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Marcel Brown is a Social Service Program Specialist III for the Behavioral Health Benefits Coverage Unit with the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy also known as Nevada Medicaid. In this position, Marcel directly oversees the policies, procedures and updates related to the 1915i Specialized Foster Care Program as well as Targeted Case Management. She also supports and oversees the policy development and program management of behavioral policy benefits for recipients including outpatient mental health, rehabilitative mental health, and substance use prevention and treatment. Before entering the State of Nevada workforce, she earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Nevada, Reno and her master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from California State University, Fresno. Following graduation, she worked in Colorado as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor assisting recipients with physical and mental disabilities return to the workforce. Upon returning to Nevada, she worked as a case manager, then supervisor, for the Waiver for Independent Nevadans. This program assisted recipients with physical and mental disabilities, in need of resources, to remain in their homes. She gained further experience in the field of mental and behavioral health while supervising the Facility Outreach and Community Integration Services (FOCIS) Program. As a response to the Olmstead decision, this program assists Medicaid recipients, who are medically able and willing, to transition back into community settings. Marcel has over 10 years working with individuals with mental and physical disabilities.