

StreetReach

Providing Healthcare to People Where They Are



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A collaborative UNR effort between the School of Public Health Larson Institute, Orvis School of Nursing, the School of Medicine, and community partners to **provide street healthcare** to people experiencing homelessness

Community Need

Based on 2023 county data:

1,760 people experienced homelessness in Washoe County

Of those, 39% experienced unsheltered homelessness – living on the streets, sidewalks and/or other non-sheltered living spaces

Clinical care options are limited to existing clinics

Consistent coordinated care has not been provided on the street



Medical and Behavioral Needs

Based on national data:

Extremely high need for wound care

High rates of HIV, Hep B & C

High prevalence of hypertension, chronic lung disease and diabetes

Significantly higher rates of ED usage

25%-30% diagnosed with severe mental illness

Over half of unhoused individuals have experienced traumatic brain injuries

Drug overdose is the leading cause of death





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Call to Action

Deliver compassionate, low-barrier street care including essential wound care, blood-borne virus (HIV and Hepatitis B & C) testing, and linkage to community care to reduce health harms and advance dignity, equity, and access.

StreetReach: Built for Continuity

- Designed as durable street health infrastructure, not a time-limited project
- Core, consistent services include nurse-led wound care and street-based clinical engagement
- Built as a **braided model**:
 - Stable clinical presence + rotating partner services based on community need and available resources
 - Partners may include public health, behavioral health, women's health, social services, and other community-based supports
 - External funding expands services (e.g., FOCUS-supported bloodborne virus testing) but does not define the platform
- Integrates faculty practice and supervised learner experiences to strengthen the regional workforce
- Structured for continuity, adaptability, and long-term community partnership



StreetReach Details

Team:

- Two Orvis faculty practice nurses
- Project coordinator
- Phlebotomist
- Community Health Worker (CHW)

Weekly Locations and Times:

- Two afternoons on the streets surrounding the CARES Campus
- One afternoon at the Village on Sage for follow up care/services

Key Community Partners:

- Northern Nevada HOPES
- Community Health Alliance
- Volunteers of America
- Washoe County Housing and Human Services
- Renown Regional Medical Center
- Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center



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Timeline

Planned StreetReach Growth

First 6 Months

- Small project team
- Small geographic coverage
- Limited offerings – wound care, BBV testing and linkage
- Integrate medical residents
- Hygiene kits, Narcan, and drug test strips

Second 6 Months

- Pilot street health workforce training with students
- Incorporate public health, nursing, and PA students
- Expansion of offerings and team
- Hygiene kits, Narcan, and drug test strips

Third 6 Months

- Expansion of offerings, team, and geography
- Explore rural expansion and partnerships
- Offer street health workforce training
- Hygiene kits, Narcan, and drug test strips

In all phases – rapid cycle evaluation

Early Learnings and Successes

3/9 - Soft Launch:

First two weeks
conversations with over
200 individuals

Great need for wound care
and interest in HIV, Hep B
& C testing

Success story of Matt

4/1 - Full Launch:

BBV testing = 7

Wound care = 4



Questions?

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