

# NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

## **FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OVERVIEW**

Through the 2022 Budget Act, California took a transformational step toward rebuilding our state and local public health workforce and infrastructure that was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic and years of disinvestment. The \$300 million ongoing General Fund investment (\$200 million for local health departments, \$100 million for CDPH), referred to as the Future of Public Health, is a critical investment in our state's public health readiness and response to existing and emerging public health threats.

## **FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTMENTS REBUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Hired 5 staff to support outbreak control and emergency response to hospitals, day care centers, congregate care settings and health care providers, including their first Nurse Practitioner who provides technical assistance on infection control practices and information on communicable disease investigations.
- These staff support disease investigations and are critical to the county being able to respond quickly during outbreaks such as Flu, measles, or other emergencies such as wildfires.
- Hired a staff member to support our emergency response team to plan Continuity of Operations Plans for our congregate care centers and other organizations serving vulnerable populations.
- Support the Opioid program with a part time position to provide harm reduction education to community-based organizations in Nevada county who provide services for mental health and substance disorders.