

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF WELFARE & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA September 19, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TANF STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS SFY 2018 STATE PLAN

The Nevada Division of Welfare & Supportive Services (DWSS) will hold a public hearing in Carson City and Las Vegas on September 19, 2017 via video-conference to obtain comment and input from interested persons on changes to the TANF State Plan to provide funding from the TANF Block Grant to the Hunger One-Stop Program and the Family Preservation Program.

Date: September 19, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: DWSS DWSS

Central Office Prof. Development Center 1470 College Parkway 701 N. Rancho Drive Room 149 Training Room 5

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Carson City, Nevada Las Vegas, Nevada

AGENDA

*I. TANF STATE PLAN AMENDMENT:

- *A. Hunger One-Stop Program: DWSS is proposing to amend the TANF State Plan to award an annual sub-grant in the amount of \$375,000 from the TANF Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) beginning in SFY2018. These funds will be used in combination with the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) to continue the Hunger One Stop Program. This program provides immediate food assistance and addresses the root cause of hunger in these households. Assistance with employment, housing, utility payments, child care, applying for public benefits, and accessing other supportive services help individuals and families stabilize and move toward economic self-sufficiency.
- *B. Family Preservation Program: The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) is proposing to amend the TANF State Plan to award an annual sub-grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the TANF Block Grant to the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) beginning in SFY2018. These funds will be used to provide support to qualified families in accordance with NRS 435.365 and NAC 435.395 to 435.430 through ADSD's Family Preservation Program. The program assists families with children who have severe and profound intellectual disabilities so that they can remain in their homes.

II. General Public Comments

* Indicates items on which action may be taken at the Public Hearing.

A copy of each State Plan and related documentation are available at DWSS.nv.gov. If you are unable to access these documents, please contact Kim Schlesener at 775 684-0504 or by e-mail at kschlesener@dwss.nv.gov.

<u>Note:</u> Testimony and written materials submitted during the Public Hearing will be considered. Persons wishing to comment on the SNAPET State Plan and/or policy changes may appear at the scheduled public hearing or address their comments in writing to:

Administrator Nevada State Division of Welfare and Supportive Services 1470 College Parkway Carson City, NV 89706

Written submissions should be received by September 08, 2017 to be given adequate time for copying and consideration at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to comment may also appear at the Public Hearing on September 19, 2017.

A copy of this notice and the state plan/regulations/policy changes are available at the following locations for inspection and copying:

| DWSS Central Office | 1470 College Parkway | Carson City | 89706 |
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| Las Vegas Belrose DWSS Office | 700 Belrose St. | Las Vegas | 89158 |
| Reno DWSS Office | 4055 S. Virginia | Reno | 89502 |
| Elko DWSS Office | 1020 Ruby Vista Dr. #101 | Elko | 89801 |

MAILING DATE: August 1, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING POSTING LOCATIONS:

| Health Division | 4150 Technology Way | Carson City |
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| DWSS Central Office | 1470 College Parkway | Carson City |
| Elko DWSS Office | 1020 Ruby Vista Drive, #101 | Elko |
| Reno DWSS Office | 4055 S. Virginia St. | Reno |
| Las Vegas Flamingo DWSS Office | 3330 E. Flamingo, Suite 55 | Las Vegas |
| Las Vegas Belrose DWSS Office | 700 Belrose St. | Las Vegas |
| Las Vegas Henderson DWSS Office | 520 South Boulder Highway | Henderson |

In addition, this notice is posted on the Division's web site at http://dwss.nv.gov/.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mailing a copy of the DWSS public hearing agenda to any person who has requested one will not be continued unless a request for reinstatement on the mailing list is made every six months. NRS 241.020.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Kim Schlesener at the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, 1470 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada, 89706 or by calling (775) 684-0504 no later than five (5) working days before the public hearing.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption of the State Plan change and completion of the sub-grant documentation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The TANF Block Grant will be reduced by \$375,000 per SFY beginning SFY 2018.

IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT: There is no financial impact upon local government.

PROPOSED UPDATE FY 2018 STATE PLAN: January 2018

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