Nevada Executive Branch Agencies
Welfare Division

Welfare Records

Administrative History

The practice of public welfare provision in the United States traces its roots to the English Elizabethan P

The first Nevada Territorial Legislature in 1861 provided that County Commissioners were "vested with e

Section 3 of Article XIII of the 1864 Nevada Constitution stated: "The respective counties of the State sh

In 1913, the Legislature created the Nevada Industrial Commission to provide for a state workmen's com

In the early 1900s, there was national advocacy for relief programs to allow families to stay together afte

In 1923, the Legislature provided for a system of old age pensions to be administered and financed at th

The 1925 Legislature provided for a county relief fund for aid to the needy blind. The Board of County Co

The mother's pensions, old age pensions, and aid to the needy blind were still county based programs a

The Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933 provided money for grants to states for unemployment relief.

In 1934, the Nevada Emergency Relief Administration was established to coordinate the federal relief pr

In 1935, the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was replaced by the State Board of Relief, Wor

The federal Social Security Act of 1935 established a federal presence in public welfare that was intende

The 1937 Legislature created the State Board of Relief, Work Planning and Pension Control to be Nevad

In 1949, the Board of Relief, Work Planning and Pension Control and the Welfare Department were abo

In 1950, Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled was added to the provisions of the Federal Social

In 1953, the Legislature provided that Nevada could accept federally matched Aid to the Blind funds und

In every session of the Legislature from 1937 a bill was introduced to adopt the Social Security Act's Aid

In 1957, the Welfare Department established a Bureau of Services to the Blind. In the same year it also

In 1960, federal Medical Assistance to Aged was added to the provisions of the Social Security Act and

In 1963, the Legislature created the Department of Health and Welfare and the former Welfare Departm

In 1967, the Medicaid program was adopted in Nevada and known as State Aid to the Medically Indigen

The 1967 Legislature created the Department of Health, Welfare, and Rehabilitation. Then, in 1973, ther

In 1973, Nevada passed implementing legislation for the 1972 federal Supplemental Security Income pr

In the fall of 1973 the food stamp program came into operation in Clark and Washoe Counties, and on 1

The 1984 Child Health Assurance Program was implemented in Nevada in 1985 to provide Medicaid co

In the late 1980s, the Welfare Division broadened its responsibilities to include administration of energy

In 1988 Nevada implemented the federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Unemployed Parent

In 1999 NRS 232.300 was amended to create the Department of Human Resources which became kno

The development of welfare services in Nevada, as throughout the United States, has been marked by t