



DEVELOPING LIVES

# Program Resource Manual



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Mr. Augustine (Chris) Baca has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Youth Development, Inc. (YDI) since 1973. Mr. Baca has also served as Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of YES Housing, Inc. for the past 18 years. As Board officer and executive of two non-profit organizations serving New Mexico, Mr. Baca oversees and manages numerous program budgets totaling 35 million dollars and full-time staff of more than 500 employees. YDI is a social service organization that serves more than 14,000 children, youth, and families every year. YES Housing, Inc. is an entrepreneurial non-profit that builds, owns, and manages apartments with emphasis in affordable markets. Nationally recognized as an expert in youth development, juvenile justice, social service design, public administration, public policy, personnel management, and budgeting, Mr. Baca is an experienced non-profit executive with a record of over 34 years of proven accomplishments.

Mr. Baca has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, a Master's Degree in Public Administration, and a Postdoctoral Certificate in State and Local Government from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He has also been a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow, a Hispanic Health Fellow, a panel member for the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council, and a Presidential Appointee to the Commission on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He has taught at the Anderson School of Management at the University of New Mexico. He has received numerous awards including the Thomas Jefferson Award for Community Service, the Distinguished Public Administrator Award, the Martin Luther King Service Award, the Notre Dame Alumni Public Service Award; and the Albuquerque Leadership Award.

# ADMINISTRATION

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**Youth Development, Inc's administrative offices are comprised of the Human Resources Department, the Finance Department and the Purchasing Department.**

### **1. Human Resources Department**

**6301 Central, NW Albuquerque, NM 87105**

The YDI Human Resources Department believes that YDI's employees are the most important stakeholders in our organization and that they are fully committed to carrying out our mission. YDI's Human Resources Department is dedicated to providing a safe and healthy work environment free of discrimination.

YDI employs over 500 well trained and dedicated employees, all of whom are carefully processed in-house to assure that we hire the best candidates possible to serve our communities. In addition to recruitment and selection, the Human Resources Department oversees compensation and benefits, employee relations, risk management, and employee records. Our department specializes in establishing and implementing policies, procedures, and rules that treat employees fairly; always adhering to federal and state employment laws and regulations.

For more information, contact Donna Martinez, HR Director or any HR staff member at (505) 831-6038 or send an e-mail to [hrdept@ydinm.org](mailto:hrdept@ydinm.org)

### **2. Finance Department**

**6301 Central, NW Albuquerque, NM 87105**

The Finance Department is responsible for preparing and maintaining all financial records for the organization and for implementing an accounting system which conforms to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and program requirements as mandated by YDI's various funding sources. Additionally the department ensures that internal control procedures are in place to safeguard the assets of the organization and facilitates the annual audit performed by an independent auditing firm.

The finance department also has the responsibility to implement procedures and to maintain supporting documentation in order to substantiate that costs charged to various funding sources are allowable, allocable and reasonable.

YDI's accounting system is designed to ensure that accounting records provide documentation needed to separately identify the receipt and expenditures of Federal, State, County, Local and matching funds and provide accurate and current financial information.

For more information contact John Melendez, Chief Financial Officer at 505 831-6038 or via email at [jmelendez@ydinm.org](mailto:jmelendez@ydinm.org)

### **3. Purchasing Department**

**6301 Central, NW Albuquerque, NM 87105**

The Purchasing Department is a division within the Finance Department and is charged with the responsibility to purchase all materials, supplies, equipment and services in support of Youth Development, Inc.'s programs and administration. The Department strives to purchase in a timely manner, through centralized control and on the best value basis possible, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

It is the policy of YDI to use small or minority owned businesses whenever possible. Contracts are awarded only to those contractors that have demonstrated that they are capable of providing required materials supplies or services

For more information contact the Purchasing Director, Mr. George Bello at 505 831-6038 or via email at [gbello@ydinm.org](mailto:gbello@ydinm.org)



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The Information Technology Department supports the advancement of technology throughout the organization. The primary responsibilities of the IT staff include infrastructure support (local and wide area networks, system administration, accounting, purchasing, payroll, and human resources databases), management of the client information systems, information security, HIPPA compliance, internet and telephone communications and marketing, data analysis for organizational reports, technology training and desktop maintenance and repairs and IP Phones at all current locations.



# PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & TREATMENT DIVISION

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Street Outreach**

### **1. 4SO Mental Health Clinic**

**1223 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

Provided in collaboration with New Mexico Highlands University, the 4SO mental health clinic provides clinical assessment, individual, family, couples and group therapy for children, youth, adults and families. The program utilizes licensed clinical therapists, as well as, Master's level interns and licensed faculty through Highlands University to provide the services. Interns are supervised by Master's level YDI staff and Highlands's faculty. The clinic also provides aftercare services for graduates of YDI's Project Illumination Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program.

For more information, contact George Mercer at (505)343-1918 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

### **2. Gang Intervention Program**

**1223 Fourth St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

The Gang Intervention Program works specifically with individual gang members in Albuquerque neighborhoods to stop the violence and keep YDI's communities safe.

The Gang Intervention Program uses innovative approaches to help youth learn and experience positive alternatives. Services provided include case management, individual/family counseling with a licensed therapist, recreational activities and participation in community events.

For more information, contact Ruben Leyva, Program Director at (505) 343-1918 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

### **3. Project Illumination Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Program**

**1223 4th Street, NW Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

Project Illumination provides substance abuse services for TANF recipients and TANF eligible clients. Services include an intensive 12-week program that meets three times per week for 4 hours of group sessions. The sessions focus on Early Recovery Skills, Relapse Prevention and Family Education utilizing the evidence-based Matrix Model. The program also offers

clinical assessment, case management and individual and family therapy. Clients who complete the 12-week program are also eligible for a 9 month Aftercare Program.

Services are provided by licensed, Master's level clinicians. For more information send an email to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

#### **4. Teatro Consejo**

**1223 Fourth St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

Teatro Consejo (Theater of Counsel) is a performing arts program designed to serve at-risk youth from throughout Albuquerque, focusing on youth from the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County.

Participants receive training in all aspects of performing arts and present through drama, dance, video and vocal performances on youth issues to their peers and the community. Issues focused on are substance abuse, HIV/AIDS education, teen pregnancy, sexual risks, violence/gang prevention and consequences of certain actions and behaviors.

For more information, contact Ruben Leyva, Program Director at (505) 343-1918 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

### **Amistad Crisis Shelter**

**2929 Barcelona SW. Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo, Valencia, Sandoval, Torrance**

Amistad Crisis Shelter is a short-term (14-30 days) program that provides residential services to youth ages 12-17. It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and also offers a 24-hour hotline. It offers the following services: crisis intervention, assessment, counseling/therapy, recreational activities, life and social skills training, case management, educational/vocational assistance, job training skills and referral assistance.

Amistad's primary focus is to reunite youth with their families. In cases where reunification is not possible, alternative placement is secured, such as foster care, residential treatment, group home, independent living, or placement with other family members. Aftercare services are also available once youth discharge from the program. The program has a 12 bed capacity.

Youth At Risk is a United Way funded program that provides assessment and individual family counseling through services with a licensed mental health therapist for children and youth, ages 10-21, and their families on an outreach basis.

For more information, contact Louise Lopez, Amistad Director at (505) 877-0371 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

## **Casa Hermosa**

**630-632 Chama, SE, Albuquerque, NM 87408**

**Counties Operated in: Bernalillo**

Casa Hermosa is an 18-month transitional living program for youth aged 16-21 that are runaway, homeless or aging out of state custody (foster care, institutional care.) Casa Hermosa operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The program offers the following services: crisis intervention, assessment, counseling/therapy, recreational activities, life and social skills training, case management, educational/vocational assistance, job training skills and referral assistance.

For more information, contact Greg Lyles-Davis, Program Director, at (505)268-2671 or send an email to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

## **South Valley Family Services**

- 1. South Valley Family Services  
San Pedro Clinical Services**

**1710 Centro Familiar SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105**  
**1820 San Pedro NE, Suite 7, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

These programs provide Clinical Services and both currently serve as Family Service Centers for their respective communities. Services are tailored to meet the individual needs of referred clients and their families by a process of intake and assessment.

Comprehensive services include case management, job development, educational assistance, community service projects, substance abuse referral, parent support, peer education and individual/family therapy provided by a licensed mental health professional.

For more information, contact Lynda Moore, Clinical Director at (505) 873-1604 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

## **2. Family and Community Services**

**1710 Centro Familiar SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

The Family and Community Services Program provides comprehensive services to residents of the South Valley and the City of Albuquerque. It offers after school sports and recreation, tutoring, arts and crafts, family support services, referral services, gang and substance abuse prevention, community training and empowerment activities. The program also offers services for senior citizens such as a commodity foods program, transportation and recreational/leisure activities.

For more information, contact Steve Gutierrez, Community Liaison at (505) 873-1604 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

## **3. The Family Therapy Project**

**1710 Centro Familiar SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**1820 San Pedro NE, Suite 7, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

The Family Therapy Project helps children and teenagers 6-17 years old who exhibit defiance, ditching school, delinquency, early drug use and have negative friends.

The program also helps families that have poor behavior management, anger, blaming interactions, parental conflict and other problem relationships.

For more information, contact Lynda Moore, Clinical Director at (505) 873-1604 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

## **4. Family Recovery Services**

**1820 San Pedro NE, Suite 7, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

The Family Recovery Services program provides education, counseling and case management for adolescents and adults referred by the Albuquerque Metropolitan Central Intake for substance abuse issues.

For more information, contact Lynda Moore, Clinical Director at (505) 873-1604 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

## **5. Get UP!!! Get Moving!!! Initiative**

**1710 Centro Familiar SW, #E, Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

An initiative funded by the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, Vive Tu Vida... Get Up! Get Moving! Provides community based initiatives and activities designed to promote health and wellness among individuals. The primary goal of the program is to address fitness and healthy weight by utilizing local resources in the community such as cultural centers, parks, and local sports teams to emphasize the importance of physical activity, supporting the families and community building.

This program works in tandem with the Family and Community Services program which provides latch key recreation and sporting events for children and youth.

For more information, contact Pete Gabaldon, Associate Director at (505) 352-3406 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

## **Juvenile Community Corrections**

### **1. Sandoval County Day Reporting Center**

**1424 Deborah Road, Suite 102, Rio Rancho, NM 87124**

**Counties Operated In: Sandoval**

This program provides an alternative to detention for youth age 13-18 that are probation violators or drug court clients. All clients must be court ordered and accompanied by a referral from the Sandoval County Juvenile Probation office. The program also serves referrals from the Rio Rancho Public Schools for long term expelled youth.

For more information, contact Louis Pacias, Associate Director for PIT Division at (505) 831-6038 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

### **2. Juvenile Community Corrections**

**1424 Deborah Road, Suite 102, Rio Rancho, NM 87124**

**428 South Los Lentos Road, Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**1500 Walter SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**P.O. Box 1988, Cuba, NM 87013**

## **Counties Operated In: Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia**

Juvenile Community Corrections provides pre-sentencing alternatives to children's courts in three counties for more than 300 adjudicated juveniles each year that might otherwise be institutionalized.

Each client is court ordered and must adhere to a specific plan of care that includes intensive supervision, educational and employment assistance, community service and/or victim restitution and institutional transition services.

Juvenile Community Corrections programs in Valencia and Sandoval counties are modeled after the successful Bernalillo County Juvenile Community Corrections program.

The program also provides services for youth in the institutions in preparation for successful reintegration home and even has an Emergency Fund for eligible clients.

For more information, contact Bruce Battle, Program Director at (505) 842-8183 or 896-1310 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

## **Health Programs**

### **1. Health Programs**

#### **Counties Operated In: Bernalillo, Valencia, Sandoval**

The Health Programs provide HIV/AIDS prevention, intervention and education services for clients and their families. The Health Programs consist of Harm Reduction/Needle Exchange, Alternative Lifestyles Outreach, Heterosexual at-Risk and Injecting Drug Users. This unique program combines street outreach, individual level interventions, groups/sessions, preventative case management, counseling and other educational mediums to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The program provides referral assistance for substance abuse treatment and related services. Community education is provided to local area businesses and communities through group presentations.

For more information, contact the Health Program at (505) 877-7318 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

### **2. Youth Reaching Youth Street Outreach Program**

#### **Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

The street outreach program employs a Program Director, a Case Manager and two Youth Advocates that provide street outreach activities including: one on one interventions, information dissemination, meal sites, distribution of Life Packs (consisting of basic clothing, resource cards, non-perishable foods), crisis intervention, risk/harm reduction, skills

training and assistance in accessing medical/dental care, transportation, counseling and residential services. The primary goal of the activities is to assist youth in establishing safer living conditions and in helping street youth stay physically, emotionally, and mentally healthy as they work towards getting off the streets.

The street outreach program operates seven days a week, 365 days a year with staff working late afternoons, evenings and weekends. Program staff target known geographic areas/locations where street youth congregate. Primary benefits of the program include: reduction of harm/exploitation of street youth; increased awareness and decreased reticence to access available services by street youth; the development of trusting relationships between street youth and service providers and assistance for youth in accessing safer living conditions.

For more information, contact Charlotte Gomez at (505) 877-7318 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

## **Other Outreach Satellite Locations**

### **1. Homeless Prevention Program**

**6301 Central NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

An MFA funded initiative, Homeless Prevention provides rental and utilities shut off financial assistance for individuals/families that are facing eviction and/or utility shut off due to non-payment. An application process is required to determine eligibility for funds. A total maximum fund allowed per individual is \$500.00.

For more information, contact Andrea Kepple at (505) 831-6038 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

### **2. Neutral Corner**

**118 Dartmouth SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

Neutral Corner provides supervised visitation and exchange services for families going through separation and/or divorce. With the help of a magnetic locking door system, YDI staff safely observe the transfer of children from one parent to another. This allows children a brief period of adjustment, the comfort of not witnessing combative situations and the opportunity to greet each parent enthusiastically.

Contact between a parent and child/children takes place under the watchful eye of YDI's staff. When allegations of neglect, physical, sexual or substance abuse occurs, careful supervision in a protected environment is necessary.

Staff ensures healthy interactions and activities and encourages quality time between parents and their children. A comprehensive visitation report form is completed for each visit.

For more information, contact Kelley Tester, Program Director at (505) 255-0007 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

### **3. Project Achieve**

**Ernie Pyle Middle School**  
**1820 Valdora SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

Project Achieve is a dropout prevention program for middle school students. The dropout prevention services include: classroom instruction in English, academic and career guidance, work experience, employability skills training, life skills education and post-secondary exploration. The services may include, but are not limited to, substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation, counseling and mentoring. The program also has a leadership development component that is designed to identify those at-risk students that have positive leadership potential. The intent is to develop that leadership through positive constructive activities.

For more information, contact Lynda Moore, Clinical Director at (505) 873-1604 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

### **4. Wise Men/Wise Women Mentoring Initiatives, Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCOPS) Program, Alamosa Mentoring Program**

**5005 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

Wise Men & Women Mentorship Program is a school-based, school-year program that helps children and youth, ages 6-14, build a strong character, achieve positive self-esteem, and create solutions to their everyday problems with the help of a caring relationship with an adult volunteer mentor.

The program serves 14 elementary, 5 middle schools and 1 alternative school from September through May. Program staff are responsible for recruitment, screening, training, placing and follow-up of volunteers. Staff also act as volunteer school liaisons.

Volunteer support includes individual monthly contact, monthly roundtable meetings and a quarterly newsletter.

The Mentoring Children of Prisoners program is specifically designed to help children who have one or both of their parents incarcerated. The program recruits and trains adult mentors to be matched with these children. MCOPS is a community based program that assists children in establishing positive relationships within their family unit and in the community. The MCOP Program is in partnership with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The Alamosa Mentoring Program is a year-round program focusing on 4<sup>th</sup> grade students attending Alamosa Elementary School.

For more information, contact Sally Sosa, Program Director at (505) 271-2066 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org)

## **5. Alamosa Community Center**

**6900 Gonzalez SW, #E, Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

Alamosa Community Center is in an Albuquerque city housing project whose youth had no structured recreational programs to deter them from involvement in gangs, vandalism, and serious crimes.

The Center's comprehensive program includes youth and family support services, job development, youth employment, gang intervention, community pride projects and a structured recreation program.

For more information, contact Ted Gallegos, Program Director at (505) 831-5109 or send an e-mail to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

## **6. Next Step**

**6306 Central S.W., 87105**

**Counties Operated in: Bernalillo**

The Next Step Program is a tutoring and social service program which provides instruction and social services to adolescents between the ages of 11- 21, who have been long-term suspended or dis-enrolled from school or who have dropped out of school. The aim of this program is to help motivate and guide these individuals back into a regular classroom setting or prepare them for the GED examination. Services include academic instruction, experiential learning and case management. Client's parents stay involved by attending scheduled monthly meetings.

For more information contact Raymond Caldwell, Case Manager, at (505) 352-3448, Mary Kamoss, Instructor, at (505) 352-3458 or send an email to [pit@ydinm.org](mailto:pit@ydinm.org).

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# Career Education Services Center (CESC)

## 1. BASIC EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING (BEST)

6306 Central Avenue SW Albuquerque, NM 87105

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia & Torrance**

BEST is a ten (10) hour pre-employment skills training designed to help participants acquire the skills necessary to seek and maintain employment.

The training covers communication skills, anger management, child labor laws, safety in the workplace, substance abuse education, mental health education, sexual harassment in the workplace, money management, application practice, resume development, introduction into computers, career lifestyle assessment, job search, and mock interviews.

The training is held weekly in Bernalillo County and monthly in Valencia, Sandoval and Torrance counties.

Upon completion of the training, participants receive a certificate verifying they have been trained in basic employability skills.

### Staff Contacts:

Bernalillo County:	Lisa Torres	352-3462
Sandoval County:	Deborah Williams	896-1765
Valencia County:	Frank Gurule or Leann Casias	861-2144
Torrance County:	Genell Chavez	832-6774

## 2. WORKFORCE LITERACY PROGRAM

6306 Central Avenue SW Albuquerque, NM 87105

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

This program was designed to help those who are unemployed to upgrade their employability skills to find good jobs or those who are underemployed and want to advance in their present job. It will prepare participants for the workplace, with high quality training covering job readiness, workplace expectations, life and employability skills, workplace communication and problem solving and entry level occupational skills.

YDI is currently working with businesses locating to the Westside of Albuquerque and those that are currently hiring large applicant pools to recognize the participants that complete this training and consider them for job openings.

The training expands on the BEST curriculum and includes computer skills training, customer service skills training and employment skills remediation through Key Train.

Upon completion of the training, individuals will be assessed utilizing the Work Keys Employment System that measures the foundation skills required by most jobs. Participants will be awarded a New Mexico Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) upon successfully passing the Work Keys assessment. The CRC is a credential endorsed by the Governor of New Mexico that confirms to employers that an individual possesses the basic workplace skills required for common jobs.

The training is 4 weeks and is held every 8 weeks at the YDI Career Education Service Center.

Staff Contact:

Program Director: Jeanette Crapse 352-3455

### **3. GED PROGRAM**

**6306 Central Avenue SW Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

This program provides GED preparation classes and workforce training to youth ages 16-21 that have dropped out of school.

All participants must be reading at an 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math level, must reside in Bernalillo County and must meet HUD income guidelines.

This program also offers employability skills training and job placement assistance which leads to unsubsidized employment. All participants are required to attend and successfully complete the BEST training. The program also provides counseling and other support services to assist participants to achieve a positive completion in the program.

Classes are held weekly, Monday through Thursday. Morning class time is from 9 am to 12 noon and afternoon class is from 1 - 4 pm.

Staff Contact:

Intake Specialist: Natalie Sandoval 352-3453

GED Instructor: Gail Hummel 352-3454

#### **4. STAY-IN-SCHOOL**

**6306 Central Avenue SW Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

The Stay-In-School Program is a drop-out prevention program designed to help high school students learn the essential skills needed to excel in the workplace. The program offers after-school work experience, tutoring and homework assistance, and pre-employment skills training to include substance abuse screening and education. The intent of the program is to prevent at-risk students from dropping out of school.

Students are placed at a job site for a total of 115 hours based on their individual interests to learn skills to enhance their employability. Completion of the Basic Employability Skills Training (BEST) is a requirement for this program. All participants will also be required to work with an AmeriCorps member for tutoring and homework assistance for a total of 20 hours. All participants will be required to take a drug test.

The Stay-In-School program serves the six high schools in Albuquerque that have the greatest need for drop-out prevention and includes: West Mesa HS, Valley HS, Albuquerque High Freedom HS and Nuestros Valores Charter School.

Staff Contact:

Job Developer:           Richard Mirabal           352-3451

#### **5. WIA/WORKFORCE CONNECTION OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO**

**6306 Central Avenue SW Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo, Valencia, Sandoval and Torrance**

Through the New Mexico Workforce Connection, YDI serves as the WIA youth provider and operates the Comprehensive Youth Services Program (CYSP) in the Central Region of New Mexico to include Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, and Torrance counties. YDI is located in the Business & Career Center in each county and is co-located with other providers of WIA to include: NMDOL, DVR, ABE, TANF, Job Corp., Veterans and other numerous partners.

Each Youth One Stop operates year-round providing services to in-school and out-of-school eligible youth ages 14-21. Each facility was designed around the ten WIA elements for youth and its' core of services: drop-out prevention, alternative education, leadership, summer employment, guidance and counseling, work experience, supportive services, mentoring, occupational skills training and follow-up. Programming at each site also incorporates current economic and employment trends specific to each county's facility.

In addition to operating the comprehensive youth services program, YDI also leverages its existing agency programs and program services to ensure that other essential wrap-around services that fall outside of the ten defined WIA elements for youth are also accessible to clients throughout the four-county area as needed.

**Staff Contact:**

Bernalillo County:	Donna Torres	843-1912
	Shawn Kristoff	843-1911
Sandoval County:	Deborah Williams	896-1765
Valencia County:	Frank Gurule or Leann Casias	861-2144
Torrance County:	Genell Chavez	832-6774

**6. MEDICAID ENROLLMENT**

**6306 Central Avenue SW Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo and Sandoval**

As a provider for the New Mexico Primary Case Association, YDI provides the Medicaid Enrollment Program and enrolls eligible children and adults in Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and State Coverage Insurance (SCI). Families receive assistance in the enrollment process to ensure that they receive appropriate health care. YDI enrolls over 200 children and adults per month and during the enrollment process refers families to other social service and health care service providers.

**Staff Contact:**

Senior Case Manager:	Gabriel Sandoval	948-0737
Outreach Specialist:	Michael Chavez	948-0738

**7. NCLR AmeriCorps "LENS" Project  
(Latinos Engaged in National Service)**

**6306 Central NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

The NCLR AmeriCorps Initiative:

NCLR seeks to increase the number of Latinos involved in national service in their communities. Research indicates that youth who become involved in national service are more likely to be involved as adults. Further, institutions such as schools, nonprofit organizations, governments, and churches help shape the civic engagement behaviors of tomorrow's adults. Youths' experiences shape their lifelong attitudes toward giving and being involved.

Now in its 11th year, the NCLR AmeriCorps\*National Direct program helps reach these goals. AmeriCorps strengthens communities through projects that address education, public safety, the environment, and other unmet human needs. NCLR AmeriCorps members serve

at local nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations, helping to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility. Through their service, members gain valuable job skills and experience, and life skills like teamwork and communication; they learn to set goals, and to challenge themselves. Members also earn an education award to pursue a college education or pay back student loans. For more information regarding the NCLR AmeriCorps program visit their website at [www.nclr.org/ameri-corps](http://www.nclr.org/ameri-corps)

“Earn a living allowance and a scholarship while serving the needs of your communities”

YDI “LENS” Project:

The YDI AmeriCorps LENS Project goal is to improve literacy amongst young people ages 6-17, while providing a fun, safe atmosphere for at-risk youth. AmeriCorps members provide tutoring, mentoring, job shadowing opportunities and after school exploration in numerous YDI programs. In addition, through the YDI/Intel Computer Clubhouse, members provide access to high-end computer hardware and software to supply youth with tools to become successful in the world of technology.

Program requirements for those interested in becoming an AmeriCorps member:

High School Diploma or GED

U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident Alien

Minimum of 17 years old

If you are interested in becoming an AmeriCorps member for Youth Development, Inc. please download and complete the [AmeriCorps application](#) and return to 6306 Central NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105. For additional program information or questions, call Rebecca Gonzales at (505) 907-1401 or email [rgonzales@ydinm.org](mailto:rgonzales@ydinm.org)

## 8. Satellite Location

### 1. Intel Computer Clubhouse

**6301 Central Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105 (505) 352-3432**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

The Intel Computer Clubhouse is designed to give youth ages six to eighteen (6-18) access to computer technology. Adult and peer mentors work with each individual to explore ideas, nurture their talent, and build self-esteem through the use of technology.

The Clubhouse is equipped with computers including a robotics computer that contains several computer programs and a music and recording studio. Participants create computer generated art and music, build their own robots, design web pages, and program new computer games.

For more information, contact Alicia Browning at (505) 831-6038.



# YDI

## VALENCIA COUNTY

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## **Valencia County Office**

### **1. Comprehensive Health Improving Council**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

YDI is the lead agency and fiscal agent for the Valencia Community Partnership, a coalition of over 45 agencies that work together on maternal and child health issues, of which, provide information & referral designed to refer clients, to agencies for services needed, linking community to resources. YDI maintains an annual inventory of county resources and programs, leads advocacy activities, and helps focus the Coalition on priority issues. Current priority focus areas are teen pregnancy/substance abuse and health access. Also provided are low cost car seats to assist clients.

Staff contact: Sandra Chavez, Program Director  
Patricia Chavez, Information and Referral

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org)

### **2. Dare to Be You**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

This is a science-based program designed to reduce poor outcomes among youth, especially with regard to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, by increasing resiliency factors and reducing risk factors in families with young children. Dare to Be You focuses on the individual child and the family environment.

Staff: Liz Giddings, Prevention Specialist

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org)

### **3. Enforcement of the Underage Drinking Laws for the State of NM-CYFD Program**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

The program is designed to reduce underage drinking through improved enforcement, media, and prevention activities.

Staff: Ambar Chavez, Prevention Specialist

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org).

#### **4. GED Classes**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

The program provides GED preparation and employment training for at-risk youth ages sixteen to twenty-one (16-21) and is designed to help high school dropouts obtain gainful employment by completing their high school education. The program also provides support services to assist participants to successfully earn their GED.

Classes are held Monday through Thursday at the Los Lunas Office. The instructor is provided by UNM Valencia Campus.

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org).

#### **5. NMPCA-Medicaid Enrollment Program**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

The Medicaid Enrollment Program enrolls eligible children in both Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Families receive assistance in the enrollment process to ensure that children receive appropriate health care. YDI enrolls over 200 children per month and during the enrollment process refers families to other social service and health care service providers.

Staff: Edwina Moya, Program Coordinator  
Cecelia Vasquez, Outreach Specialist

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org)

## **6. No Excuses-Courts for Sports**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

The No Excuses-Courts for Sports Program is designed to provide Valencia County youth with financial assistance for registration fees for the sport of their choice to include but not limited to: baseball, basketball, football, rodeo, karate, art, music cheerleading, etc. The Education, Employment and Training office in Valencia works in partnership with the Municipal and Magistrate Courts which funds the program. Over 50 kids a month benefit from this program.

Staff: Edwina Moya, Program Coordinator

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org)

## **7. Tobacco Use Prevention and Control (TUPAC)**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

The mission of the Tobacco Use Prevention and Control (TUPAC) Program is to establish a comprehensive partnership among state and local governments, local communities, and the people of Valencia County to foster a social and legal climate in which tobacco use becomes undesirable and unacceptable. The program works to improve the health of all Valencia County residents by eliminating or reducing their exposure to tobacco in all forms.

Staff: Angela Barela, Prevention Specialist

Valencia County Students Concerned About Tobacco Youth Coalition (VCS-CAT)

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org).

## **8. Underage Drinking Prevention Program**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

The Underage Drinking Prevention Program is a pilot program that focuses on reducing underage drinking, drinking and driving, and traffic fatalities. The first phase of the project involves gathering underage drinking data through surveys, community assessments and youth focus groups. Phase two is the findings from the needs assessments which will guide the selection and implementation of policies,

programs and practices proven to be effective in research settings and communities. The project works in partnership with the Valencia Community Partnership and various Valencia County youth coalitions and local law enforcement

Staff: Ambar Chavez, Prevention Specialist

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org).

## **9. VIDA Food Program**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia, Sandoval, Bernalillo, Socorro**

The VIDA Food Program is designed to improve the health and eating habits of participants enrolled in residential day care homes, and to insure that providers serve proper nutritious meals to the children and or disabled adults. Services are provided in Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia and Socorro counties. This program serves approximately 300 home day care providers monthly; assuring that approximately 1025 children are being served nutritious meals daily.

Staff: Patricia Gonzales, Program Director  
Angie Zamora, Operations Manager  
Margie Gonzales, Monitor  
Elsie Chavez, Tallier

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org)

## **10. G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) LL School System**

**428 South Los Lentes Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

A partnership with Valencia county Sheriff's office, Los Lunas Schools and YDI-Valencia to implement the GREAT curriculum to all elementary and intermediate school age students, and working with the families of these youth to increase Gang awareness.

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org)

## **11. Teen pregnancy Prevention program (Teen Outreach Program)**

**428 South Los Lentos Road Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**Counties Operated In: Valencia**

This program is aimed at reducing teen pregnancy, by using the Teen Outreach Program curriculum at both Los Lunas and Manzano Vista middle schools that focus on Community outreach and building healthy mentoring relationships with adults.

Staff: Victoria Flores, Prevention Specialist

For more information, contact YDI-Valencia Division in Los Lunas at (505) 865-3999 or send an e-mail to [valencia-eet@ydinm.org](mailto:valencia-eet@ydinm.org)

# EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT DIVISION

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## Wool Warehouse Location

### 8. YDI/APS 21st Century Community Learning Centers "Academies for Excellence"

**518 1st Street, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

"Academies for Excellence" are 21st Century Community Learning Centers funded by the New Mexico Public Education Department

This program is a partnership with the Albuquerque Public Schools, several community agencies and five schools, Carlos Rey, Duranes, and Lavaland Elementaries and Truman, Jimmy Carter Middle Schools.

Each after school program varies from site to site based on the needs of the students and community. Students will participate in activities which include literacy development activities, arts & crafts, dance, woodworking, cooking, band, and music.

Families are offered ESL, GED and parent education programs through The National Hispanic Child and Family Development Institute. NHCDFI, Education Support Division, provides on-going staff development training and monitoring of all sites.

The ultimate goal of the "Academies for Excellence" is to extend learning opportunities which will benefit students and communities in the areas of education, health, social service, cultural, and the recreational needs.

For more information, contact the National Hispanic Child and Family Development Institute at (505) 242-7306 or send an e-mail to [nhcfdi@ydinm.org](mailto:nhcfdi@ydinm.org)

### 9. YDI GED TESTING

**518 1st St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo**

YDI is geared up to administer GED Tests to our youth and community members. Many youth and adults who did not complete a high school program continue to learn daily through a variety of life experiences. The GED Testing Program at YDI provides an opportunity for these educational skills and abilities to be evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential providing many opportunities. Please encourage students, family, and friends to sign up for the GED Tests. Registration is available at 518 1st St. NW, Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm. You must register in person. Payment of the exam fee must be made when you register. Please call 505.242.7306 ext. 20 for additional information.

**Who can take the GED Test?**

The GED Test can be administered to persons who have not graduated from an accredited high school or received a high school equivalency certificate or diploma; and who are not

currently enrolled in a regular high school; and who meet the state's minimum age requirement. You must be at least 16 years old, complete the withdrawal process from your school district, and have completed the Underage Verification Form.

#### First-Time Examinees:

- Must be 16 years of age or older.
- Present 2 forms of identification. One must be a current government issued photo ID.
- Present proof of payment of the required \$40 fee (non refundable).
- GED candidates 16 or 17 years of age must also present a completed *Underage Verification Form*
- Registration must be done in person.

#### Special Accommodations

If you have a disability, documented by a qualified professional, which requires special testing circumstances contact the GED Chief Examiner at (505) 242-7306 to request special accommodations, which must be approved at the state or national level.

### 10. Supplemental Education Services (SES) Tutoring Program

**518 First St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 (505)242-7306**

**Counties Operated In: Bernalillo, Valencia, Sandoval, Torrance, Dona Ana, Santa Fe, Pojoaque, Socorro**

#### At No Cost to Parents

Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, states and school districts are required to make Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations for districts and schools, respectively. The "TACS" Program is designed to provide research-based reading, writing and math tutoring services for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Tutoring services will be provided in small groups. Services will be offered at the student's schools, community centers and public libraries by trained certified teachers and trained staff. Placement will be based upon individual assessment(s), on-going coordination and communication with the student's teacher and parents. Tutoring services are offered state wide at any qualifying schools.

Does my child qualify for tutoring?

Schools that Qualify

Is my child at a School In Need of Improvement. Click link for qualifying schools in NM

If your school has been identified in Need of Improvement, then your child qualifies for Free Tutoring Services

Tutoring hours vary per school districts. Call for more information.

Who will work with my child?

YDI will provide teachers and staff who are certified and knowledgeable in English as a Second Language (ESL), Bilingual Education, Special Education, English, and Math.

Computer based instruction will be available implementing the KAPLAN K-12 Learning Services Program.

How will I know that my child is learning?

You will receive a pre and post assessment report from your child's tutor

Your child's tutor will give his/her teacher a copy of the pre and post assessments results.

How is the tutoring program going to help my child?

Tutoring will assist your child in becoming a better reader and/or math student

Tutoring sessions will be in small groups

Your child should make at least a half grade level gain academically in reading and/or in math.

If you have any questions please call (505) 242-7306



# Early Childhood Education & Family Development

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## Head Start/Early Head Start

### 901 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Now in its eleventh year of operation, YDI Early/Head Start experienced dramatic growth since it became the interim Head Start grantee in Bernalillo County in 1995, mirroring the growth of the Early/Head Start program across the country since President Johnson declared "War on Poverty" in 1964. Sergeant Shriver was named head of the War on Poverty program and in December 1964 he asked Dr. Robert Cooke, pediatrician at John Hopkins University, to head a steering committee of specialists in all fields to discuss what should be done for young children.

Designed to help break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional, educational, and physical needs, Head Start was launched, serving over 560,000 children and families across America in an eight-week summer pilot program. By 1984, Head Start had served 9,144,990 children and their families. In 1972, the Economic Opportunity Act was amended, mandating that at least 10 percent of the national enrollment of Head Start consist of handicapped children. In September 1995, the first Early Head Start grants were awarded to provide services for children birth to age three and pregnant women.

In 1996, YDI became the permanent grantee for Head Start in Bernalillo County. At that time, the Head Start program in Bernalillo County had 8 centers. Today, YDI's Head Start program operates 31 centers in three counties (Bernalillo, Rio Arriba and Taos Counties) with a total funded enrollment of 1,588 preschool children.

In 1998, YDI became the interim grantee for the Head Start program in Rio Arriba and Taos Counties and became the permanent grantee the following year. Since 1998, YDI has also begun offering Early Head Start services to 32 infants and toddlers and their families and 8 pregnant moms in Bernalillo County. Today, YDI Early Head Start has expanded to serving 52 infants and toddlers and 8 pregnant moms in Bernalillo County and 12 infants and toddlers and their families in Taos County.

### How to apply

You are eligible for Head Start if your child(ren) are between 3 and 5 years old and you meet the Federal income guidelines. The third birthday must occur before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year for which you are applying. Your child(ren) is eligible for Early Head Start at six months of age and will be able to transition into Head Start when he/she turns 3 years old. If you are pregnant, you are welcome to apply to the pregnant moms program. To schedule and appointment with one of our Service Specialists to complete an application, please call one of the following centers, or you may call the Administrative office to be directed to the center nearest to you.

#### Bernalillo County

Heights  
(505)291-9394

Menaul  
(505)332-2117

#### Rio Arriba County

Abiquiu  
(505)685-4084

Alta Vista  
(505)351-4142

#### Taos County

Llano Quemado  
(505)758-3425

Questa  
(505)586-0585

Alameda  
(505)792-1284

El Rito  
(505)581-4454

San Cristobal  
(505)776-8656

Centro de Amor  
(505)244-3246

Espanola  
(505)747-1456

Vadito (Early/Head Start)  
(505)587-2337

Mel Aragon  
(505)877-2750

Fairview  
(505)753-2846

Mountain View Apts.  
(505)265-0303

Hernandez  
(505)747-2439

Reginald Chavez  
(505)244-0330

Velarde  
(505)852-1300

Embudo  
(505)254-8449

Tierra Amarilla  
(505)588-0572

Chico & General Bradley  
(505)299-3262

Mesa Verde  
(505)232-0086

Kirtland  
(505)255-2085

Highland  
(505)255-4568

La Mariposa (Early/Head Start)  
(505) 244-3331

Job Corps (Early/Head Start)  
(505)346-2726

Pedro Baca  
(505)452-2215

Los Padillas  
(505)873-3841

Rio Grande  
(505)877-0157

Mary Ann Binford  
(505)836-0276

South Valley  
(505)873-0905

**For Bernalillo County, call (505) 268-0024**

**For Rio Arriba or Taos Counties, call (505)747-0502 or 1-877-228-0068**

**You will be asked to bring the following documents to determine eligibility: Proof of income for the past 12 months, Proof of Birth, Up-to-date Immunization Record.**

## 1. Caring Couples/Healthy Children

901 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

*Pregnant? Parent of a newborn? Unwed couple? If you answered yes to these questions, we have a program that is perfect for you!*

Come and be a part of YDI Head Start's caring Couples, Healthy Children new and exciting program. This program has both educational and supportive services to enrich your family. There are bi-weekly interactive workshops, led by the education facilitators, around aspects of family life and healthy relationships that you and your significant other will have the opportunity to participate in. While you are attending class, there will be FREE quality childcare provided. Caring Couples, Healthy Children social services educators will work closely with you and your family to achieve personal and family goals. There will be opportunities for you and your significant other to have a childless night out, and other times when you will be able to have a fun-filled afternoon as a family. Come and join in the fun by celebrating personal and family achievements with new friends. If you would like more information regarding this program, you can call the Head Start Administration office at 268-0024.

## 2. State of New Mexico Pre-K

901 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Funded by the State of New Mexico, Children, Youth and Families Department, YDI Pre-K provides universal access for four-year old children to voluntary, high quality prekindergarten programs. There are no income guidelines to be eligible for Pre-K programs. As part of *Moving New Mexico Forward*, voluntary Pre-K is an essential element in the overall approach to meeting the critical needs of children. Pre-K provides developmentally appropriate activities for children, expands early childhood community capacity, supports linguistically and culturally appropriate curriculum, and focuses on school readiness. YDI offers Pre-K services at the following locations:

**Bernalillo County**

Pedro Baca  
(505) 452-2215

South Valley  
(505) 873-0905

Kirtland  
(505) 255-2085

Mary Ann Binford  
(505) 836-0276

La Promesa Charter School  
(505) 268-3247

**Rio Arriba County**

Fairview  
(505) 753-2846

**Taos County**

Llano Quemado  
(505) 758-3425

**Please call any one of these locations to schedule an appointment to complete an application or call the Head Start Administrative office at (505) 268-0024 for more information.**

### **3. State of New Mexico TANF**

#### **901 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM**

This initiative is funded by the New Mexico, Children, Youth and Families Department and is intended to provide wrap-around/expanded Head Start services to 60 TANF/TANF-eligible children in three Head Start centers: Centro de Amor, Embudo and Espanola Head Start. This design will provide families with extended child care services while they complete work/job training activities in fulfillment of their New Mexico Works/TANF requirements or for those TANF-eligible families who are employed.

To schedule an appointment to complete an application, please call one of the following sites:

#### **Bernalillo County**

Centro de Amor, (505) 244-3246  
Embudo, (505) 254-8449

#### **Rio Arriba County**

Espanola, (505) 747-1456

**For Bernalillo County, call (505) 268-0024**

**For Rio Arriba County, call (505) 747-0502 or 1-877-228-0068**

### **4. Con Alma/General Mills "Fit for Fun:**

#### **901 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

This initiative is a childhood obesity prevention and intervention program that is funded by the Con Alma Foundation and General Mills. This program aims to address obesity in low income, preschool children by providing case management services, incorporating physical activities in preschool curriculum, and developing healthy eating habits. Another objective of this initiative is to work collaboratively with the whole family by positively incorporating more healthy lifestyles changes that reduce the risk of childhood obesity, through nutrition training, physical activities and healthy lifestyles seminars.

### **5. UCLA Johnson & Johnson: Health Initiative**

#### **901 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

YDI is one of the recipients of funding from Johnson & Johnson and UCLA Anderson to launch a nationwide health care training for Head Start parents. The goal of this program is to educate Head Start parents so that they can properly manage the health care needs of their children. It also provides Head Start agencies with the tools and the resources to lead more effective health care training programs. The Health Care Institute is designed to better prepare parents to address the health care needs of their children. The training also strives to provide Head Start agencies tools and the resources to lead an effective health care training program through empowerment and dissemination of knowledge.

The objectives of this initiative are:

- To provide training and information to participating Head Start agencies for the successful implementation of health care literacy programs to their families.
- To enable Head Start parents to become better caregivers to their children by improving their health care knowledge and parenting skills.
- To empower Head Start parents to become better informed decision makers for the health care needs of their children.
- To enhance the self esteem and confidence of the Head Start parents in meeting their parental objectives.
- To actively contribute to the reduction of increasing health care costs in the United States.

**For more information about this exciting program, please call the YDI Head Start Health Manager at (505) 268-0024.**

#### **6. SPARK: Transition Collaborative**

**901 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

YDI Head Start participates in the SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) Transition Initiative. NM SPARK is an initiative of the New Mexico Community Foundation funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The goal of the NM SPARK Initiative is to enhance the way communities work together to better transition children into kindergarten. The YDI Head Start sites participating in SPARK are Los Padillas, Mary Ann Binford, Kirtland and Espanola.

#### **7. Bank of America: Dual Language Initiative**

**901 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

Several of YDI Head Start's classrooms provide dual language instruction to the children. The program provides a 50/50 model where half of the day is taught in English and the other half in Spanish for those classrooms where a majority of the children are monolingual Spanish-speakers. Two-way immersion education is a dynamic form of education that holds great promise for developing high levels of academic achievement, bilingualism and cross-cultural awareness among participating children.

# **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

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## **1. Grants & Resource Development**

### **100 Roma. NW., Albuquerque, NM 87102**

Primary responsibilities include preparation of proposals and grant applications, and performance of responsible professional and administrative work in coordinating, researching, identifying, developing and responding to public and private funding opportunities. Serves as a resource to the CEO, Special Projects Director and other staff on funding programs and opportunities; providing information, research, analysis, written reports and recommendations as needed. Maintains and implements funding calendar activities, including cultivation activities. Serves as a liaison to funding agencies, organizations and individuals and is responsible for collecting, analyzing, and reporting data on the performance of program activities that are funded by third-party public and private sources. For more information, contact Nancy Montano at (505)242-7306 or send an e-mail to [nmontano@ydinm.org](mailto:nmontano@ydinm.org).

## **2. Media Outreach and Communications**

### **100 Roma NW., Albuquerque, NM 87102**

In 2007, the department started "Mi Voz: One Community, Many Voices", an after-school program that involves youth in all aspects of filmmaking. Subjects include: directing, scripting, acting and operating sound and video equipment. Through a series of lectures and hands on trainings, youth gain important developmental skills in problem solving, critical thinking and work ethic. Responsible for the organization's media needs, including promotional videos, graphic design and audio/visual support. For more information, contact Marcos Baca at (505)242-7306 or send an e-mail to [doc@ydinm.org](mailto:doc@ydinm.org).

## **3. YDI Foundation**

### **100 Roma NW., Albuquerque, NM 87102**

In 2004, Youth Development, Inc. (YDI) formed the YDI Foundation to operate as the fundraising arm of YDI. The YDI Foundation, a separate 5.0.9(a)(3) charitable organization governed by a Board of Directors comprised of corporate executives and other community leaders, raises funds exclusively for YDI from the private sector. For more information, contact Miguel Maestas at (505)242-7306 or send an e-mail to [mmaestas@ydinm.org](mailto:mmaestas@ydinm.org)

## **4. West Central Community Development Group (WCCDG)**

### **6013 Sunset Gardens SW., Albuquerque, NM 87105**

YDI provides leadership and administrative/fiscal services to the WCCDG. The purpose of the WCCDG is to actively promote and affect the redevelopment and revitalization of the West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Area through a collaborative community effort that consists of representation from local neighborhood and merchant associations. WCCDG

also collaborates with the City of Albuquerque and other local government entities and their officials, community based organizations, businesses and other supportive entities. For more information, contact Miguel Maestas at (505)242-7306 or send an e-mail to [mmaestas@ydinm.org](mailto:mmaestas@ydinm.org)

### Neighborhood Initiatives

YDI has partnered with local citizens and businesses in the neighborhoods it serves and assists local neighborhood organizations with leadership and administrative/fiscal services. For more information, contact Miguel Maestas at (505)242-7306 or send an e-mail to [mmaestas@ydinm.org](mailto:mmaestas@ydinm.org)

### Alamosa Neighborhood Association (ANA)

YDI sponsors the Alamosa Neighborhood Association which was formed more than ten years ago by concerned community members that wanted to make an impact in their community. Today the ANA is a powerful voice in the community with a hard working and committed board of directors. The ANA is well on its way to achieving the goals first established by the founding members of the board: School Improvement/Education, Economic Development, Crime Prevention, Community Participation and Leadership Development. For more information, contact Miguel Maestas at (505)242-7306 or send an e-mail to [mmaestas@ydinm.org](mailto:mmaestas@ydinm.org)

### Southwest Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN)

SWAN was founded in 1993 by several Neighborhood Association leaders and West Central Merchants. Focusing on crime, education and economic development, SWAN members believe that transforming our communities requires a grassroots effort in organizing our neighborhoods. For more information, contact Klarissa Pena at (505)242-7306 or send an e-mail to [kpena@ydinm.org](mailto:kpena@ydinm.org).