Nevada Executive Branch Agencies
**Northern Nevada Children's Home 1870-1992,**
**Southern Nevada Children's Home 1973-1993**

(formerly, Nevada State Children's Home 1951-1973;
Nevada State Orphans' Home 1869-1951)

**Administrative History**

The first institutional provision for orphans in northern Nevada was the Nevada Orphan Asylum founded

In 1869, the state Legislature passed an act providing for the establishment of a Nevada State Orphans'

The requirements for admission to the State Orphans' Home were made more stringent in amendments

The education of the children was explicitly provided for in the 1873 act when the Board was given the p

The State Controller was replaced on the Board of Directors by the Superintendent of Public Instruction

An act of 1879 gave the Board authority to receive gifts and bequests on behalf of the Home and to inve

In 1893, the Orphan's Home Act was amended to exclude from admission any orphan who was "either a

Although the Home was established primarily for whole orphans, there were actually very few admitted.

The 1870 building burned in 1902 and the 1903 Legislature approved the building of a new Home. $38,0

The 1913 Legislature authorized a Nevada School of Industry in Elko for "delinquent" children which was

That the Home was an outmoded way of caring for children was suggested at least as early as 1924 wh

In 1937, a Senate Committee investigating the Home found the buildings to be "in a dilapidated, run-dow

The Senate committee made several recommendations including replacing the building with a system of

In 1943, the State Board of Relief, Work Planning, and Pension Control was made responsible for the H

In 1951, the name "Nevada State Orphans' Home" was changed to "Nevada State Children's Home." A

In the 1950s there were still concerns about the physical problems of the 1903 building. It continued to b

For some years, there had been a call to make residential facilities available in more than one part of the

The Northern Nevada Children's Home ceased operations in 1992, and the Southern Nevada Children's

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