

# Self-Advocacy Network of Nevada Newsletter

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SANN is a project of the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD). The idea came from the realization that there was a need for the different self-advocacy groups and organizations in Nevada to have a way to communicate and network with one another in order to share important information. At the June 2015 NGCDD meeting, the Council voted unanimously to fund the Self Advocacy Network of Nevada (SANN) project. This newsletter is an activity of that project. For disability related information or resources contact Sheree Cassingham in the North at [sheree.selfadvocacynv@gmail.com](mailto:sheree.selfadvocacynv@gmail.com) or Santa Perez in the South at [santa.selfadvocacynv@gmail.com](mailto:santa.selfadvocacynv@gmail.com).

## Hot Topic – Managed Care in Nevada

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is currently evaluating different health service delivery models. The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (Nevada Medicaid) currently provides services under two different delivery models, Fee-For-Service and Managed Care. A Managed Care Organization (MCO) arranges for a medical service provider to provide health care services to individuals enrolled in their organization. If you are on Medicaid and you live in Washoe County (Reno) or Clark County (Las Vegas), managed care enrollment is mandatory unless you are under the special Medicaid category of aged, blind or having a disability. MCO's contract with some doctors but not all, and you must use a doctor that is in your MCO's network. Managed Care covers most of the services that are in the Medicaid-approved State Plan. Services not currently covered by Managed Care include Hospice, Adult Day Health Care, Non-Emergency Transportation, Targeted Case Management, Home and Community-Based Waiver Services, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Nursing Facility Stays more than 45 days, Orthodontia and Residential Treatment Center stays more than 30 days. Options the State *may* consider for the future are expanding Managed Care statewide, including additional services that are not currently covered by managed care, expanding the population served by managed care to include aged, blind, or individuals with disabilities and/or increasing the number of Managed Care Plans to offer greater choice and flexibility of services. The Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy (Nevada Medicaid) will be hosting a series of town hall meetings/listening sessions across the state in the coming months to gather feedback on the options up for consideration. After hearing public comment, final recommendations will go to the Legislature and the Governor in late 2016. For more information and schedule of town hall listening sessions visit <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/>. Specific questions or comments can be emailed to [ManagedCareExpansion@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:ManagedCareExpansion@dhcfp.nv.gov). To receive email updates on Managed Care go to: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/LTSS/MCE/MCEListserv/>.

## Agency Spotlight

- **People First of Nevada** is a self-advocacy organization governed by and for people with developmental differences. Chapters across the state meet monthly to learn about self-advocacy, self-determination, rights and responsibilities, skills to increase independence and to take action on local and statewide issues. Visit: [peoplefirstofnevada.org](http://peoplefirstofnevada.org) or contact Jacob (Jay) Arant, State Wide President at [jayarant1@gmail.com](mailto:jayarant1@gmail.com) for more information.
- **A Team Nevada** is by people with disabilities, for people with disabilities to preserve choices in employment, home and living, and recreation. There are meeting locations in the Las Vegas/Henderson area, and Reno/Sparks. Contact Tracy Brown May at [tracy.ateamnevada@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.ateamnevada@gmail.com) or call: 702-612-0083, for more information.

## Upcoming Events

The events listed below are sponsored by the NGCDD. They are FREE and open to the public. Contact Sheree or Santa for more information about these events.

- My Life Is My Own- The Power Of Self Advocacy webinar April 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30pm at the following locations: Las Vegas - Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation 3016 West Charleston Blvd Suite 200, Winnemucca - Great Basin College 5490 Kluncy Canyon Road and Reno - Renown Health 1155 Mill Street Mack Auditorium. RSVP to Sheree or Santa.
- Elko Partnering for Awareness and Community Education (PACE) event. April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Elko Convention and Visitors Center from 10am to 2pm. Join us for a disability vendor/resource fair and information session. The NGCDD is collaborating with our Partners in Policymaking Project located at the Nevada Center For Excellence in Disabilities to provide an informational session at 12:15 on Rethinking Guardianship .
- Carson City Journey of Hope PACE event. June 17<sup>th</sup>, Western Nevada College front lawn from 5-8 pm. Disability vendor/resource fair, FREE food, dancing & music, kids activities. Come meet the Ability Experience Team that rides an average of 75 miles a day across the county raising awareness and support for people with disabilities.

## Life Stages Tool Guide

The NGCDD has created the Life Stages Guide; a tool to help individuals with disabilities and their families plan for, and make informed choices to live the most self-determined life they can at any age. The guide is available in three forms: as a downloadable PDF in standard and accessible format and through our office as an actual handbook. To view and download the Guide or request a handbook visit [www.nevadadddcouncil.org/resources/](http://www.nevadadddcouncil.org/resources/).



The Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) engages in advocacy, systems change and capacity building activities for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to promote equal opportunity, self-determination, and community inclusion.