

# Nevada95

*(a RWJF Community Voices for Health project)*

**Bringing people together to solve problems, build networks, and contribute to health policy decisions.**

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# Project Partners (Selection)

- Title I HOPE, McKinney Vento Liaison
- workForce Connections
- Children's Cabinet
- City of LV Youth Programs
- Young Adults in Charge
- Pahrump Youth Programming
- Youth Advocates Changing Communities of Nye County
- Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator for Rural NV
- Southern Nevada Health District
- NV Indian Commission
- Clark County Social Service Step Up Program
- NV Suicide Prevention
- The Center
- Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice
- Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention
- Duck Valley ShoPai Tribe



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# What are the objectives of this project?

Nevada95 has **FOUR** objectives:

1. Connect existing youth (engagement programs & service providers) in Nevada by establishing a **formal network of youth** leaders/advocates across the State.
2. Build stronger connections between service providers and youth end-users to **improve specific health outcomes**. These are:
  1. Decrease in teen homelessness,
  2. Decrease in teen suicide rate,
  3. Increased access to mental health services, and
  4. Decrease in rate of uninsured youth.
3. Build **youth leadership and civic engagement capacity** with a focus on health/social determinants of health, and
4. Strengthen **youth representation** on existing public/private boards and projects, especially those that are related to health/social determinants of health.

  
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# Program Components are Youth-Led, Youth-Informed

Hiring Program Managers (review resumes)

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Developing Website

Developing Youth-led Steering Committee

Co-Facilitating Youth Engagement Session

Developing Projects

Collecting Data, Designing Surveys

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# What are the next steps?

Expanding the Youth-Led Steering Committee (NV95 Network)

Collaborating with Technical Advisors

Designing Youth Engagement Strategy Sessions/Trainings

Increasing Youth Representation on Existing Boards



# Early Accomplishments

- Program managers hired!
- Establishment of Steering Committee
- Creation of Website (NV95Network.org)
- Webinars offered
- Establishment of Community-Engaged Research framework
- Youth Health Outcomes in Nevada Policy Report (draft)



# Current Projects

- Art Contest organized (Theme: Civic Engagement)
  - Cash prizes
  - Opportunities for winning artwork to be publicly displayed
- Nevada95 Network Statewide Call
- Discussion with Nevada Legislators on their proposed bills that affect Nevada youth
- Increased social media presence
- Engagement with various (new to NV95) youth organizations



# NV95 Network website

- NV95NETWORK.ORG
- Goal is to be the statewide resource hub for all youth
- Space for youth to submit blog posts on important issues
- Currently lists upcoming opportunities presented by various outlets
  - Station Casinos internship
  - Nevada Youth Legislature applications
  - Job opportunities
  - Trainings



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# Ways to Get Involved!

- Submit your artwork!
- Write a blog!
- Participate in our regular NV95 Network statewide calls!
- Share opportunities and/or visit our website to learn about opportunities
- Join our steering committee
- Participate and/or help facilitate in one of our upcoming trainings
- Sign up for our newsletter so that you know what projects are coming up!



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