

Thank you for a fantastic 2025!

In 2025, Nevada Cancer Coalition continued to advance its mission to reduce the burden of cancer through strong partnerships, community-centered outreach and effective policy advocacy. Building on momentum from previous years, NCC expanded its statewide presence and deepened its focus on prevention, early detection and equitable access to care.

Throughout the year, the coalition supported innovative education efforts, strengthened quality improvement initiatives and helped remove barriers to lifesaving screenings and services. Meaningful policy progress and collaborative planning efforts positioned Nevada for continued advances in cancer control in the years ahead.

We are proud of the collective impact achieved in 2025 and grateful to the partners, funders, and volunteers who make this work possible. Together, we are creating a stronger, more equitable cancer control system and a healthier future for all Nevadans.

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Executive Director



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By the Numbers

513 schools reached with Sun Smart Schools materials

623 people screened for cancer at outreach events

41 patients supported through the Cancer Assistance Fund

3,914 people reached at community events

217 clients navigated to care, resources, and support

266 healthcare professionals trained

Advancing cancer prevention through education and policy

Nevada Cancer Coalition (NCC) advanced cancer prevention through sun safety education, student engagement and policy-focused efforts. Sun Smart Schools implementation toolkits were distributed to elementary schools statewide, providing educators with guidance to improve sun safety practices and reduce future skin cancer risk.

Students at the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas supported prevention efforts through sunscreen drives, while interns conducted research and delivered sun safety education in high-exposure community settings such as pools and ski resorts. The coalition also partnered with dental professionals and immunization advocates to advance and educate providers on expanding HPV vaccination privileges for dentists, supporting increased access to cancer-preventing vaccines.

Planning for the next five years

A record number of people, more than 100, shared their expertise and ideas over the course of the year to help develop Nevada's most robust statewide cancer plan to-date. The 2026-2030 Nevada Cancer Plan, which was published at the end of 2025, provides a comprehensive set of objectives and strategies that will help to guide cancer control over the next five years. Progress has already been made on the plan following a legislative win to license and regulate genetic counselors and the formation of a pediatric and AYA cancer collaborative.



Expanding focus, improving quality

In 2025, NCC continued its work to improve lung cancer screening across Nevada with the addition of a Lung Cancer Screening Program Manager. In just a few short months the program has secured 7 sites to participate in a quality improvement project designed to optimize their services and increase the number of people screened for this leading cancer. As part of this work, NCC spearheaded partner participation in this year's National Lung Cancer Screening Day on November 8, with six screening locations joining the event, putting Nevada on the event's map for the first time.

Closing the gaps in cancer control

NCC strengthened its emphasis on cancer prevention early detection by expanding outreach efforts designed to reach underserved Nevadans in non-clinical, community-based settings. These efforts went beyond education and awareness to prioritize direct access to services and practical support.

Through partnerships with community organizations and local clinicians, outreach activities connected residents with on-site resources such as FIT kit distribution for colorectal cancer screening, oral cancer exams, mammograms, lung screening shared decision-making, and skin cancer checks, while also helping individuals navigate screening assistance programs and establish connections with screening providers. These "pop-up events" were hosted at diverse locations including St. Peter Canisius Catholic Church, NBA Total Health at the Bill and Lillie Heinrich YMCA, Greater Nevada Field, Durango Hills YMCA and even at a 5K fun run and a street festival in downtown Reno.

By meeting people where they live, work and gather, these initiatives reduced barriers to care and supported earlier detection for populations that are often missed by traditional health care settings.

Stewardship and partnership

In the past, NCC was funded almost entirely through government grants, however in recent years has worked to diversify funding to ensure organizational balance and sustainability. Our 2025 funding included a mix of government and private grants, organization and individual donations, sponsorships, registration fees and contracts. We will continue efforts to diversify funding to ensure the health of the coalition for years to come.

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