University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is the college that extends knowledge from the University of Nevada to local communities. We serve as a gateway between the broad expertise of the university and the needs of communities, as expressed by their citizens. We are that link between our campus collaborators and community partners, as we work together to address the complex issues facing today’s society.

• **Agriculture:** We enhance agricultural sustainability through livestock quality assurance, marketing, viable traditional and alternative crops, and appropriate pest and environmental management strategies.

• **Community Development:** We strengthen communities through leadership and volunteer development, economic development, public policy education, and conflict and issue resolution.

• **Health and Nutrition:** We teach about the benefits of good health associated with physical activity and nutritious food choices through the life span.

• **Horticulture:** We help homeowners resolve plant problems through diagnostics and the implementation of best management practices, and teach sound environmental management practices to professionals.

• **Human and Family Development:** We build resiliency and protective factors in youth, families and communities, creating supportive environments so youth can reach their fullest potential.

• **Natural Resources:** We educate people in the use of best management practices that protect water quality and quantity, restore and maintain rangeland health, control invasive species and resolve conflicts.

No matter how our professionals deliver their educational programs — by workshops, demonstrations, publications, through the media, the Internet or compressed video — our success is measured by how well we respond to needs and bring about change. Our focus is on enriching the quality of life for all Nevadans. We are satisfied only if we are able to contribute to making people’s lives better than they were before their Cooperative Extension experience.

We are more than 90 years old but we don’t feel it! Established by the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, Cooperative Extension was designed as a partnership between the federal government, land-grant universities and county governments. Today, this partnership is still intact, with additional funding provided through grants, contracts and gifts to expand program offerings. What began as “practical information on agriculture and home economics,” has expanded to include other program areas as defined in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Our unique structure places university professionals in 18 offices in urban and rural communities throughout Nevada. Community-based and campus faculty collaborate with local leaders, volunteers and organizations to identify needs, establish priorities, design and implement research-based educational programs, and evaluate impacts. Applied research is conducted to gain new knowledge, solve practical problems and meet specific community needs.

We deliver programs in Nevada communities

Our practical approach to education is more than 90 years old

We make a difference in people’s lives!

Our mission

To discover, develop, disseminate, preserve and use knowledge to strengthen the social, economic and environmental well-being of people.