

**DATA SHARING AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO (UNR)**

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) agrees to provide student level demographic and academic achievement data and GEAR UP project service data for all students identified as the Nevada State GEAR UP 2001-2007 cohort for the purpose of determining the effectiveness of the GEAR UP program and discerning which of the services are strongly associated with desired student outcomes. This contract is valid until June 30, 2014, one year after the 2001-2007 GEAR UP cohort is eligible to use the GEAR UP scholarship at a Nevada institution of higher education. The following data will be provided within the terms of this agreement by the NDE:

1. Student level data including student name, school district identification number, data of birth, grade level, gender, ethnicity, attendance/enrollment data, disciplinary actions, course enrollment, course grades and credits, scores on CRT/PSAT/SAT/ACT tests, and student special education, and limited English proficiency.
2. GEAR UP program service data including types of services and related contact hours for all services.
3. GEAR UP survey data.
4. Names of the students awarded the GEAR UP scholarship and the institution where the scholarship is being used.

The NDE will provide the data described above to Janet Usinger, Department of Educational Leadership, College of Education, UNR. This information will be provided

in an electronic file format. Upon receipt of the student information, Janet Usinger will use the data to complete statistical analysis examining within and between program variance, as well as the influence of the program on student outcomes. The NDE student information may be used by Janet Usinger for the purposes described above through June 30, 2014. At the end of the contract term, Janet Usinger shall provide the Nevada Department of Education with a sworn affidavit stating that the data have been destroyed.

Janet Usinger assures that in all reports, electronic or otherwise, derived from information made available under this agreement, data shall be aggregated in such a way that no individual will be identified directly or by deduction.

Any unauthorized disclosure of confidential student information is in violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and the implementing regulations found in 34 CFR Part 99 and shall not be permitted to occur.

While in possession of these data, Janet Usinger shall permit only research team members authorized by the UNR Institutional Review Board to use the data for research and evaluation purposes. Janet Usinger also agrees to store the data in a secure area and to prevent unauthorized access.

All persons authorized to have access to the data have certified their understanding that they may be held individually liable for any and all criminal and civil penalties imposed for breach of confidentiality (“Access to Confidential Data”)

XXXXX
Director, Nevada State GEAR UP
Nevada Department of Education

XXXXX
Executive Director
Office of Sponsored Projects
University of Nevada, Reno