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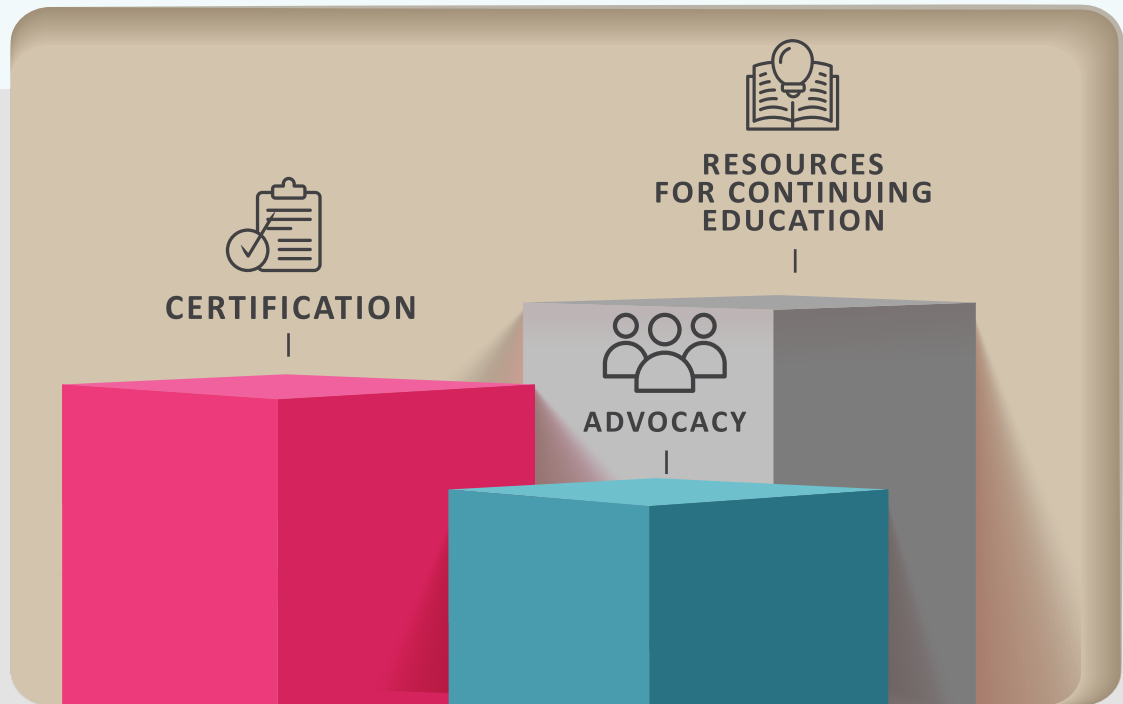
NEVADA
Certification Board

Annual Report

Nevada Certification Board Summary

The Nevada Certification Board provides community and behavioral health professionals with certification, continuing education resources, and advocacy that validate their competencies to provide ethical, person-focused, and evidence-based services to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals in Nevada.

Our Pillars



“Working with the Nevada Certification Board has been amazing! They have had great communication, the website is easy to navigate, and the portal makes things stay all in one place and easy to keep track of. I’m grateful for the process so that I have an agency backing me with Medicaid clients. It gives a sense of professionalism and a higher standard when I work with clients.”

IC&RC Member Board

As an affiliate member board of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC), NCB ensures the public's safety, enhances public funds accountability, and provides practitioner benefits, by applying rigorous standards for the professional certification and renewal of community and behavioral health workers.

Our board has opportunities to engage with international standards for these professions. We are able to transfer information quickly and meaningfully to our stakeholders in order to remain relevant. IC&RC membership means that our professionals have reciprocity in almost every state.



Peer Recovery
Support Specialist

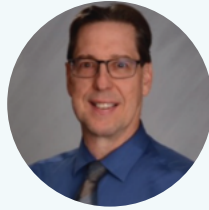


Prevention
Specialist

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Peer Recovery Support Specialist

Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) are unique and valuable to the behavioral health field due to being “experientially credentialed” combined with specialized training, giving them a distinct role other providers cannot fully replicate. Their presence enhances the cultural competence, humanity, and effectiveness of behavioral health services.

All NCB approved PRSS foundational trainings were updated to reflect the National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification from SAMHSA and the addition of the new Peer Recovery Domain, Harm Reduction, from IC&RC. These updates ensure consistent, high-quality training and professional recognition for across states to strengthen the peer workforce.



New Professionals

PRSS 79



New Applications

PRSS 65



“I am honored to be a PRSS in Nevada. I honestly love my role in the field, the ability to assist others like me. Sometimes just knowing someone else gets it can make all the difference.”



Prevention Specialists

A certified prevention specialist addresses risk and protective factors to build resilient, healthy and equitable communities through a public health model and sustainable change. The Certified Prevention Specialist engages with all sectors of a community to ensure funders, service providers, governments, and the community at large are delivering evidence-informed and best practice prevention across the continuum. Prevention specialists demonstrate a thorough understanding of prevention science to include cutting-edge practices, substance misuse and behavioral health trends, social determinants of health and other applicable risk and protective factors.

During the 2025 legislative session Prevention Specialists were passed into law through the passage of AB 60 (NRS 433). The NCB is excited to continue to work with these professionals toward certification and supports robust regulations to ensure certification fidelity and IC&RC compliance.

“Certified prevention specialist” means a natural person who: 4 1. Supervises, reviews and implements evidence-based programs, policies, 5 practices and other culturally relevant interventions in schools or communities 6 to: 7 (a) Prevent substance use, early-onset substance use, substance use disorder 8 and other behavioral health disorders; 9 (b) Reduce the harms caused by substance use, substance use disorder and 10 other behavioral health disorders; or 11 (c) Address systemic barriers to wellness for the purposes of improving 12 public health and reducing the frequency of substance misuse, substance use 13 disorder and other behavioral health disorders; and 14 2. Is authorized under the provisions of NRS 433.631 to hold himself or 15 herself out as a certified prevention specialist.



New Professionals

PS 8



New Applications

PS 55



Community Health Worker

The CHW certification has provided a valuable contribution to bridging gaps between formal healthcare and underserved communities, improving access to healthcare, and promoting health equity. Due to the CHW value of helping in the healthcare industry, they have expanded to several to additional career fields. For instance, they are being utilized in the criminal justice field and environmental health.

NCB Staff became a Member of the National Association of CHW's, and board members took an active role in the National Association.



New Professionals

CHW I 73

CHW II 60



New Applications

CHW I 527

CHW II 137



"I am a certified Community Health Worker II and Peer Recovery Support Specialist. The process of obtaining my certification through NCB and CASAT has been easy to navigate. The support and guidance I received made the process simple. I am currently working on obtaining my Prevention Specialist certificate, and the assistance I have received has been a true blessing. Everyone at NCB and CASAT is knowledgeable and takes the time out of their busy schedules to help us. I love NCB and CASAT!"



Doulas

The birth doula certification is uniquely valuable as it ensures that individuals covered by Nevada Medicaid have access to high-quality, professional birth support. Without this certification pathway, many families may not have had the opportunity to receive the compassionate and informed care that certified doulas provide during pregnancy, labor, and birth. Staff attended an average of five events each with NCB materials this year.



New Professionals

Birth Doula 13



New Applications

Birth Doula 87



“Serving on the Doula Advisory Council with the Nevada Certification Board over the past four years has been a transformative experience. Collaborating with Doulas from across the state deepened my understanding of the diverse needs of the families we serve and affirmed the importance of regional perspectives in shaping statewide standards. The certification we helped develop reduces barriers to entry while upholding the integrity and quality of care that our communities deserve.”



Peer Recovery Support Specialist Supervisor

A certified peer recovery support specialist supervisor (PRSS-S) is an individual who supervises PRSS workers with lived experience in recovery from substance use, problem gambling, mental health and/or other co-occurring challenges.



New Professionals

PRSS-S 53



New Applications

PRSS-S 84

Endorsements

Endorsement certifications for the National Certification Board (NCB) play a vital role in ensuring that professionals are equipped with the specialized knowledge and competencies needed to deliver high-quality, ethical, and culturally responsive services. These endorsements not only strengthen the credibility of practitioners but also enhance the effectiveness of support provided to individuals and communities.

CHW Early Childhood Endorsement validates a community health worker's expertise in promoting healthy development, supporting families, and addressing early childhood needs.

The PRSS Problem Gambling Endorsement demonstrates a peer support specialist's advanced understanding of gambling-related disorders and the skills necessary to guide individuals toward recovery.

The PRSS Trauma-Informed Care Endorsement highlights a professional's ability to recognize, respond to, and support healing from trauma using compassionate, evidence-informed approaches. Together, these endorsements affirm a commitment to professional excellence and ensure that practitioners are fully prepared to meet the diverse and evolving needs of the populations they serve.



New Professionals

CHW Early Childhood
Endorsement- 8

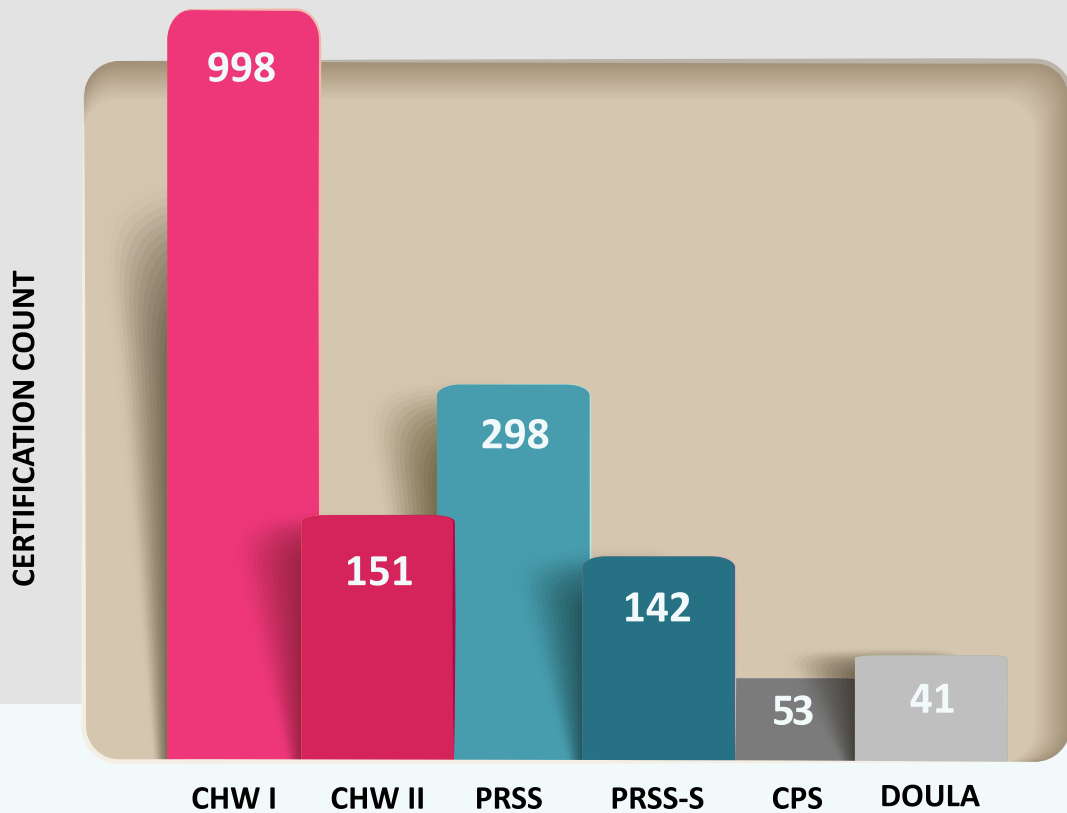


New Applications Initiated

CHW Early Childhood
Endorsement- 8
PRSS Problem Gambling
Endorsement- 2
PRSS Trauma Informed
Care- 10

Interpretations and Data

- ❑ High rate of follow-through for PRSS applicants to become fully certified.
- ❑ CHWs are successfully certifying throughout the state, employer utilization should be prioritized.
- ❑ State has enough PRSS-S to accommodate the number of peers requiring supervision.
- ❑ There was an overall increase in PS applications.
- ❑ Certified Doulas are continuing to grow.
- ❑ 1,683 total certified professionals
- ❑ 286 New professionals
- ❑ 973 New applications for Certification
- ❑ Community served
 - 68% Metropolitan/Urban
 - 15% Rural/Frontier
 - >1% Suburban
 - >1% Tribal
- ❑ Experienced Homelessness 32%
- ❑ Experienced Incarceration 24%
- ❑ Employment Location
 - 51% Las Vegas and surrounding area
 - 30% Reno/Sparks





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