

**COLLABORATION** center foundation™  
your disability resource network



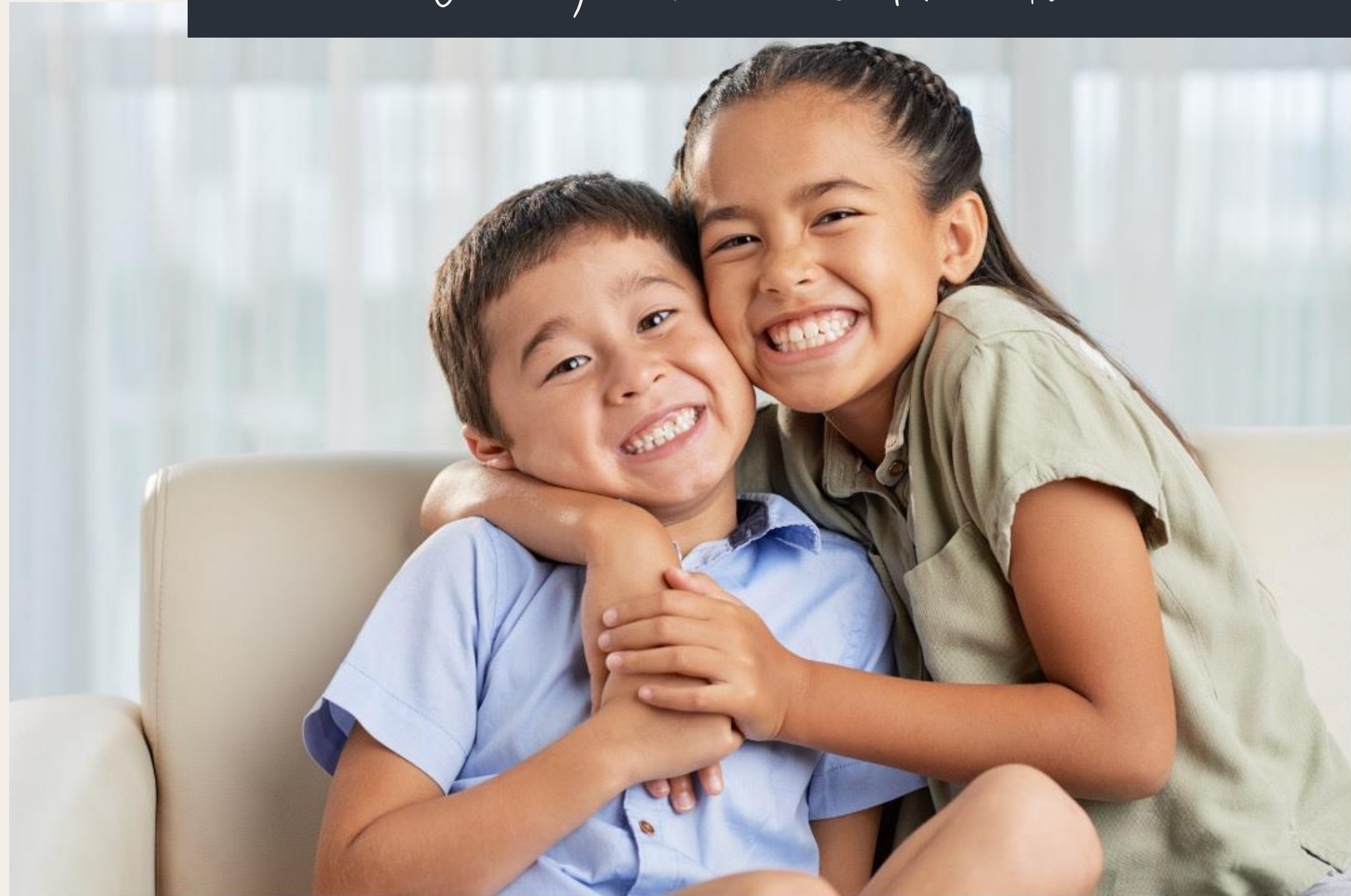


*We are Your Disability Resource Network*

Everyone  
deserves  
access to  
services



We are YOUR network... In fact, we are building a collaborative disability network and support model, which translates into not just access to services, but also, access to HOPE.







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## Mission and Vision

Collaboration Center is a community for inclusion and a disability resource network, focused upon family and peer engagement, social interaction, health and wellness, recreation, therapy, education and vocational training to enhance the lives of those touched by Intellectual, Developmental, Physical, and Learning Disabilities (ID/DD/PD/LD) of ALL ages.

We have created a collaborative model that is unique to the state of Nevada. Our 5-acre campus offers a lifespan of services by partnering with and housing other non-profits, local providers, medical and mental health professionals and government agencies, while coordinating client care through our Pathways Care Coordination and Family Inclusion program, on and off campus.

We are currently building the largest disability network and support model statewide and nationally to help every individual and family member in need of disability related services get connected to the best resources for the greatest outcomes, while fostering a community that meets families where they are and promotes health and wellness, physical and mental health, and strong supportive relationships.





In Southern Nevada alone, there are over 43,000 documented special education students and most of them are living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the Clark County School District alone.



## Community Need

- According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention:
- Autism affects 1 in 36 children
- Down Syndrome affects 1 in every 691 births
- Cerebral Palsy affects 1 in every 323 births
- There are approximately 850 children in Southern Nevada with some type of hearing loss, and over 15,800 children and youth in Nevada are visually impaired or legally blind.
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder is on the rise.





# The Crisis in Southern Nevada

- Over 3,500 children and youth are on diagnostic and service waitlists in Southern Nevada.
- Gross shortage of professionals and licensed providers.
- Gaps in Medicaid and insurance coverage.
- Lack of coordinated providers working together for the greatest outcomes.
- Lack of healthcare, education, community living support as youth transition into adulthood.
- Lack of health and wellness programs and recreation that cause other life-long health challenges.



# What we do

## Pathways Case Management



It all started with Pathways in 2019!

Our flagship Pathways to Potential Case Management, Care Coordination, and Inclusion Programs are the core of what we do, and they define our 'what we do.' The Pathways team seamlessly coordinates critical care for families on and off campus.

Pathways case managers are responsible for connecting families to essential services and support. They actively scan the community for new and existing resources to help address shorter wait times and educate families on how to get earlier treatment for the greatest outcomes. Our Pathways team also runs Family Inclusion events, such as support groups and social/recreational activities. Our campus holds a Community Resource Fair and Family Event twice a year! These events provide an opportunity for families to learn more about services while enjoying a variety of activities!

## Inclusion Programs

Pathways engages the entire family unit through our Family Inclusion Programs. These programs serve as an extension of support by offering direct services to our caregivers through our Educational Workshops and support groups, siblings through our Sibling Support Group, and our young adults through Adult Social Gatherings. We also offer the whole family a wide array of activities throughout the year including health/wellness and sensory-inclusive events!

# Three Program Pillars



Pathways Service Lines

## 1 Case Management



**Care Coordination**

**Individualized Referral Guidance**

**HUB Data Collection/Support**

**Community Outreach**

**Medical Referral Program**

**Community Education/Partner Pop Ups**

## 2 Family Inclusion Programs



**Support Groups**

**Yoga on the Lawn**

**Family Education Workshop**

**Adult Social Group**

**Resource Fairs**

**Sensory Inclusion Events**

## 3 Campus Program Engagement



**Ambassador Program**

**Adventure Scouts**

**Grab & Go Cafe**

**Community & Hydroponic Garden**

**Rescue Tortoise Habitat**

**Rec/Events Center**



# Pathways Referrals

We are a simple phone call, email, or QR code away!

With each outreach from those in need, our team rises to action, determining client needs and connecting those with the best available support and resources, both on campus and within the larger community.

AND the service is continual. We stay connected to meet changing client needs and evolving provider capabilities. This is literally a life-long relationship.





# The *Campus*

A campus that will offer far more than therapy services, including:

- A community sized pool
- An enclosed park with pathways
- A Community Garden and Tortoise Habitat
- A multi-purpose sports court
- A mini golf put course
- An exercise room with gym equipment
- An adaptive social inclusive playground
- A café area with gift shop and a Hydroponic garden
- Multi-purpose rooms for all types of workshops, training and classes





# What we do

## Campus Collaboration



Our 5-acres is defined by the people who fill our space and walk our grounds. It is a collaboration between our own CCF team, our facility partners housed within the Helms Helps Hub, and of course, the many clients and participants who attend programs and receive services.

*Coming in 2024:*  
CCF Cafe, Developmental Preschool, Vocational Training, Mental Health and Wellness Programs, Health Clinic

THANK YOU to all who have chosen to call our campus their home:

**Adventure Scouts.** Providing Scouting Program access to those with disabilities.

**Art Studio at Collaboration Center.** Building developmental skills through art therapy and social inclusion.

**Boys Town Autism and Neuro-developmental Clinic.** Providing neuro-developmental assessments for autism, ADHD, Dyslexia and more.

**Children's Heart Foundation.** Supporting children with congenital heart disease and those who care for them.

**Christopher Smith Foundation.** Supporting caregivers with respite scholarship funding and other family services.

**Foster Kinship.** Provides respite and support services to grandparents and other foster caregivers.

**Let's Talk! Therapy Center.** Providing Feeding, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Behavior Therapy. Early start developmental preschool coming soon.

**Pete Pallares Foundation.** Provides scholarships to neuro-diverse and under-resourced communities to support their higher education.

**Serving Our Communities.** Partnering with diverse education leaders to provide developmental and learning disability training, education and other services to families in need.

**Sing Out for Autism.** Promoting and empowerment to children, teens and adults on the spectrum in the Asian America Pacific Islander, Asian Communities and more.

**State of Nevada Medicaid.** On site State and Federal Benefits Application Assistance.



The concept seems so simple, and yet until now, never put into play. One location - one resource point - and a commitment towards collaboration - to meet the needs of our disability community. THIS is our vision, and this is our commitment.



## 2023 Impact

1,410

Referrals provided

446

Served through Intensive case management for new and repeat clients

213

Participants supported through health/wellness, and educational workshops & social programming

20,000+

Touched within our community through Inclusion Programs and outreach.





**Building Provider Workforce:** Our Campus will act as a recruitment and training ground to bring more providers to Nevada while training resident providers how to best work with those living with different-abilities.

**Driving Research and Policy Change:** We will be collecting data from thousands of clients on an annual basis to conduct gold standard research and drive policy on a state and federal level.



# Early *Intervention*

The cost to society of every untreated child with a neurodevelopmental disability is \$4 - \$6 million over a lifetime.

Early intervention treatment is needed to support the best outcomes saving the state millions of dollars long-term.





# Our Leadership

## **Lynda Tache**

Parent Advocate, Co-founder, President & CEO



*"Social inclusion and opportunities to reach an individual's full potential is the greatest gift society can provide for those with special abilities. As a parent and advocate, I am honored to be a part of this movement."*

Lynda has called Las Vegas home for over 27 years. After her son was born in 2001 with Autism and other developmental disabilities, she made it her life's mission to pave the way for other families struggling with treatment, funding and social inclusion. She started with changing state policy in 2007, and founded Grant a Gift Autism Foundation in 2009, which partners with the UNLV School of Medicine. Today Lynda is working with our amazing team to build a Community Recreation Center called the Collaboration Center for those living with Intellectual, Developmental and Physical disabilities that will bring treatment, recreation, health & wellness and social inclusion together under one roof with multiple community providers.



# Our Leadership

## **Cindy Goussak**

Chief Operating Officer



*"There is no greater fulfillment than giving a voice to those who are not always being heard."*

Cindy graduated from Pepperdine University with an MBA in 1995 and has lived in Las Vegas now for over 23 years. She started her career in bank marketing and moved on to establish her own consulting company so that she could stay home to raise her children. During the past years she has also spent significant time volunteering in leadership, marketing and fundraising roles for several non-profit organizations across the Las Vegas valley.



# Our Leadership

## **Desirae Wingerter, BCBA, LBA**

Director of Programs



Desirae Wingerter is a Las Vegas native and UNLV graduate. As an undergrad, she studied Psychology and worked as a research assistant studying Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in children and youth impacted by the foster care system. Desirae entered the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in 2007, where she worked both with clients directly and in administrative. Desirae has worked in the field ever since, spanning both the non-profit and private sectors. Desirae became a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst in 2016, wherein she played a critical role developing programs for the largest multidisciplinary clinic in the state of Nevada.

In 2021 Desirae completed her Master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis and became a Board Certified and Licensed Behavior Analyst. During this time, she stepped back into the research field, and has been participating in the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) Functional Analysis ever since. Desirae is passionate about program development and supporting Las Vegas' differently-abled communities.



# Meet our Pathways Team



**Mayela Rodriguez**  
Pathways Supervisor



**Karina Rivera**  
Family Inclusion Coordinator



**Judy Calderon**  
Case Manager



**Danielle Agnello**  
Programs Facilitator



**Judy Calderon**  
Case Manager



**Grant Tache**  
Pathways Ambassador



**Contracted**  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker





# Events at The Ranch



- Community Resources Fairs
- Private 3rd Party Events



*Weddings and Receptions  
Fundraisers  
Work Parties  
Holiday Parties  
Camps  
Corporate & non-profit retreats & meetings  
And more...*



Be part of  
*The Collaboration*



- Become a Volunteer
- Become a Referral Partner
- Become a Supporter
- Attend CCF Events







WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME GETTING TO KNOW US!

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