



[Home](#) > [MyNevadaCounty](#) > [County Executive Office](#)

Find Services, Agencies, Information and more

Friday Memo for 3/3/2017

Published on: 3/3/2017 2:09 PM

Difficulty reading this in email? View the Friday Memo on www.MyNevadaCounty.com



[Contact Us](#) | [CEO Website](#)

Published 3/3/2017



Articles:

- [Increase in Immunization Rates](#)
- [March is National Social Worker's Month](#)
- [Nevada County Receives 14 Additional HUD-VASH Vouchers for Homeless Veterans](#)
- [Library Awarded National Grant](#)
- [Third Library Survey Focuses on Technology](#)

Increase in Immunization Rates



NEVADA COUNTY
Public Health

With the inception of the new law SB277, a mandate requiring preschool and school-aged children to have their routine immunizations prior to attending school, 2016 proved to be a benchmark year in Nevada County. Though the law was somewhat controversial, many parents stepped up to the task of getting their children vaccinated and ready for the new school year.

Since the new law, Nevada County has seen an 8% increase in fully vaccinated kindergarteners, as evidenced by the fall immunization reporting. The rate of fully immunized kindergarteners

increased to 85% in 2016, up from 77% in the previous year. This was largely driven by the new law, but also in part by the Nevada County Public Health Department's perseverance in making vaccines accessible to those children who otherwise may not get them. The Public Health Department did not do it alone, however. School nurses, local health practitioners, and our various dedicated community partners all contributed to Nevada County's increase in immunization rates.

Kindergarteners are not the only age group to demonstrate a significant increase in their vaccination rates. Preschoolers have similarly increased their immunization rates. Those seventh graders receiving Tdap showed a larger turnout increasing from 88% in 2015 to 91% in 2016.

Though the increase in vaccinated children is significant, it is still below the California average of 93%. Because of this, many vaccine preventable diseases, which require community immunity of 90-95%, continue to threaten the health of our residents, especially those who are particularly vulnerable.

For more information regarding Nevada County's Immunization Program, go to the [Public Health website](#) or contact them at (530) 265-7265. Most children's vaccines are provided through the Vaccines for Children Program. Please see website for eligibility requirements.

[\(Back to the Top\)](#)

March is National Social Worker's Month



March is National Social Worker's Month! This year's Social Work Month theme is **Stand up!** Social workers stand up for millions of people every day. They stand up by comforting people who are experiencing devastating illnesses and mental health crises, ensuring they get the best care while on the road to recovery. They stand up and support our brave military personnel, veterans and their families. They work in communities and help the most vulnerable.

Adult, Child and family social workers stand up by protecting older adults and children who have been abused or neglected. In 2016, social workers with the Nevada County Department of Social Services division of Child Welfare responded to over 1,426 referrals of abuse and had 3,400 face to face contacts. In 2016, social workers with the Nevada County Department of Social Services division of Adult Services investigated 536 cases of alleged abuse, provided case management to 35 dependent adults, and served approximately 720 In Home Supportive Services recipients. The Senior Outreach Nurses responded to 325 referrals for in home nursing assessment and treatment.

For more information about Child Welfare, contact them at (530) 265-1654. For more information about Adult Services contact them at (530) 265-1639.

[\(Back to the Top\)](#)

Nevada County Receives 14 Additional HUD-VASH Vouchers for Homeless Veterans



The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics.

VA

U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Last year, Nevada County counted 22 homeless veterans and was provided the same number of vouchers. Out of the 22 veterans who were provided vouchers, 18

were successfully housed. The Regional Housing Authority requested more vouchers for Nevada County, and 14 additional vouchers were allocated for a total of 36 for this year. The need for low income housing is growing in order to help support these local veterans. If you have a rental property, consider participating in a program that has helped tens of thousands of veterans and their families overcome the challenges of homelessness and lead independent lives.

For additional information on how vouchers are awarded or how you may participate in the program, please contact your Nevada County Veteran Services Officer, Kevin M. Edwards at (530) 265-1446 or e-mail him at Kevin.Edwards@co.nevada.ca.us.

[\(Back to the Top\)](#)

Library Awarded National Grant

The Nevada County Community Library has been awarded the 2017 Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant from the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American

Library Association. Youth Services Librarian Lisa Nowlain, has designed an educational and engaging summer reading program that revolves around science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM). The \$3,000 grant will focus on community partnerships and highlighting the work that organizations are already doing in Nevada County, resulting in a display at the Nevada County Fair. The Library's first-ever special needs program will be one of the activities. The grant-funded activities will be in addition to the schedule of performances and other reading-related fun activities that are hallmarks of the Library's popular summer reading program.

Lisa is looking for teens interested in STEAM subjects to be "Teens-in-residence" this summer. Selected teens would manage a materials budget and either host a program for children or teens or create in installation of books and information at one of our branches. Interested teens should contact Lisa Nowlain at (530) 265-1538 for more information.

(Back to the Top)

Third Library Survey Focuses on Technology

In order to plan for enhanced library services after the passage of Measure A, the Nevada County Community Library needs feedback from the public on a variety of subjects. The Library's third survey collects information about the community's technology needs. To participate in the survey and help shape the Library's technology decisions, please [follow the link on the Library's homepage](#), the Union website, or Yubanet. The technology survey will remain open until Friday, March 17. Response to the first two surveys has been excellent and informative.

Survey responses will be incorporated into a five-year strategic plan for the County library system, completion of which is targeted for May 2017.

(Back to the Top)

[Manage your Subscription](#) to the Nevada County CEO Friday Memo