

RENOWN ANNOUNCES \$5M COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH

New institute will help region's youth reach full potential

CHILD HEALTH INSTITUTE

RENO, Nev. (October 5, 2015) – Renown Health announced today a new and expansive vision for improving the health of children in Washoe County. Through the Child Health Institute, Renown is hoping to advance a revolutionary new way of thinking about children's health. The Institute will be established over the next year thanks to \$5 million in seed funding committed by Renown. The funding represents a \$1 million dollar per year commitment for each of the next five years.

"If we are to give all children in the community the opportunity to realize their full potential, we need to radically change our approach," said Tony Slonim, M.D., DrPH, president and CEO of Renown. "I am delighted that we are able to do more than just talk about improving child health, and actually put some meaningful dollars behind a new vision."

This new Institute will work to advance child health through five centers, each with a distinct but critically important mission:

- **Center for Health Professions Education** – in partnership with the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the center's focus will increase the number of well-trained pediatric professionals to serve the children of northern Nevada.
- **Center for Health Services Research** – primarily in partnership with University of Nevada School of Community Health Sciences, the center will improve the lives of children and families in northern Nevada through best practices research and a data registry of health needs.
- **Center for Healthcare Delivery** – will bring healthcare partners together to better coordinate and improve healthcare for children throughout the region.
- **The Center for Child & Family Potential** – will work to improve the lives of children and their families.
- **The Center for Social Justice** – will work to eliminate disparities in health linked to social determinants. The Center will seek to improve access to food, primary education, adequate housing, job training and healthcare for everyone in our region.

According to Slonim, the Institute envisions a holistic approach to improving the health and well-being of our region's kids. "We will be working with numerous individuals and organizations already involved with improving children's lives, and we will need to draw upon the engagement of all stakeholders to help make this vision for a healthier community a reality."

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About Renown Health

Renown Health is a locally governed and locally owned, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving a 17-county region comprised of northern Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. Renown is one of the region's largest private employers with a workforce of more than 5,700. It comprises three acute care hospitals, a rehabilitation hospital, skilled nursing facility, the area's most comprehensive medical group and urgent care network, and the region's largest and only locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown has a long tradition of being the first in the region to successfully perform leading-edge medical procedures. For more information, visit renown.org/about-us.