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Nevada Brain Injury and Concussion Clinic (NBICC): Nevada's Premier Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program for Medicaid Fee for Service Members

Conversation around concussions has evolved significantly over the past few years, underscoring the importance of prompt and effective treatment for these often overlooked injuries. In response to this growing awareness, a groundbreaking new concussion clinic has recently opened its doors in Las Vegas, setting a new standard in the treatment and management of concussions and other brain injury diagnoses.

Welcome to Las Vegas' newest brain injury rehabilitation program, **Nevada Brain Injury and Concussion Center (NBICC)**, where cutting-edge technology and personalized care converge to offer the premier concussion and brain injury treatment experience. Located in central Las Vegas, this program is dedicated to providing top-tier care for persons with concussion and brain injury, from initial assessment through to recovery and rehabilitation. **NBICC is Nevada's first intensive, comprehensive concussion clinic for persons with Medicaid Fee for Service.**

Situated within the Loux Center at the Community College of Southern Nevada – Charleston Campus, NBICC is co-located with the highly esteemed **Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP)**, a comprehensive

brain injury rehabilitation program. NBICC and NCEP are united in their mission to deliver high-quality brain injury care to the Las Vegas community.

Julie Peterson, M.A.Ed., MA, CCC-SLP, Director of both NBICC and NCEP, continues to spearhead innovative care initiatives in the Las Vegas Valley. She takes immense pride in the work of the NBICC leadership team, which includes **Clinical Manager Dr. Sherry Perucho, Rehabilitation Service Supervisor Brianna Wickham**, and our nurse practitioner staff, led by **Barry Leydecker, APRN, FNP-C**. Together, along with the incredible NBICC clinical team, they are dedicated to delivering cutting-edge, person-centered, and evidence-based treatment for persons with Nevada Medicaid Fee for Service who have experienced acquired or traumatic brain injuries.

Rehabilitation Services

Concussions are a type of traumatic brain injury that can occur due to a blow to the head or a sudden jolt that causes the brain to move within the skull. Even though they are often considered mild injuries, concussions can lead to serious and lasting effects, including cognitive impairments, emotional disturbances, and physical symp-

oms like headaches and dizziness. Timely and appropriate care is crucial for recovery, as it helps to manage symptoms, prevent complications, and support the individual's return to daily activities and sports. Access to specialized concussion care clinics can provide tailored treatment plans and rehabilitation strategies, ensuring that individuals receive the comprehensive support they need for optimal recovery.

NBICC's treatment approach is both **holistic and individualized**. Each person served undergoes a thorough assessment, including cognitive and physical evaluations, to understand their unique needs. Our multidisciplinary team then collaborates with the client to develop a customized rehabilitation program, incorporating physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, compensatory and remedial vision therapy, vestibular rehabilitation, cognitive

therapy, and advanced neurofeedback to maximize client outcomes.

Nurse practitioner services will be available on-site, featuring medication reconciliation, health education, education on a healthy balanced diet that is optimal for brain healing/functioning, and insights into disease processes. Additionally, our nurse practitioner staff will assist in establishing and upholding healthcare pathways in the community as well as offering daily support to ensure the safety and well-being of our clients while in the clinic.

At Nevada Brain Injury and Concussion Center, we are dedicated to delivering exceptional care, utilizing the latest advancements in concussion science and brain injury rehabilitation to help our persons served work towards their goals and reintegrate back into the community.

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