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VARN UPDATE for ATJC March 19, 2025

Many new things are happening at VARN. In February, 2025, VARN hired two (2) new employees, an attorney and an administrative assistant. The new attorney will be handling Domestic Violence cases for our DVVAP program and Senior cases for our RSLP program. One (1) of our bilingual legal assistants is taking the University of Nevada, Reno paralegal class. She will have her paralegal certificate by the Summer of 2025. She is very excited about becoming a certified Paralegal. VARN plans to send the other legal assistants to the paralegal program next year.

On March 31, 2025, VARN will be going “live” with their new Legal Server case management system. Hopefully, this case management system will take VARN out of the stone tablets days of case management!

On January 22, 2025, VARN hosted a reception for the Nevada Supreme Court and the Board of Bar Governors of the Nevada State Bar at the Nevada Supreme Court in Carson City. Several pro bono attorneys who have faithfully worked on VARN’s Lawyer in the Lobby program and Pro Bono Program during the pandemic years were honored.

During the calendar year 2024, VARN served 3,164 residents who reside in the Rural Counties of Nevada. This is the largest number of residents that VARN has ever served in one calendar year in its 29 year history! A copy of the VARN’s stats for 2024 is attached to this update.

One of VARN’s goal for this year is to be fully staffed by the end of 2025. VARN currently has 7 employees. VARN is aiming to be fully staffed with 11 employees. In 2025, VARN hopes to surpass the number of rural residents served by VARN in the 2024 calendar year.

VARN	DVVAP	Pro Bono	Online	IntL	LAF	Phone Logs	RSLP	Total
Carson City	40	0	9	207	0	793	133	1182
Churchill	13		3	26		51	0	93
Douglas	32	1	10	105		344	100	592
Elko	17		3	19		60	24	123
Esmeralda	0		1	0		2	0	2
Eureka	0		0	1		14	0	15
Humboldt	6		3	15		53	10	87
Lander	0		0	4		4	0	6
Lincoln	0		0	1		6	0	7
Lyon	52		7	86		188	32	365
Mineral	0		0	6		18	10	32
Nye	2		3	5		55	0	65
Pershing	1		1	5		8	0	15
Storey	6		0	4		13	7	26
Washoe	16		10	8		208	0	242
White Pine	3		0	8		9	1	21
Clark	5		12	2		200	15	234
out of state	0		0	6		41	15	57
Total Clients	193	1	62	508	0	2067	347	3164
Assisted w/ Litigation	27	1						28
Assisted w/o Litigation	166	0	62	508	0	2067	346	3149
Lawyer in the Lobby (F, G, Sp, Sr)				508			93	601
Guardianship			10	19		50	14	93
TPR/Adoption			0	1		0	2	3
Consumer/Finance			2	1		91	42	136
Housing/Foreclosure			11	35		287	35	358
Abused/Neglected Children		1	7	0		39	2	48
Family Law			48	146		333	12	540
Domestic Violence	193		5	52		98	0	348
Real Property			8	35		75	48	166
Estate Planning/Probate/POA			7	17		194	56	274
Employment			7	8		60	0	75
Income Maintenance/Public Benefits				3		37	7	10
Immigration				0		126	22	22
other(personal property)			30	139		122	53	344
Criminal			6	1		189	12	208
Medical				2		14	16	18
Legal Forms			10	12		352	26	400
totals	193		151	471		2067	347	3229