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What Nevada can do in 2027

Start with #5.

By Jada, a Nevada survivor. I'm willing to testify.

> **MY ASK OF YOU: Will you carry a bill for the #5 pilot in 2027?**

POLICE AND CRISIS TEAMS Who acts: police chiefs and sheriffs, by department policy; Nevada POST, training only

1. Don't close a trafficking or exploitation report as "no crime" or "mental health only" without investigating and referring her to a victim advocate. Before closing, or before she is arrested, a supervisor or trafficking detective takes a second look. Let her ask for a female officer or interviewer.
2. Screen for trafficking at every runaway return, and on crisis calls about running away, sex, or someone controlling her money or phone.

EVERY PROGRAM Who acts: the Legislature; state-funded programs

3. Warm handoffs: a state-funded program that refers someone must confirm she reached a live provider before closing the case.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES Who acts: the Legislature, bill and funding; ADSD carries it out. NRS 200.5091-200.50995

4. Don't substantiate "self-neglect" or close a case without assessing cognitive disability and the help she asked for.

> 5. **ONE OWNER, AS A PILOT FOR 2027-2029: When APS closes the case of a trafficking survivor with a disability, ADSD names one point of contact from existing staff for at least 90 days, who, with her consent, invites her providers into one shared plan (wraparound). ADSD reports results to the Legislature. One county, two years. No new office needed.**

HOSPITALS Who acts: the Legislature, discharge rules; Division of Public and Behavioral Health, licensing; each hospital, ADA help

6. If a patient says she's unsafe: no discharge to the street, and no psych unit just because community services aren't there. Provide the ADA communication help she asks for.

CHILDREN FORCED INTO CRIME Who acts: the Legislature

7. Extend NRS 62C.015 to other crimes a trafficked child was forced to commit.

TRAINING AND FUNDERS Who acts: the Legislature; state grant programs

8. Fund trauma- and disability-informed interview training for police (especially patrol officers), APS, and advocates, including ADA effective communication (booklet asks #6 and #8).
9. State-funded survivor programs must screen fully at intake, give written reasons for any denial, and never deny someone because of a disability. The ADA and Section 504 already require this.

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MEDICAID Who acts: Division of Nevada Medicaid

10 Let trafficking survivors become certified peer support specialists. Train Medicaid basic skills training and psychosocial rehab staff in trafficking, and let them help survivors at home (booklet ask #9).

Cost: #5 is a pilot that uses existing ADSD staff. Most other asks are training and policy. Ask ADSD and POST for an estimate.

Measure It: ADSD reports each year how many APS "self-neglect" findings involve cognitive disability, and how many closed cases had a confirmed warm handoff.

ALREADY ON THE TABLE FOR 2027 Session starts February 1, 2027

A The trafficking study (SCR 3). Lawmakers studied trafficking this year and will bring recommendations to the 2027 session. Researchers asked for safe receiving centers for youth. My life shows why. I was 13 in a Nevada shelter, and that's where I learned to run.

B Forced into crimes. The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) reports that 40 states let survivors raise an "affirmative defense" (a legal reason they are not guilty) to crimes their traffickers forced them to commit. Nevada lets survivors ask to clear some old convictions, but only afterward, and not for violent crimes (NRS 179.247). Ask: let survivors raise this defense before there is a conviction. Draft idea: a person may raise this defense if a trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion to make them commit the crime. Violent crimes left out. My first adult charges came three weeks after I escaped a trafficker.

C AB 38 (prefiled for 2027). Would let a vulnerable adult sue a Medicaid provider that abuses, neglects, or exploits them, or lets someone else do it. Too many providers ignored me. This is close to home. It would have helped me.

D AB 37 (prefiled for 2027). Rights for sexual assault survivors and rules for rape kits. I asked hospitals for rape kits again and again. My records show they weren't done.

E NEW: Nevada Medicaid Housing Supports (starting in Clark County, fall 2026) lists human trafficking. It helps people find and keep housing, but doesn't pay rent. Nevada also has a Victims of Human Trafficking fund for emergency housing, but an agency has to ask for it. Ask: one named person (#5) screens every survivor for both.

Sources: SCR 3 (2025); NCSL, Judicial Protections for Human Trafficking (2026); NRS 179.247; AB 37 and AB 38 (2027); Nevada Medicaid Housing Supports; Nevada DHS Victims of Human Trafficking fund

THE GAPS what the research shows

Arrested first: 91% of 130 survivors surveyed had been arrested. Criminal records kept 81.5% from jobs and 55.6% from housing. (National Survivor Network, 2016)

Why #5 matters: the author of Nevada's own trafficking study described "fragmented systems, diffused responsibility, no single point of accountability." (SCR 3 hearing, 2026)

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