



- ▶ Las Vegas Rescue Mission and Shelter Emergency Shelter is available for single men, women, single women with children and single men with children. Private rooms are provided for parents with children. The residential program is for men and women desiring to make a lasting change in their life styles. The length of stay is determined on an individual basis. Other services are clothing, on-site meals, and on-site Thrift Store.
- ▶ Lutheran Social Services - Services available include free groceries, hygiene items, clothing and baby items including formula and diapers. Case management is available for clients seeking assistance with rent or utility bills, work or health cards, transportation, or other needs.
- ▶ Center for Independent Living - For high risk disadvantage youth ages 16 to 21. Offers workshops, employment training, behavioral skills, including self esteem, anger management, and impulse control. Offers housing for youths, residential and day programming, case management, life skills, money management, drug and alcohol assessments.
- ▶ Transitional Living Communities for Men - Emergency Shelter for men includes drug and alcohol programming, assistance with employment and training, and assistance with life skills.

- ▶ US VETS, Services offered includes housing and meals, referrals, case management, employment and training assistance, laundry facilities, outreach services and housing placement.

## **OTHER PARTNERS**

- ▶ Help of Southern Nevada
- ▶ Salvation Army
- ▶ Henderson Allied Community Advocates
- ▶ WestCare
- ▶ Nevada Partners for Homeless Youth
- ▶ Job Connect
- ▶ Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health
- ▶ Straight from the Streets

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# **HOMELESS LIAISON COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM**



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Homeless Liaison Coordinator will act as a liaison between the homeless population, department personnel, and community service agencies. Prime importance is to develop and implement homeless programs, provide information and referral, facilitate alternatives to incarceration, and continue to build an on-going framework of communication, cooperation, and problem solving solutions that benefit the law abiding homeless populations.

## **VISION**

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) Homeless Liaison's role regarding the homeless population will be to support and provide contacts for social services which center on the well-being of homeless persons in Las Vegas and Clark County Nevada by interfacing with these members of society in a positive manner. The foundation for this vision is to set a standard of excellence and trust with concern for individuals through the utilization of a dynamic and integrated approach which will aid the homeless population. This program is proactive, comprehensive and designed to foster cooperation between law enforcement, homeless persons, city agencies, county agencies, and state agencies with regard to providing social services to homeless people. The Homeless Liaison Program takes into account not only the social needs of

the homeless population, but also the physical, mental, and medical needs of the homeless community. This program is developed with an understanding of contemporary society, the local economy, and the infrastructure presently available to meet the needs of the homeless population; the program is robust and seamless with resolve toward successfully handling each situation to demonstrate concern for individual welfare. There must be effective implementation measures to assure that no one in need of assistance is left behind or without viable alternatives.

## **GOALS**

- ▶ Educate the community and department personnel on the homeless population and issues associated with the homelessness.
- ▶ Identify homeless clients, problems, resources and referrals to help the homeless population from a range of solutions.
- ▶ Collaborate with and continue to establish a rapport with service providers, community and homeless clients.
- ▶ Work with the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (Homeless), out reach teams, and a variety of facets on solving homeless problems and solutions.
- ▶ Work with the LVMPD (HELP TEAM) on Homeless issues and community outreach.
- ▶ Develop and implement homeless programs
- ▶ Promote, participate and assist with the Homeless Stand Down Event

## **NETWORKING**

A priority of this program is to continue to establish reliable network with outside social services agencies to assist in providing for the physical and psychological needs of the homeless population. This Homeless Liaison Program establishes a network with the following outside agencies, at the city, state and county levels, but is not restricted to those listed below:

- ▶ Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (RSD) - Transitional housing is provided to qualified men ages 55 and older who have found themselves temporarily homeless, on a limited income, and waiting for permanent low income housing. Emergency shelter offers a safe and clean environment.
- ▶ St. Vincent HELP Apartments are fully furnished and designed to help men, women, mentally and physically challenged, seniors and other began their independence with dignity.
- ▶ St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility feeds homeless and needy men, women, and children nutritious meals in a clean and safe environment everyday of the year.
- ▶ Shade Tree Women and Children Shelter - Offers Day shelter program Monday thru Friday 8a-4p and remains open on Weekends. Day shelter services include showers, laundry facilities; mail, telephones and lunch are available to all women and children residing in the shelter and any homeless women in the community.
- ▶ Emergency Shelter Program is 30-90 days. Clients receive case management assistance with life basic needs. Clients will be extended on a week-to-week basis depending on their compliance and progress with their case manager and case plan. Other services provided are Mental Health Services, Employment Training Programs, Substance Abuse Programs, Victim's service center that help victims of domestic violence, street crimes, and victims of elder abuse. The Children's Activity Center addresses multiple issues faced by children who are homeless.

