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PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

November 5, 2025

3:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum Cont.

Member	SURG Role	Subcommittee Role
Jessica Johnson	Urban Human Services (Clark County)	Chair
Erik Schoen	SUD Prevention Coalition	Vice Chair
Angela Nickels	Representative of a School District	Member
Senator Fabian Doñate	Senate Majority Appointee	Member
Kyra Morgan	Representative of the Division of Child and Family Services	Member
Noël Chounet	Emergency Response Employee	Member
Stacey Lance	Urban Human Services (Washoe County)	Member

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3. REVIEW AND APPROVE JUNE 4, 2025 PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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4. REVIEW AND APPROVE AUGUST 6, 2025 PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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5. INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

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New Members

- **Kyra Morgan**, as the representative of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- **Noël Chounet** as an emergency response employee.
- **Stacey Lance**, as the representative of a local governmental entity that provides or oversees the provision of human services in Washoe County.

7. PRESENTATION ON SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION ALLOCATIONS

Stephanie Cook, BSBM, State Opioid Treatment Authority

Prevention Starts With Connection

Stephanie Cook, Deputy Bureau Chief
Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention

November 5, 2025



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ABOUT DPBH

MISSION

To protect, promote, and improve the physical and behavioral health and safety of all people in Nevada, equitably and regardless of circumstances, so they can live their safest, longest, healthiest, and happiest life.

VISION

A Nevada where preventable health and safety issues no longer impact the opportunity for all people to live life in the best possible health.

PURPOSE

To make everyone's life healthier, happier, longer, and safer.



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AGENDA

1. Overview of the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP)
2. What is Substance Use Prevention?
3. Overview of Substance Use Funding – Primary Prevention Only
 - State General Funds
 - Federal Funds



Overview of BBHWP

Substance Use Services

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Recovery

Mental Health Services

- Community-Based Services
 - Crisis Response System
- Problem Gambling Services

Overview of Substance Use Services



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BBHWP manages various funding sources for substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services.

- State General Funds
 - This presentation focuses on the general fund accounts that directly support the **Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant** through way of “maintenance of effort”
- Federal Funds

What is Substance Use Prevention?



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Prevention

- Substance use prevention is a proactive process that empowers individuals and communities to prevent the initiation of substance use and reduce associated risks.
- Goal: promote health behaviors, strengthen protective factors, reduce risk factors before problems occur.
- SAMHSA Prevention Framework:
 - Data-driven
 - Evidence-based
 - Community-Centered
 - Culturally responsive
- Evidence-Based Guiding Model: [Strategic Prevention Framework \(SPF\)](#)

Levels of Prevention: From Preventing Use to Supporting Recovery



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Primary Prevention:

Goal: Prevent substance use before it starts

Focus: Reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors

Examples:

School-based prevention education

Parent skill-building programs

Media campaigns promoting healthy choices

For the sake of tracking within all programs, **primary prevention** is the only type of prevention explicitly tracked as most programs have secondary and tertiary sprinkled throughout.

Levels of Prevention: From Preventing Use to Supporting Recovery



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Secondary Prevention:

Goal: Early identification and intervention for those at risk or showing early signs of use

Focus: Stop progression to misuse or dependence

Examples: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
Early intervention for youth experimenting with substances

Tertiary Prevention:

Goal: Reduce the impact of established substance use disorders and prevent relapse

Focus: Treatment, recovery support, and harm reduction

Examples: Recovery housing and peer support
Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
Relapse prevention programs

NV General Funds for Primary Prevention



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State General Funds (Maintenance of Effort)



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- **SubUnit 11** is funding substance use prevention initiatives in our community:
 - Grant a Gift Autism Foundation Ackerman Center – providing prevention services to at-risk youth that are diagnosed with FASD
 - Nevada Cancer Coalition – providing education and resources to retailers in Nevada to prevent underage purchasing of tobacco and tobacco products
 - PACE Coalition – substance use primary prevention activities in Elko County
- **SubUnit 16** revenue is generated from certification fees and funds a portion of the BHCEN certifications for substance use prevention and treatment agencies (NAC458.103).
 - Portion of funds applied to the certification activities for prevention coalitions and prevention programs.

Federal Funds for Primary Prevention



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Federal Funds – SUPTRS BG

- The SUPTRS Block Grant is one of the main grants the Bureau manages for substance use initiatives.
- Two-year performance cycle, with yearly budgetary allocations.
- New “full cycle” begins October 1, 2025.
- Required **20% set-aside from the full grant amount** for primary prevention activities (including state-level costs/projects/supports, and dollars disseminated throughout the community to certified prevention coalitions or certified prevention programs)

Federal Funds – SUPTRS BG



- Plan, implement and evaluate activities for the prevention, treatment of substance use disorders, and to provide recovery support services. Funding priority for uninsured.
- Funding certified primary prevention coalitions and certified prevention programs
 - Topic Areas for Primary Prevention:
 - School-based programming for substance use prevention
 - Drug take-back programs
 - Education and awareness related to substance use topics
 - Family/community engagement activities
 - Student-led peer groups/activities

SUPTRS BG



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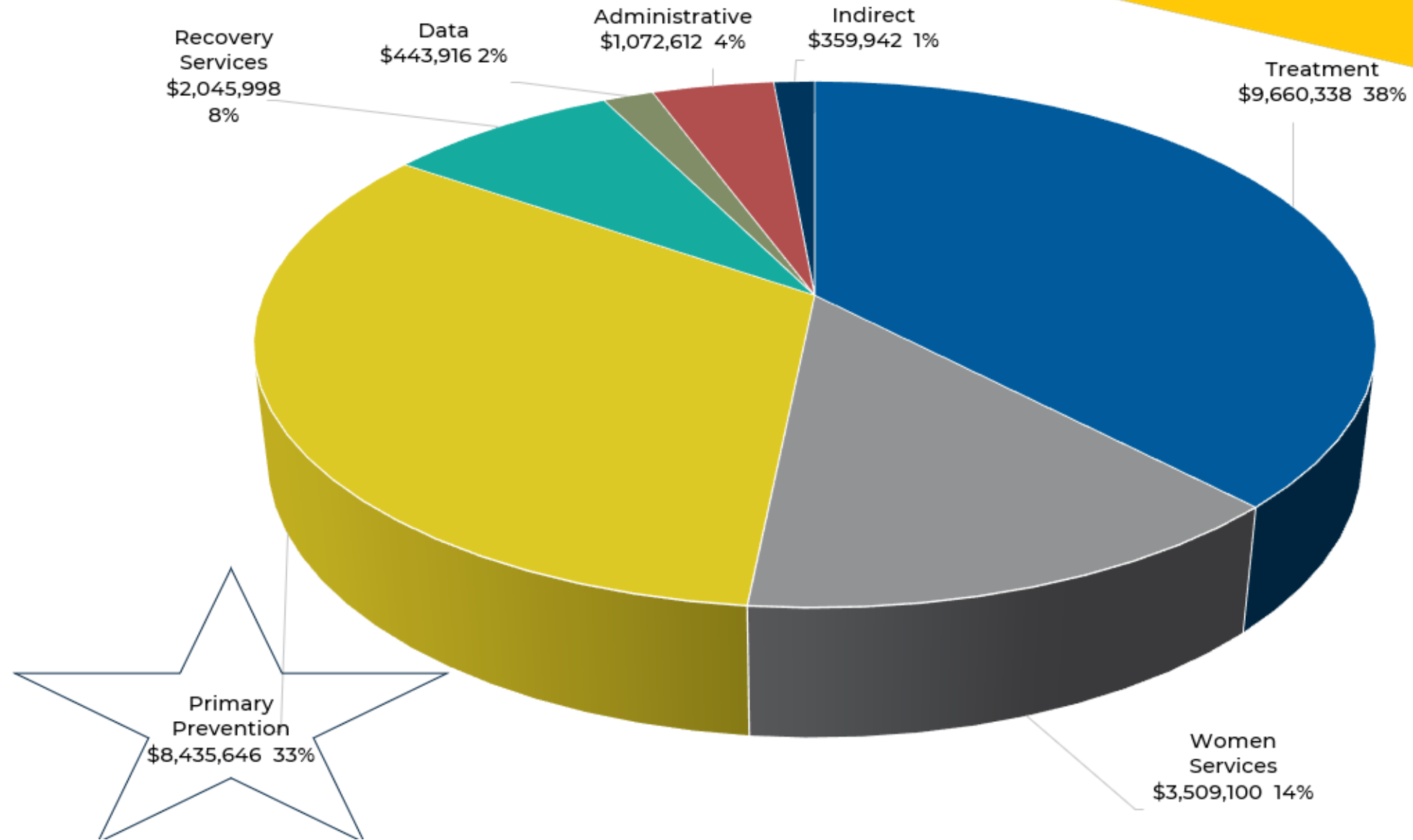
Area	Type	Partners
Primary Prevention	Synar Activities	Tobacco Control Program, Attorney General's Office
	Regional supports	Regional Behavioral Health Coordinators
	Prevention Coalitions	CARE, PACT, JTNN, Nye, Frontier, Churchill, Carson City, Douglas County, Healthy Communities
	Prevention Programs	New Frontier, UNR PEAT

SUPTRS BG



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SUPTRS BG and related funding \$25,527,552



SUPTRS BG



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[BBHWP Strategic Plan \(2025-2030\)](#) drove the substance use funding efforts being outlined in the application for the SUPTRS BG :

- Strategy 4.1 Reducing stigma and strengthen community engagement around SUD
- Strategy 4.2 Expand access and affordability of SUD services
- Strategy 4.3 Enhance quality and integration of SUD care
- Strategy 7.2 Strengthen family, peer and community-led support systems for youth and special populations



Federal Funds - PFS

Partnership for Success (issued through SAMHSA)

- Reduce the onset and progression of substance misuse and its related programs.
- Funding 3 certified primary prevention coalitions
 - Frontier Communities Coalition
 - Healthy Communities Coalition
 - Churchill Communities Coalition
- Topic Areas:
 - Middle School & High School Suicide-Related Behaviors
 - Middle School & High School Vaping
 - Middle School & High School Prescription Pain Medicine Use
 - Middle School & High School violent and depressive behaviors
 - Capacity Building

2018 – 2023 Funding Cycle

\$2,260,000



2024 – 2029 Funding Cycle

\$1,250,000

Funds for Primary Prevention Only



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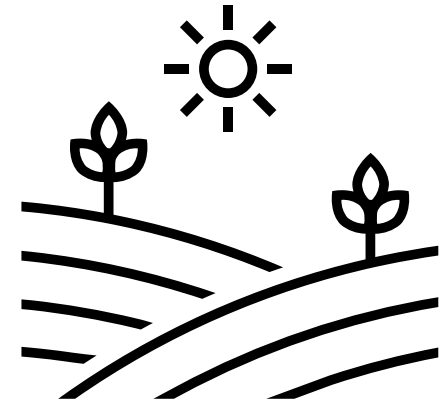
1. Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTSR)
Block Grant & Related General Funds
 - \$8,435,646
2. Partnership for Success (PFS) Grant
 - \$1,250,000
3. State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant
 - \$1,341,761

Current annual dollar amounts for specific **primary prevention** activities and supports.



CONCLUSION

Effective substance use prevention is not a single activity
— it's an integrated, lifelong effort that supports
individuals and communities at every stage of health and
recovery.





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QUESTIONS?



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6. DISCUSS PROPOSED 2025 PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendations Process

- Subcommittee members submit recommendations via SurveyMonkey.
- The earlier recommendations are submitted, the more time we have to schedule presentations and to refine the recommendation. **Please submit your ideas as early as possible!**
- All subcommittee members are encouraged to submit at least one recommendation.

Recommendations Timeline

January 2026 SURG Meeting

- Approve 2025 SURG Progress Report (no Recommendations)

April 2026 SURG Meeting

- Review Preliminary Recommendations from Subcommittees

June 2026 SURG Meeting

- Finalize Recommendations to be included in Annual Report

July 2026 SURG Meeting

- Approve Annual Report, including recommendations

2025 Proposed Recommendations Submitted

Elevation and refinement of recommendation included in the 2024 Annual Report

Recommend to DHHS/DPBH/the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention to ~~include in their Governor's budget request, a request~~ double the amount of investment in SAPTA primary prevention programming (i.e., For example, if the current level of investment was \$12 million, then this would be raised to \$24 million for the next biennium ~~increase from current \$12 million to \$24 million for this biennium~~) for ages 0-24 and review the funding allocations annually. This funding should not be at the expense of existing programming. Additionally, this funding should be the State of Nevada's contribution to Prevention efforts; additional Federal and/or other monies that are secured would not change the target allocation of State dollars for primary prevention efforts. *Monies should be directed to local lead agencies.*

Submitted by Erik Schoen and additional refinement proposed by *Jessica Johnson*

2025 Proposed Recommendations Submitted

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Submitted by Erik Schoen and additional refinement proposed by Jessica Johnson

~~Proposed edits made live during meeting~~

2025 Proposed Recommendations Submitted

New recommendation

Request guidance from the Nevada Board of Pharmacy posted to their website and communicated to pharmacists to clarify regulations pertinent to the distribution of naloxone in hospitals to permit low barrier naloxone distribution from Emergency Departments (EDs) and Permit EDs to adopt a naloxone-specific standard operating procedure (SOP) for public naloxone distribution, separate from and exempt from the regulatory framework surrounding hospital formulary medications used in patient care.

Submitted by Jessica Johnson

2025 Proposed Recommendations Submitted

Elevation of recommendation included in the 2024 Annual Report:

Create a bill draft request to allocate a 15 percent set aside of cannabis retail funds to be distributed using a local lead agencies model to reach \$2 per capita, a recommended funding goal from the Nevada Tobacco Control & Smoke-free Coalition and subject matter experts.

Submitted by Debi Nadler

8. DISCUSS REPORT OUT FOR JANUARY 14, 2026 SURG MEETING

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10. ADJOURNMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, RESOURCES & UPDATES AVAILABLE AT:

[https://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Substance
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