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Governor's Office for New Americans & Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada host inaugural Nevada Newcomer Health Forum

LAS VEGAS, NV – Last Friday, the [Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans \(ONA\)](#) and [Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada](#) hosted an inaugural Nevada Newcomer Health Forum in Our Lady of Las Vegas in Southern Nevada.

"The Newcomer Health Forum played a central role in igniting conversations that will further integrate and include new Americans into Nevada's healthcare infrastructure and systems," **said Charina de Asis, Executive Director of the Governor's Office for New Americans.** "We are grateful for this collaboration with Catholic Charities and look forward to the continued work."

The Newcomer Health Forum brought together over 65 healthcare providers, community partners, and stakeholders from across Southern Nevada. The forum encouraged community input with the goal of seeking out collective measures for improving our State's current refugee healthcare continuum and promoting health equity for Nevada's newcomer communities.

"Ensuring access to complete healthcare for Nevada's refugee communities is paramount to their resettlement journey and wellbeing in this country," **said Deacon Thomas Roberts, President & CEO of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.** "Thank you to the Governor's Office for New Americans for being a partner in this forum. It is collaborative initiatives like these, that have the potential to transform lives in our community."

The Newcomer Health Forum boasted a list of speakers representing a range of organizations including representing: ECDC African Community Center, FirstMed Health and Wellness Center, Nevada Health Centers, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), and a personal address from a directly impacted Nevadan. The forum concluded with breakout discussions that provided direct input to addressing the current healthcare challenges newcomers face in Nevada. A findings report will be made public in the coming months.

The Newcomer Health Forum was held in conjunction with World Refugee Day, which soon commenced following the forum. Photos of the forum can be found [here](#).

The Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans (ONA) was created to promote the inclusion and integration of immigrants, refugees, and aspiring Americans into the civic, economic, and cultural life of Nevada. ONA works to bridge the world of state government and the complex changes in immigration policy that affect all Nevadans. By breaking down bureaucratic barriers that often hinder economic self-sufficiency and civic integration, ONA is working to make Nevada an even more welcoming state for all. For more information about ONA visit our website at ona.nv.gov.

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