

# PACT COALITION

PREVENTION, ADVOCACY, CHOICES, TEAMWORK

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February 2016

## Executive Director's Cut

### Greetings!

I know many of you are currently helping us with our key informant interview process, and I wanted to thank all of you for your time and effort toward this project. I believe this anecdotal data will give us a much richer picture of Clark County's strengths and weaknesses regarding community wellness and substance abuse. I appreciate all the time and effort you all put into the PACT Coalition, and our Community Prevention Plan, it makes this a true community document, so thank you!

Internally, we are writing for a SAMHSA grant called the Drug-Free Communities Grant and I will be reaching out to many of you for help with letters of support. On that note, please let me know if you are ever in need of letters of support for grants you or your agencies are writing; we're always happy to help.

Last month we had 2 very successful events, Marissa Duke, along with Ali Cuozzo from Foundation for Recovery, had a successful Mental Health First Aid class, certifying 15 participants in Mental Health First Aid. If you're interested in bringing Mental Health First Aid to your organization, please email Marissa at [Mduke@drugfreelasvegas.org](mailto:Mduke@drugfreelasvegas.org). Aalonah, our newest staff

member, braved the cold on January 23 to help collect 3490 pounds of unused medications from 1075 cars at the Channel 8 medication take-back event at Thomas & Mack. Hopefully this keeps potentially dangerous medication from being disposed of improperly or stolen and used illicitly. Thank you so much to the CARE Coalition for the great event!

See you at our next meeting, February 17 @11:30am.

Have a great month,

Jamie Ross  
Executive Director  
Jross@DrugFreeLasVegas.org

## Mobile Crisis Response Team

### Who We Serve

The Mobile Crisis Response Team provides crisis intervention and stabilization services for youth and families of youth under the age of 18 who are exhibiting behavioral/mental health concerns in which the behavior of the child threatens his or her removal from the home, school, etc. in the Las Vegas community.

### After Care

The Mobile Crisis Response Team is available to follow up with youth and their families to ensure that there is a smooth transition to needed supports and services in the community.

Click [here](#) for complete brochure.

MOBILE  
**CRISIS**  
RESPONSE TEAM

For Nevada's Children and Families

State of Nevada  
Children's Mental Health

**Hotline Telephone:**  
**702.486.7865**

## Community Health Worker Training



*"I alone cannot  
change the world, but  
I can cast a stone  
across the waters to  
create many ripples."*

*~ Mother Teresa*



*Division of Health and Economic Development*

**Sahara West Center**  
2409 Las Verdes St.  
Las Vegas, NV 89102

For more  
information on dates:  
702-651- 4031

**Cost: \$959**

## Community Health Worker Training

*"Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country  
can have."*

*-Winston Churchill*



**Become a non-medical health advocate to make a difference in your community and facilitate access to community services in necessary resources such as: housing, food, education, employment and healthcare access.**

- Evaluate a client's needs & create plans to address them
- Case management with documentation and reporting requirements
- Impact of culture and socio-economic status on an individual's health
- Communication strategies
- Navigate Nevada health care systems and reduce barriers to services
- Identify community resources

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## NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program

**FREE** for family members, partners and friends  
of individuals with the following mental health issues:

**Schizophrenia**

**Bipolar disorder, Major Depression**

**Co-occurring Brain and Addictive Disorders**

**Borderline Personality Disorder**

**Panic Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)**

## Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

**WHAT:** A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help caregivers, family members, and friends understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well-being. The course is taught by a team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who know what it's like to have a loved one struggling with one of these brain disorders. There is no cost to participate in the NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program. Over 300,000 people in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Italy have completed this course. We think you will be pleased how much assistance the program offers. We invite you to call for more information.

**WHERE:** Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS), Dini-Townsend Hospital, Galletti Way, Sparks

**WHEN:** The class meets weekly on Wednesdays, beginning on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 and concluding on Wednesday, March 23rd.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration is required

Please call the NAMI Office (775-336-3090) to register

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Wellness Initiative for Senior Education

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*Celebrating healthy aging and educating older adults*

Are you 60 or older and looking for an opportunity to learn how to stay healthy and meet new people?

Join us, and bring a friend!

The educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics. Join us for this fun program, where you'll meet new people and:

- Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the benefits that come with it
- Discuss risk factors and behaviors you should avoid to stay healthy
- Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how you can avoid problems
- Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive

Free refreshments and giveaways for participating in the program!

For more information contact

Andrew Evanski  
(702) 383 – 8075  
[andrew@afanlv.org](mailto:andrew@afanlv.org)

or

Marissa Duke  
(702) 582 – 7228 x 107  
[mduke@drugfreelasvegas.org](mailto:mduke@drugfreelasvegas.org)



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There is No Hero in Heroin Event

# Help End the #Stigma

*Join us at the:*

**Salvation Army**

**2900 Palomino Lane**

Starts at 6 pm

**On February 15, 2016**

## **There is No Hero in Heroin Presents: #BlackMonday2016**

This event is part memorial, honor and celebration for our loved ones touched by heroin addiction. We will construct a memorial wall of carnations: Black for those still in addiction, Red for those whom have passed away and white for those who have overcome addiction!



Musical Performances  
Food and Raffles  
Local Speakers  
Recovery Resource fair

safeTALK



## safeTALK Suicide Awareness Training

SafeTALK is a suicide alertness training for everyone. In only a few hours, you will learn how to provide practical help to persons with thoughts of suicide. Expect to leave safeTALK more willing and able to perform an important helping role for persons with thoughts of suicide.

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January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 12:30pm-4:00pm,  
Desert Regional Center, Training Room  
1391 South Jones Blvd. Las Vegas NV 89146

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 11:00am-2:30pm, 20 Community Seats  
Desert Regional Center, Training Room  
1391 South Jones Blvd. Las Vegas NV 89146

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 12:30pm-4:00pm  
Foundation for Recovery, Training Room 3  
4800 Alpine Pl. Las Vegas NV 89107

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 12:30pm-4:00pm  
Foundation for Recovery, Training Room 3  
4800 Alpine Pl. Las Vegas NV 89107

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 12:30pm-4:00pm  
Foundation for Recovery, Training Room 3  
4800 Alpine Pl. Las Vegas NV 89107

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 12:30pm-4:00pm  
Foundation for Recovery, Training Room 3  
4800 Alpine Pl. Las Vegas NV 89107

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 12:30pm-4:00pm  
Foundation for Recovery, Training Room 3  
4800 Alpine Pl. Las Vegas NV 89107

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00pm-10:30pm, 5 Community Member Seats  
Gun Garage, Training Room  
5155 Dean Martin Drive Las Vegas NV 89118

September 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 12pm-3:30pm,  
EMG Cares Foundation  
2620 Regatta Drive Ste 102, Las Vegas, NV 89128

There is no fee for this training, 3 CEU credits offered to Social Workers, nurses, LADGC, MFT, CPC, and POST.

Space is limited-registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

To register for this class please contact OSP Program Assistant Angela Friedman at [angelafriedman@health.nv.gov](mailto:angelafriedman@health.nv.gov) or telephone at (702) 486-3563.

If you would like to host a Suicide Prevention class please contact Richard Egan at [regan@health.nv.gov](mailto:regan@health.nv.gov) or telephone at (702) 486-8225



**Upcoming Coalition Meeting**  
*February 17, 2016 at 11:30 am*

*Light Lunch Provided*

## Job Opportunities

The **UNLV Lincy Institute** is looking for a **Community Outreach Training Coordinator** with a Master's degree in mental health or social

## Resource Library

PACT Library  
3110 Polaris Ave., Suite 6  
Las Vegas, NV 89102  
North of Desert Inn, East of Valley View  
Open 9-5 Monday- Friday or by appointment

Care Library  
6272 Spring Mtn Rd. #100  
Las Vegas, NV 89146  
Between Jones and Torrey Pines  
Open: 8-4 Monday - Friday

## Find us on Social Media

To get current information about PACT Coalition programs and community updates, follow us on twitter and like us on Facebook.

Like us on Facebook 

Follow us on  twitter

services and clinical experience in mental health/ substance abuse.

The deadline to apply is February 8th.

Click [here](#) for more information.

### **PACT Coalition**

is looking for a **Coalition Coordinator** with a Bachelor's Degree and experience working with Coalitions.

For more information please email

[jobs@drugfreeLasVegas.org](mailto:jobs@drugfreeLasVegas.org)

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*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*

*Henry Ford*

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