

Nevada Aging & Disability Services Division



State Agency Mission

The mission of Aging & Disability Services Division is 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.

Populations Served

- Older Adults
- Adults with Physical Disabilities
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

Organizational Structure

The director is hired by a higher ranking official, but serves at the convenience of the Governor, and oversees a staff of 1,195 FTE.

Local Network

3 Independent Living Centers

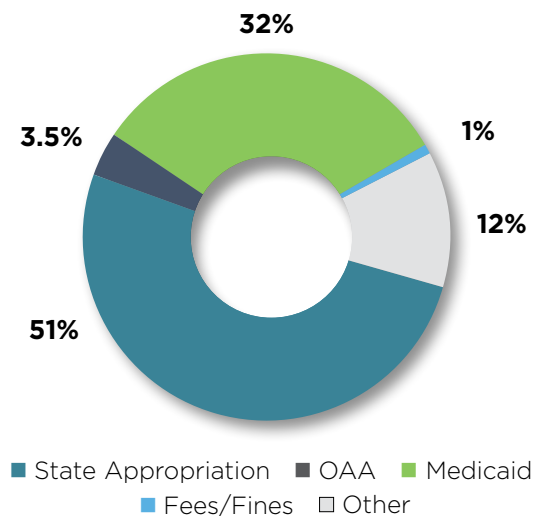
The State Agency also performs the functions of Area Agencies on Aging in Nevada.

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

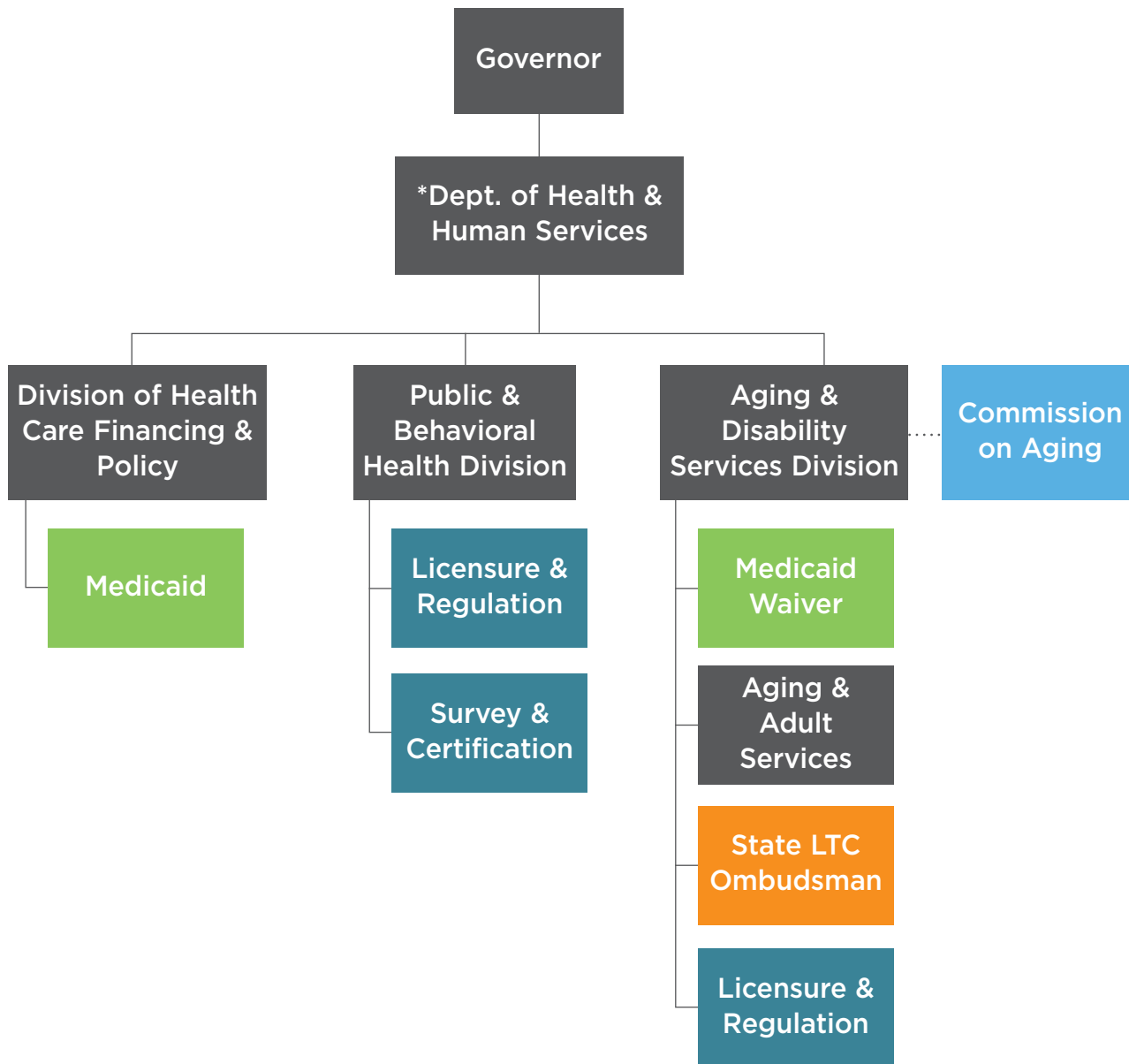
1. Addressing Budget Issues
2. Mitigating Social Isolation
3. COVID-related closures of providers
4. Addressing diversity, inclusion, and equity in services
5. Lack of affordable housing

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$369,539,962



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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of Nevada’s Aging & Disability Services Division

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	✓
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	✓
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	✓
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	✓
Oversee guardianship program	
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	✓
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	✓
Manage No Wrong Door system	✓

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	✓
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	✓
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	✓
Administer PASRR	✓
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	✓

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	✓

Key State Initiative

Nevada COVID-19 Aging Network (Nevada CAN) Rapid Response

In March 2020, all older adults in Nevada (and across the U.S.) were encouraged to stay home to reduce their risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to the increased potential for negative consequences, including a dramatically higher risk of death than among the younger population. Aging services leaders in Nevada immediately recognized the potential impact social distancing could have on physical, mental, and social health, and that an increased demand for support could create an 'aging services crisis' alongside the well-recognized public health and financial crises.

By April 1st, Nevada had planned and launched the *Nevada COVID-19 Aging Network (Nevada CAN) Rapid Response*. Bringing together the State Unit on Aging, Nevada's universities, community-based and county aging services agencies, this coordinated, statewide mobilization effort sought to rapidly identify elders' needs and connect them with priority services to enable them, as stated by Governor Sisolak, to "Stay Home for Nevada." Leveraging Nevada 2-1-1 and the state's Aging and Disability Resource Centers (Nevada Care Connections), a brief elder needs survey was launched to identify elder needs.

Each elder was triaged to specific action teams, each targeting priority needs, including:

- 1) food and medication delivery;
- 2) virtual social support; and
- 3) telehealth services.

Each action team mobilized a range of partners and volunteers at the state and local levels to fulfill the elders' needs and ensure they remained well-supplied, free from social isolation, and connected to needed healthcare services while they remained at home during the pandemic. During the first six months of this effort, Nevada CAN received 1,640 requests for assistance, with 2,557 referrals for service. In addition, thousands more elder Nevadans were served by the partners collaborating within Nevada CAN's three action teams, including delivering over 200,000 meals, more than 2,000 hours of virtual social support and over 6,000 telehealth visits.

See <https://www.nevada211.org/seniors-covid19-resources/>

