



# The Reno Initiative

## FOR SHELTER & EQUALITY

### History and Brief Overview

Washoe Board of County Commissioners

August 20, 2024



# Philosophy of RISE

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**Mission Statement:** “Our initiative is to cultivate a greater sense of dignity and humility by providing equal access to shelter, knowledge and opportunity. We seek to create a stronger community through the use of shared resources and mutual aid.”

**History:** Founded 2011

**Philosophy:** Our greatest resource is and always has been the people we serve.





2011

RISE and Dine



2013

Free Market



2014

Giving Gardens

2015 Peer Led Outreach

2016 Living  Room

2018 @RISE

2019 

2020

Portland Loo Services

2020



2022



2022



2024



2024

Truckee River Urban Tree WFD

2024



2024

Lived Experience Advisory Board



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RFW Designation by the Governor's Office

101 colleagues, 62 are women

72 colleagues have lived experience

14 of the 24 leadership positions are held  
by women



**OUR PLACE**

UNLOCKING A BETTER TOMORROW

Low Barrier Emergency Shelter  
Person First Focus  
Holistic Approach to Housing  
Environment Determines Reality  
Shared Responsibility and Purpose





# OUR PLACE

UNLOCKING A BETTER TOMORROW

38 families, 138 single women, 20 seniors  
2020 – 2023

2,720 individual women served  
626 moved out successfully  
1,201 adults with children  
950 moved out successfully



Therapeutic Community Model  
Community as Method  
Collective Responsibility and Responsible  
Concern  
Radical Candor and Truth Over Harmony



10 families, 40 single women

2022 – 2023

144 individual women served

78 moved out successfully



TBD



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The only perfect shelter  
is a closed shelter.

Questions?