

Community Action Group Resource Guide for Field Instructors & Students

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<p>Acting in Community Together in Organizing Northern Nevada (ACTIONN)</p> <p>http://actionn.org</p>	<p>ACTIONN is a new faith-based community organization that is coming together to help build leadership for the common good. We are committed to acting on our shared values to help build a more just world. This effort is being led by dozens of local congregations and faith leaders who are building this new organization</p>
<p>American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)</p> <p>http://www.aclunv.org</p>	<p>The ACLU is a nationwide organization that advocates for civil liberties and civil rights of all people in the United States. Civil liberties and civil rights are the basic rights guaranteed to all people by law and protect citizens from actions by government that are illegal under constitutional law.</p> <p>The ACLU of Nevada is an affiliate of the national ACLU, and it was founded in 1966. It is the only organization in Nevada dedicated solely to protecting the Constitutional rights and liberties of every individual in the state.</p> <p>The ACLU looks specifically to the Bill of Rights, the first ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and the civil rights Amendments to determine what issues it works on. The ACLU of Nevada also looks to the Nevada Constitution.</p> <p>The ACLU of Nevada supports expanding the rights of individuals with respect to the government</p>
<p>American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO – Local 4041</p> <p>http://www.nvafscme.org</p>	<p>A union for public service workers. FSCME negotiates strong contracts, wins wage increases, protects jobs, settles grievances, stops privatization, and fights for health, retirement and other benefits for members from every field of public service. As AFSCME members, we receive expert assistance from knowledgeable staff, top-notch negotiators and experienced attorneys.</p>
<p>Bring Bri Justice Foundation</p> <p>http://www.bringbriback.blogspot.com</p>	<p>The Bring Bri Justice Foundation is committed to the safety of all women and children in Nevada in the memory of Brianna Denison.</p> <p>They Promote legislative and legal efforts to increase consequences preventing violent crimes and public awareness assuring the safety of all women and children in Nevada.</p>
<p>Code Pink Sierra Chapter</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/CodepinkSierraChapter</p>	<p>CODEPINK is a women-initiated grassroots peace and social justice movement. The Sierra (and Tahoe) Chapter is a coalition of Californians and Nevadans working for peace and social justice.</p> <p>We are working to end U.S. funded wars and military and police occupations, to challenge militarism globally, and to redirect our resources into health care, education, green jobs and other life-affirming activities.</p>



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<p>Community Service Agency</p> <p>http://www.csareno.org</p>	<p>Community Services Agency (CSA) is a private nonprofit Community Action Agency governed by a 15 member volunteer Board of Directors from various sectors of the Northern Nevada community. Since its inception in 1965, the Agency has initiated and developed numerous programs in human services, economic development, education and affordable housing. Our market position in Northern Nevada places us as one of the largest human services agencies.</p> <p>CSA has a pool of program management expertise and continues to expand its services while maintaining a strong link with private enterprise, government, and other community based organizations.</p> <p>CSA is recognized as a leading nonprofit on the cutting edge of human service delivery, dedicated to alleviating and eliminating poverty. Its primary goal is to be customer focused, which benefits the surrounding community.</p>
<p>Desiree Alliance</p> <p>http://www.desireealliance.org</p>	<p>The Desiree Alliance is a coalition of sex workers, health professionals, social scientists, professional sex educators, and their supporting networks working together for an improved understanding of the sex industry and its human, social and political impacts. Our focus is on building local and regional leadership and constructive activism in the sex worker population to advocate for sex workers' human, labor and civil rights.</p>
<p>Equality Nevada</p> <p>http://www.eqnv.org</p>	<p>A non-partisan, non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Nevada.</p> <p>Equality Nevada seeks to improve the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and genderqueer individuals and their families by advocating for equal rights and benefits in the workplace, ensuring individuals are treated equally under the law and increasing public support through innovative advocacy, education and outreach programs.</p> <p>Equality Nevada works to secure equal rights for individuals in the state of Nevada by lobbying elected officials, mobilizing grassroots supporters, providing educational programs and partnering with other organizations.</p>
<p>Gender Justice Nevada</p> <p>http://gjn.org</p>	<p>Gender Justice Nevada champions justice, dignity and respect for Nevada's diverse trans* and gender non-conforming persons and communities by offering innovative education, health, legal, outreach, and direct service program.</p>
<p>Great Basin Resource Watch</p> <p>http://www.gbrw.org</p>	<p>A non-profit organization, founded in 1994 by a coalition of environmental, Native American and scientific community representatives. They are a regional environmental justice organization dedicated to protecting the health and well being of the land, air, water, wildlife, and human communities of the Great Basin from the adverse effects of resource extraction and use.</p> <p>GBRW's headquarters are in Reno, Nevada. They inform communities about mining impacts through reports and educational materials. They review mine proposals, permits and expansions in Nevada and California, and recommend policy solutions to reduce toxic emissions, protect the water resources and preserve human and wildlife habitat.</p>



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<p>Great Basin Water Network</p> <p>http://www.greatbasinwater.net</p>	<p>The Great Basin Water Network was formed to protect the water resources of the Great Basin for current and future residents – human, animal and plant. Organizations, businesses and individuals have banded together to form the Network so that decisions on all water development proposals in the Great Basin are made in the open with caution, coherence and based on the best scientific information. The Great Basin Water Network also works to ensure that decisions are made without undue political and developer special interest pressure.</p>
<p>Human Services Network</p> <p>http://www.humanservicesnetwork.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Human Services Network (HSN) is to create connections, share information, strengthen providers, and support and advocate for good public policy thus assuring the provision of quality human services in Northern Nevada.</p>
<p>Join Together Northern Nevada (JTNN)</p> <p>http://www.jtnn.org</p>	<p>JTNN is a nonprofit organization that has been dedicated to reducing the impact of substance abuse on Washoe County by improving access to prevention, intervention and treatment services since 1998.</p> <p>This is what JTNN does:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides access to resources, • Conducts community assessments, • Collects data and implements strategies to address community needs, • Conducts training on topics such as drug trends, drugs of abuse, short and long-term effects of substance abuse on the brain, • And most recently -- provides program evaluation services to nonprofit and governmental agencies
<p>Junior League of Reno</p> <p>http://www.jlreno.org</p>	<p>The Junior League of Reno, Inc., is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The League's policies shall be in harmony with the policies of the Association.</p>
<p>Latino Pride: New Generation</p> <p>https://myspace.com/latinopridenewgeneration</p>	<p>Mission is to unite support and guide the Latino Community: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender. They are a group made up of mainly Hispanic gay members.</p>



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<p>NAACP (Reno-Sparks)</p> <p>http://www.renosparksnaacp.org/</p>	<p>The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.</p> <p>The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principal objectives of the Association shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens • To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States • To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes • To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state and local laws securing civil rights • To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination • To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.
<p>National Association of Social Workers – NV Chapter</p> <p>http://www.naswnv.org/</p>	<p>Mission is to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain standards for the profession, and to advance sound social policies. NASW-Nevada contributes to the well-being of individuals, families and communities through its work and advocacy.</p>
<p>Nevada Advocates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates</p> <p>http://nevadaadvocates.org/</p>	<p>Nevada Advocates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates (NAPPA) is the lobbying, education and political arm for the Planned Parenthood Affiliates in Nevada.</p> <p>NAPPA works with coalition partners and activists to pass laws that benefit Nevada's women and their families and educate the community about issues of importance to women and family health. NAPPA also works in partnership with the national Action Fund to leverage our resources and grassroots efforts to elect pro-choice candidates.</p>
<p>Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence</p> <p>http://ncasv.org/</p>	<p>The mission of Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence is to enhance the abilities of service providers through training, education, public policy, networking and technical assistance while promoting sexual violence awareness throughout the state</p>
<p>Nevada Community Action Association</p> <p>http://www.nevadacaa.org/</p>	<p>Nevada's Community Action Agencies have worked as federally-designated organizations designed to implement programs and activities to eliminate poverty and improve our Nevada communities.</p> <p>This anti-poverty work is done in collaboration with a variety of partners, representing local, state and federal governments, as well as community and advocacy groups, policymakers and low-income leaders. The Nevada Community Action Association (NCAA) supports the mission of these agencies through advocacy, training, awareness, technical assistance, and resource development.</p>



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<p>Hispanic Connection of Northern Nevada</p> <p>http://www.carsonulc.org/</p>	<p>To identify and address the needs of the Hispanic community through direct service, education, advocacy and community involvement.</p>
<p>National Leather Association of Northern Nevada</p> <p>http://www.squidoo.com/NLA-NNV</p>	<p>The National Leather Association of Northern Nevada operate under the umbrella of National Leather Association - International. NLA-NNV just formed in Northern Nevada. They are an activist group that promotes sexual freedom for all fetishists be it serious kink or light D/s. They strive to maintain a positive image with the society at large while educating them about their lifestyle choices to gain tolerance, and eventually, possibly, acceptance. They are a pansexual organization that supports gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, and transgender people as we all unite under the guise of fetish lifestyle.</p>
<p>Nevada Justice Association</p> <p>https://www.nevadajustice.org/</p>	<p>The Nevada Justice Association is an organization of independent lawyers who represent consumers and share the common goal of improving the civil justice system. NJA is a non-profit educational organization whose charter strives towards three primary goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continually provide its membership with up-to-date knowledge and information through continuing legal education programs and Nevada specific publications. • To monitor the legislative session in order to ensure that Nevadans' access to the courts is not diminished. • To educate the public regarding their individual rights and responsibilities as citizens
<p>Nevada State Education Association</p> <p>http://www.nsea-nv.org/</p>	<p>The primary mission of NSEA is to advocate for and empower members by providing a united, political and professional voice in order to ensure the right to quality public education.</p> <p>The Nevada State Education Association represents the state's teachers and education support professionals. Educating children is what we know, what we do, and what matters most to us.</p>
<p>Nevada Women’s Fund</p> <p>http://www.nevadawomensfund.org</p>	<p>Nevada Women's Fund has championed the needs of women and children, helping them to reach their full potential. Their role is to bring together the community's intellectual, emotional and financial resources to empower women for today and tomorrow. As they work to identify the issues that affect Nevada's women and families and facilitate solutions, they recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of women in our communities and provide them with the resources they need to become our leaders.</p>



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<p>Nevada Women’s Lobby</p> <p>http://www.nevadawomenslobby.org</p>	<p>The Nevada Women's Lobby is a statewide non-partisan coalition of organizations, and individual women and men who work on issues affecting women and families.</p>
<p>Northern Nevada Outreach Team (NNOT)</p> <p>http://www.nnot.org/</p>	<p>Strive for prevention and awareness of HIV and STDs in our community. This is made possible by educational services, prevention materials, skill building, harm and risk reduction, and opportunities for the community to test for HIV and STDs in non-traditional venues</p>
<p>Occupy Reno</p> <p>http://occupyreno.wordpress.com/</p>	<p>Occupy Reno was organized in October 2011 as a response to the Occupy Wall Street movement that began on September 17, 2011. Around the world, citizens are rising up and demanding social and economic justice – and a return of power to the people.</p>
<p>Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN)</p> <p>http://www.planevada.org/</p>	<p>PLAN was founded in 1994 to bring together diverse and potentially competing organizations into one cohesive force for social, environmental and economic justice in Nevada. PLAN has grown from its 12 founding groups to a current membership of 37 organizations that include anti-poverty activists, children's advocates, disabled persons, environmentalists, LGBTQ organizations, labor unions, immigrant rights groups, youth, people of color and women.</p> <p>PLAN uses research, public education, leadership development and grassroots organizing to build power and create more humane solutions to Nevada's problems, addressing such issues including racial, environmental and economic justice, immigration, welfare, and civic engagement. PLAN also provides a combination of training, technical assistance and financial resources designed to mobilize a broad, diverse, progressive power base that changes the power structure in Nevada.</p>
<p>Progress Now Nevada</p> <p>http://www.progressnownevada.org</p>	<p>ProgressNow Nevada is a non-profit advocacy network for progressive change in Nevada, giving thousands of people a stronger voice online, on the ground and on the issues that matter most. They envision a world where people power our politics, progressive leadership powers our government and the common good drives our public policy. They work to combine the power of the Internet with real world action and stronger communications to bring people and groups together and drive progress in Nevada.</p>
<p>Public Health Alliance for Syringe Access</p> <p>www.facebook.com/phasany</p>	<p>Our mission is to reduce the injection-related transmission of HIV, viral hepatitis, and other blood borne diseases in Nevada by allowing for the legal sale, distribution, possession, and safe disposal of sterile syringes.</p>
<p>Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless (RAAH)</p> <p>http://raahnevada.org/</p>	<p>Mission: To ensure a pathway that empowers people who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness to improve their lives.</p> <p>Vision: Preventing and ending homelessness through empowerment of individuals and families in our community.</p>



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<p>Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP)</p> <p>http://swoplv.wordpress.com/</p>	<p>Focuses on improving the lives of sex industry workers by promoting safety, dignity, and diversity in sex work and fosters an environment that affirms individual choices, occupational rights, and self-esteem.</p>
<p>Sierra Interfaith Action for Peace</p> <p>https://www.sites.google.com/site/sierrainterfaithactionforpeace/</p>	<p>Sierra Interfaith Action for Peace was founded in 1986 by concerned individuals in Reno, Nevada who had been active in peace and justice issues and who wished to establish an organization explicitly for these concerns.</p> <p>Sierra Interfaith welcomes people of all faiths to join us as we seek to promote a more just and peaceful society and nonviolent resolution for conflict.</p>
<p>Sunrise Sustainable Resource Group</p> <p>http://sunrisenevada.org/</p>	<p>The Sunrise mission is to empower Nevadan's through education and advocacy to use energy resources responsibly.</p> <p>Our vision is for Nevada to use less energy per capita than any other state and to lead the nation in use of renewable resources.</p>
<p>Stonewall Democrats of Northern Nevada</p> <p>http://queerdems.wordpress.com/</p>	<p>The Stonewall Democrats of Northern Nevada is an organization established for political ACTION to increase the commitment of the Democratic Party to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community, and to support candidates and legislation that further equal rights.</p>
<p>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada</p> <p>http://www.uufnn.org/</p>	<p>Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote these seven principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inherent worth and dignity of every person; • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning; • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large; • The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. <p>As Unitarians one of our highest callings is to “walk our talk” about making the world a better place. The Social Justice Council’s purpose is to serve as an incubator for Congregational service projects in the community and to support its members’ individual social justice-oriented projects.</p>