling
- Reverse Mortgage Counseling
- Bankruptcy Counseling

### **Contact Us.....**



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