BRIDGING RESEARCH AND POLICY IN NEVADA: PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE WOMEN’S SAFETY

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WHEN YOU PICTURE NEVADA...
Nevada By the Numbers

- Seventh biggest state (land size)
- 33rd most populated
- 90% of the population live in Washoe (15%) and Clark (75%) counties
CDC provides funding to state health departments through the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) program. States are able to spend that money however they wish.

In Nevada, the RPE program is part of the Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health program.
Nevada By the Numbers

- Nevada consistently ranks 1st or 2nd in the nation for domestic violence fatalities.
- In 2014, Nevada domestic violence services were contacted 65,026 times.
- A Nevada woman’s chances of being assaulted by her partner at home are higher than the risk a police officer faces of being assaulted on the job.
# Rape Crime Rates: Nevada vs. Region vs. US, 2013-2017

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*2017 Western and National data calculated using 2017 Crime in the US Preliminary percentage change estimates*
Nevada currently maintains sexual violence prevention strategies targeting its most vulnerable population, teens & young adults of all genders, cultural & racial backgrounds, sexual orientations, religious affiliation, & socio-economic levels.
However, there is little (to no) intersectional data identifying specifically vulnerable populations in Nevada.
In 2005, the Women’s Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) paired with the Institute for Women's Policy Research in DC to compile the *Status of Women in Nevada* report. No such report or data had been collected on women in Nevada since 2005.

Survey developed 2018-2019 and disseminated Spring 2019, focusing on 5 domains of women’s lived experiences: mental health and access to services, physical health and access to services, political experiences (both p and P), economic experiences and experiences in the workplace, and experiences with safety and violence.
Sample Demographics

- White: 70%
- Hispanic: 8%
- Asian: 6%
- African American: 4%
- Native American: 1%
- Pacific Islander: 1%
- Other: 10%

55% currently married
63.4% Female (n = 618)

Mean age ($M_{age}$) = 56.89, SD = 15.68
Age range = 18-87

All counties were represented proportionally to match current population distributions.
How frequently do you believe sexual assault occurs in your city/town?
In the past 12 months, how often were you afraid of being sexually assaulted by a ____?

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Note: Numbers represent percentages.
Which of the following have you done in the past year to keep yourself safe?

- Avoided going home
- Avoided opening door
- Avoided desolate places
- Avoided certain streets

Comparison between women and men.
Intersecting Identities More At Risk

Across the board, women of color reported the greatest fear.

Women whose income did not meet their needs were more likely to fear attacks from people they know—friends, co-workers, and family.
While there are dangerous areas in town, no one I know needs to go anywhere near them.

Mentally ill homeless folks and young thug wannabees are the biggest threat in my urban lifestyle.

This is more real than you think.

Gangs and gang type people seem to be ever more present throughout Las Vegas - everywhere - casinos, street corners etc. Crime in Las Vegas is not as bad as Chicago or Los Angeles, but it is getting there. Scary enough to consider moving!

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“Las Vegas is a very dangerous city and I feel as though I need to conceal carry because of all the situations in this city.”

“I carry means of protection with me, everywhere I go. I'm never afraid of going anywhere or avoiding anyplace.”
Unexpected Challenges...

Hans-Dieter Kline Why as a Male would I fill out a questionnaire for a woman’s research group? I can’t help but feel that any answers given would be used against me. In a country where a female can rape a Male and pursue him for child support it doesn’t leave much room for trust.

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Kevin D Lee These are health questions not men questions. Did you post the wrong survey? Also you have two mideast looking men on the cover photo and we are 77% white...fubar

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Maxx Kanner This survey was impossible for me to complete as there were multiple questions for which no answer was true.

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Jace Headley Information protected on FB? 😊😊😊😊 yeah, and I saw Sasquatch fucking a unicorn

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Alex Hughes Stupid

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Jack A. Bass No thanks.

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Какашка Прикладом Макги Wack

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Какашка Прикладом Макги Shit like this is why i hate Nevada
Next Steps

Report will be disseminated to legislators

One day summit to improve survey for next legislative session

Continued work with the Jean Nidetch Center to collect meaningful data to inform state government spending
Assembly Bill 124

• Assembly Bill 124: Requires a hospital or independent center for emergency medical care to take certain actions when treating a female victim of sexual assault.

• Before this bill, Nevada law did not require emergency rooms or clinics to provide information or emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault.

• Assembly Bill 124 requires hospitals or clinics in Nevada, where a victim may present, to adopt a written plan to ensure that victims of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault are provided with appropriate medical information and treatment, contact information for law enforcement, and information regarding available services.
THANK YOU!