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We have just gotten some good news. New Mexico is Moving Up!

After several years at the bottom of the pack, New Mexico has moved up in the national 2009 KIDS COUNT Data Book. The annual data book, published by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and released today, ranks New Mexico 43rd among the 50 states in child well-being. That's a big step up from where we were last year -- 48th. Still, we're not out of the bottom ten, and the few gains we have made will be lost if lawmakers further slash the state budget.

New Mexico continues to have a low rate of infant mortality (ranking us 14th), and it appears our high school dropout rate has improved (ranking us 36th). But we still struggle with child poverty (47th), teen pregnancy (49th) and children living in single-parent families (48th).

You can link to the 2009 KIDS COUNT data book, download the supplemental report (which takes a look at the policies that would improve our ranking), and access the newly improved KIDS COUNT Data Center all from the New Mexico Voices for Children website at <http://action.voiceshub.org/ct/np2mJLp16zdf/>

Know some spectacular people who are working to make the world a better place? Nominate them for an award. NM Voices for Children is accepting nominations for the Alice King Public Service Award, Patty Jennings Citizen Advocate Award, and the Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award. The Alice King and Patty Jennings Awards will honor a public leader and a private citizen who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to and service for New Mexico's children and families. The Amy Biehl Award honors youth (ages 13-26) for their outstanding community service, volunteer or advocacy work. The award winners will be honored at the NM Voices for Children Spirit of Hope Celebration in October (see below for event details). Nominations must be in by September 23. Nomination forms, criteria and instructions are all available online at the NM Voices for Children website at: <http://action.voiceshub.org/ct/812mJLp16zdv/>

The NM Voices for Children Spirit of Hope Celebration is October 23, 2009, at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque. Join emcee Deanna Saucedo for an evening of inspiration as recipients of the First Annual Alice King Public Service Award, the Patty Jennings Citizen Advocate Award, and the Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Awards are honored. Nominations are currently being accepted for all three awards. Also enjoy entertainment and a live auction at dinner! Tickets are \$100 (\$1000 for a table of 10) and can be purchased online at the NM Voices for Children website: <http://action.voiceshub.org/ct/812mJLp16zdv/>

Hasta Luego,

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1. New From the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Exactly what is the role of personal responsibility in pregnancy planning and prevention? In the new book released by The National Campaign, *Rethinking Responsibility: Reflections on Sex and Accountability*, 29 individuals—all leaders in their respective fields—examine this very issue.

Contributors include:

- **Leading media voices**, such as syndicated columnist E.J. Dionne, radio talk show host Tom Joyner, and Will Saletan, National Correspondent, *Slate*.
- **Leaders of national organizations**, such as Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Janet Murguía, President and CEO of the National Council of LaRaza, and Roland Warren, President of the National

- Fatherhood Initiative.
- **Religious leaders and thinkers** such as Jim Wallis, President and CEO of Sojourners, Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, President, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, Fred Riley, Commissioner, LDS Family Services, Rev. Sterling Lands, Senior Pastor, Greater Calvary Baptist Church in Austin, TX, and Rev. Debra Haffner, Co-Founder and Executive Director, the Religious Institute.
- **Individuals who have worked with or written extensively on teens and young adults**, such as Michael Carrera, Director, The Children's Aid Society Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program, Elayne Bennett, President and Founder, Best Friends Foundation, Laura Sessions Stepp, Senior Media Fellow at The National Campaign, and Kay Hymowitz, the Manhattan Institute.
- **Twenty-somethings**, such as author Amber Madison and Cassandra DeBenedetto, Founder, Anscombe Society, Princeton University.

To learn more about teen and unplanned pregnancy, read excerpts from the essays, read the essays in their entirety, or to learn more about the authors, please visit the Rethinking Responsibility portal at www.TheNationalCampaign.org/responsibility or:

- [Download the full book](#)
- [Purchase a copy of the book](#)

[Read individual essays](#)

Take Action!

This week, the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives passed [the spending bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education](#), which included funding for a number of programs that help address teen and unplanned pregnancy. Included in the appropriations bill is \$114 million for a Teen Pregnancy Prevention initiative, a program proposed by the President to address this country's high rates of teen pregnancy and childbearing by providing funding for evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs. It also includes funding for the Adolescent Family Life program, which would provide about \$13 million in grants for evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs and for research and demonstration projects to reduce teen pregnancy. The bill also provides \$317 million for Title X family planning program - a \$10 million increase over FY 2009 levels.

We applaud Chairman Obey for his leadership on this critical issue. The bill now moves to the floor for a vote by the full House, so our work isn't done [tell your Member of Congress to support funding for evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs](#), and to vote for the Labor-HHS Appropriations bill.

Also, during the House Energy and Commerce Committee's debate this week on its health reform legislation, the committee passed an amendment offered by Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) that would authorize \$50 million for grants to states and territories for evidence-based education programs to reduce teen pregnancy or STDs. Several additional steps are necessary before this becomes law, but this is an encouraging step!

Reducing Unintended Pregnancies

Important new legislation --- *The Preventing Unintended Pregnancies, Reducing the*

Need for Abortion and Supporting Parents Act-- will be introduced on Capitol Hill tomorrow by lead sponsors Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). The bill is a comprehensive, balanced approach to reduce the need for abortion by both helping to prevent unplanned pregnancy in the first place and supporting women and families once pregnancy occurs.

The bill offers important solutions to reduce both teen and unplanned pregnancy, including:

- Investing in teen pregnancy prevention through education,
- Supporting parents in communicating with their children about sex, values, and healthy relationships,
- Funding innovative approaches to help address unplanned pregnancy among community college students, and
- Improving access to access to family planning services for low-income women.

For more information:

- [National Campaign statement in support of the Act.](#)
- [More information on the Act prepared by Third Way as well as a list of supporting organizations and individuals will be available on Thursday, July 23.](#)
- Audio of the press conference will be available on the websites of Reps Ryan and DeLauro following the event Thursday, July 23.

2. From the Every Child Matters Education Fund

From our friends at Voices for America's Children and Coalition for Human Needs

The House Energy and Commerce Committee is finalizing health reform legislation that can improve children's health in America. Ask the House Energy and Commerce Committee to support amendments that improve and strengthen the portions of the bill relating to children. Helpful amendments could be considered as early as TODAY, so please call Members on the Committee.

Ask them to:

- * Support Rep. Diana DeGette's amendment that would make sure we do no harm in health care reform. CHIP shouldn't expire unless it is proven that new programs can do better.
- * Support Rep. Bobby Rush's amendments to simplify the enrollment process, ensure comprehensive benefits and protect all low-income children.
- * Support other child-friendly amendments that may be offered that would ensure health coverage to youth leaving juvenile justice programs and outreach efforts to

homeless youth.

* Oppose any amendments that undercut coverage for children or reduce subsidies for low-income families.

Call these U.S. Representatives Tuesday and Wednesday to help kids get the coverage they need:

- * Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR)
- * Rep. John Barrow (D-GA)
- * Rep. Baron Hill (D-IN)
- * Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI)
- * Rep. Zack Space (D-OH)
- * Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN)
- * Rep. Gene Green (D-TX)
- * Rep. Charles Gonzales (D-TX)
- * Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT)

You may reach members of Congress toll-free by calling the Capitol Hill switchboard at 1-866-277-7617 and asking for a specific U.S. Representative's office.

Thank you for making children a national political priority! For the next few months the overriding focus in Washington is likely to be health care reform. Legislation is being debated in several Congressional committees, and President Obama has called for a bill to be on his desk before the August recess. However, the topic of children has not received major coverage so far. At Every Child Matters, we believe that discussion of this reform must include how children are going to be covered, and what will change for the millions who are covered through Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. As the debate continues, we will continue to keep you updated on how the health reform process relates to children.

In the meantime, here are some ways you can get involved in this ongoing debate:

1. Health Care for America NOW, or HCAN, will be holding a nationwide, grassroots rally on June 25th, to lobby every Member of Congress in support of quality, affordable health care for all. To learn more about the rally, and to find out how to get involved in your state, [»Click Here.](#)

2. If you haven't already, please sign our petition which presents a set of principles regarding children that must be considered in the health care reform debate. [»Read and sign the petition here.](#) If you have already signed, thank you!

3. Both the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* have compiled their recent health reform related articles, opinion pieces, and blog posts into a more user friendly one page format. Many of these articles will allow for people to post comments, which you can use as opportunities to make kids a part of the discussion. Read the ongoing coverage of the health reform debate from the [New York Times here](#), and [visit the Washington Post site here.](#)

4. As always, you can forward this message to your friends, family, and colleagues to

get them involved.

Thank you for your help to make children a political priority!

3. From the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Family Economic Success Newsletter

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation's quarterly Family Economic Success (FES) Newsletter provides updates on activities, developments and resources in the three major areas of FES—workforce development, family economic supports and asset building. The goal of Casey's FES work is to promote specific strategies that enable parents to get jobs and advance in the workforce, increase their income, and build and protect a base of assets sufficient to secure a better future for their families.

Events

[Officials from Eight States Share Plans for Stimulus Funding](#)

On May 6–7, the Casey Foundation cosponsored a Regional State Recovery Roundtable with Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and the Center for State Innovation (CSI). Held in Annapolis, the Roundtable was attended by officials from Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, who came together to discuss their plans and the challenges they face in implementing funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). They were joined at the meeting by representatives from federal agencies and policy experts from national research and advocacy organizations. Discussion topics included energy efficiency, transportation and smart growth, workforce and education, and public benefits and support. Notes from the sessions, topics for follow up, and related ARRA resources are posted to the CSI website.

View the Roundtable materials



National Community Tax Coalition
[National Conference to Be Held in San Antonio](#)

The National Community Tax Coalition's conference, "Realizing the Dream: Promoting Financial Opportunity in All Communities," will be held in San Antonio, TX, August 31-September 1. The Casey Foundation is a co-host and sponsor of the annual event and Casey Executive Vice President Ralph Smith will deliver the keynote address. The two-day conference will focus on the serious challenges facing working families in the current economy. More than 600 public, private and non-profit sector leaders are expected to attend. Attendees will share experiences to help improve their programs, learn about proven products and strategies to help families reach financial stability and build assets, and learn how to be a more effective advocate on tax and financial issues. Visit www.tax-coalition.org for more information. Registration closes on Friday, August 14th.

Feature Stories

Milwaukee Courthouse
[Driver's License Recovery Program Improves Employability](#)

A new FES in Action story features an innovative program in Milwaukee that is helping people to recover suspended or revoked drivers licenses. The loss of a driver's license can prevent individuals from being hired for jobs or disqualify them from higher paying job opportunities, and can keep a family from improving its financial situation or reaching and maintaining self-sufficiency. The Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability, a Casey grantee, serves approximately 2,400 clients each year. Caseworkers spend from one to six months with each client, determining the background of the suspension or revocation, the steps required to get the license reinstated, and providing legal assistance if needed. Community service assignments are often available to low-income individuals as an alternative to paying expensive fines. The program is strongly supported by the judicial system as it saves court time, reduces paperwork, and helps to break the cycle of unpaid fines-suspension-revocation.

Publications, Presentations and Other Resources

Community Investments Magazine
[New Workforce Paradigm Brings Together a Variety of Strategies](#)

An article written by Bob Giloth, director of Casey's FES unit, has been published in the Spring 2009 issue of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Community Investments magazine. The spring issue focuses on unemployment in low-income communities. Giloth's article addresses how lessons learned from the past two decades of workforce development efforts across the country can help to navigate the challenges of the current economy. "Lessons for a New Context: Workforce Development in an Era of Economic Challenge" looks at six areas in which workforce learning and innovation are occurring: job placement, retention and advancement; the dual customer approach; regional, city and neighborhood approaches; race and labor markets; best practices and

replication; and labor market reform. Giloth's article is found on pages 8-13.

Carsey Institute

[Reforming Unemployment Insurance Would Significantly Benefit Rural Families](#)

A new brief from The Carsey Institute shows that modernizing unemployment insurance (UI) programs to include part-time workers will significantly aid rural workers and their families. "Rural Workers Would Benefit from Unemployment Insurance Modernization" examines how states can take advantage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to make significant and much-needed reforms to their UI programs. With 21 percent of all rural workers holding part-time jobs, an updated UI system that includes part-time laborers will ensure that rural families are protected when they lose their jobs through no fault of their own. The brief includes state-by-state estimates of the number of part-time workers and outlines key characteristics of each state's UI program. With support from the Casey Foundation and others, The Carsey Institute conducts policy research on vulnerable children, youth and families, and on sustainable community development.

Bridging the Gap

[One-Third of DC Working Families Are Unable to Make Ends Meet](#)

A recent report from the D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute (an affiliate of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) and the Center for Economic and Policy Research, shows that more than one-third of Washington, D.C. residents live in working families that earn too little to be self-sufficient. "Bridging the Gaps in DC: Strategies to Support Low-Income Working Families," points out that some programs, such as TANF and food stamps, have very low income eligibility thresholds or other restrictions that greatly limit participation among low-income working families. The report, which was funded by Casey, has already led to policy changes that benefit working poor families. In early 2009, several D.C. Council members agreed to support one of the recommendations which allowed more working families to receive benefits such as food stamps. An estimated 4,000 households will benefit from this change, which will be implemented in October 2009.

The Working Poor Families Project

[Developing Career Pathways in Community Colleges is a Sound Investment](#)

States have a critical role in expanding access to and completion of postsecondary education, particularly for low-skilled and low-income workers. Increasingly, states are utilizing a career pathways framework to support community colleges seeking to better serve these students. State-driven efforts in Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin are profiled in a new report produced by the Seattle Jobs Initiative in partnership with the Working Poor Families Project (WFPF). The report documents the strategies, challenges and lessons learned in implementing a statewide career pathways initiative and can serve as a resource for other states interested in addressing the education and skill development needs of its workforce. The report is entitled "Charting a Path: An Exploration of the Statewide Career Pathway Efforts in Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin." The WFPF is a national initiative of the Annie E. Casey, Ford, Joyce and Mott Foundations.

Seattle Jobs Initiative

[Learn more about the Seattle Jobs Initiative](#)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

[Stimulus Funds Provide Opportunities for Low-Income Communities](#)

“The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: a Guide to Entry-Level Jobs and Training and Educational Opportunities for Making Connections Communities,” developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy, and funded by Casey, describes the ARRA, its guiding principles for implementation, key strategies and innovations that can benefit low-income communities, key areas of focus for Making Connections, and key areas for entry-level jobs. The ARRA, signed by President Obama in February 2009, is the broadest and largest funding package in American history. It is intended to stimulate the economy through direct spending on a range of programs and to create tax relief. Making Connections, a decade-long initiative of the Casey Foundation, works to improve the lives and prospects of families living in some of this country’s toughest neighborhoods by creating economic opportunities, improving the quality of services and supports, and strengthening social networks.

Foreclosures and Renters in Washington, D.C.

[Foreclosure Crisis Hurts Renters as Well as Homeowners in Washington, DC](#)

A new Casey-funded study, “Foreclosures and Renters in Washington, DC,” looks at the impact of current foreclosures on renters in the nation’s capital. Nationally, about one-third of U.S. households live in rental housing. It is estimated that 38 percent of foreclosures across the country involve rental properties, so it stands to reason that the current foreclosure/eviction crisis will disproportionately affect low-income renter households. Peter Tatian, at the Urban Institute, studied the impact of foreclosures on DC renters, with a special look at neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River, which are home to large numbers of struggling, low-income families. The report concludes that renters are being affected, and they are not receiving the same kind of targeted assistance and protection from foreclosure as those who own homes. Evicted rental families often have little time to find new housing, have few resources for security deposits and moving expenses, and must often find new daycare, schools and healthcare services. The study includes policy recommendations to better address the needs of the rental community.

Weatherizing the home

[Weatherization May Provide Job Opportunities for Low-Skilled Workers](#)

“Weatherization” refers to residential energy efficiency work conducted with funds appropriated by Congress. With passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in February 2009, there has been increased interest in jobs that might be created in weatherization. “Weatherization and ARRA: Challenges and Opportunities in Growing a Diverse and Quality Workforce” examines the current training and employment structures and processes in weatherization, identifies knowledge gaps, and makes recommendations for strategies for increasing access for low-skilled workers while adding value to the industry. It also describes specific jobs in weatherization, the wage range for each and the skills that are required to fulfill the job’s responsibilities. The report was written by Sarah Griffen, for the Casey Foundation.

[4. From the Healthy Futures Alliance](#)

HEALTHY FUTURES was established as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation in 2006. Our mission is to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy among young adults in San Antonio and Texas.

We envision a community where (1) young people are empowered to make healthy, informed decisions about sex; (2) planned pregnancies are the social norm; (3) all parents are prepared for the challenge of parenthood; and (4) all children are wanted, cherished and cared for in a healthy environment.

Healthy Futures supports two current projects:

1. To support the work of the Healthy Futures Alliance, a community coalition to prevent teen and unplanned pregnancy. Healthy Futures Alliances' task forces include: Media Task Force, Teen Pregnancy Task Force, Education Task Force, Young Leaders Group, Policy Task Force, Data/Assessment Task Force, Faith Task Force, and Community Advisory Board.

The Healthy Futures Alliance is people working together to build a community of:

- Prepared Parents
- Planned Pregnancies
- Healthy Families

2. To disseminate BIG DECISIONS™, authored by Dr. Janet Realini. This Texas-friendly "Abstinence-Plus" teen sexuality curriculum uses a science-based approach that evaluations have found "promising", and is provided free for download on the internet. BIG DECISIONS™ is currently used in 6 Texas school districts and a growing number of agencies.

Learn more at www.healthyfuturestx.org/

*Each month the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition provides a review of the research and policy reports distributed by National and Local Resources for your information only. The information, and comments expressed in this News Flash as well as any of the information distributed do not necessarily reflect the position of the NMTPC or its funders. Therefore, NMTPC assumes no responsibility for the concepts expressed in this **NEWS FLASH**.*

Local Events & Notices

From the Bernalillo County Community Health Council

Subject: **Mental Health Youth Bill of Rights**

FEATURED DISCUSSION—"Mental Health Youth Bill of Rights: THE TIME FOR YOUTH VOICE IS NOW!"

As a part of the 2009 Portland National Youth Summit, young adult leaders from across the United States drafted a Mental Health Youth Bill of Rights. Their vision is that this Mental Health Youth Bill of Rights will be adopted by organizations such as Youth MOVE and SAMHSA and clearly displayed in every doctor's office, counseling center, and organization that services youth, ages 14-25, with mental health needs.

In an effort to strengthen this document, Youth Summit participants are asking for additional feedback and support from anyone involved in the mental health network. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and receiving your support!

Join this month's discussion and share your thoughts:

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/FeaturedDiscussions/pgFD00main.php>

In addition, you can express your opinions about the Youth Summit Bill of Rights by taking our survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=O2xyvZu1W15WXalCiCUYpw_3d_3d

From the YWCA

3rd Annual YWCA Walk a Mile In Her Shoes

The Men's March to Speak out Against Gender Violence

In an effort to bring awareness to sexual assault and gender violence in our community, men walk in women's high heels provided by the YWCA up Central starting at Johnson Field at the University of NM, and ending at Scalo Restaurant where we can all enjoy a festive reception and marvel at our accomplishment!

The YWCA Middle Rio Grande hosts this event co-chaired by the Mayor and the City of Albuquerque during the National YWCA "Week Without Violence", to call attention to the staggering statistics associated with sexual assault and gender violence. This event is a light-hearted approach to a very serious subject and increases awareness of how sexual assault impacts individuals and families right here where they live. All money raised goes toward the YWCA's mission of empowering women and girls.

Challenge your buddies to walk a mile in women's high heels to get the community talking about the serious problem of gender violence and sexual assault. The YWCA will provide the high heels!

Sunday, October 25, 2009

Johnson Field, UNM

Sign In at 9:30 AM

Festivities begin at 10 – Walk will commence at 10:20 and head up Central

Breakfast provided by Flying Star!

After party hosted by Scalo immediately after the walk!

For more information or to register go to www.ywca-nm.org

Or call 254-9922 extension 117

From the New Mexico Public Education Department

New Resource:

Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics: *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2009*

The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics has released *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2009*. This report continues a series of annual reports to the Nation on conditions affecting children in the United States. The National Center for Education Statistics within the Institute of Education Sciences, in cooperation with 21 other federal agencies, contributes indicators to the report and supports its production.

According to the report's section on education, performance of 4th and 8th graders in mathematics is at an all time high and performance in reading improved between 2005 and 2007. Not all the report's findings were positive, however; the percentage of children ages 3-5 who were read to every day in the last week by a family member declined, from 60 percent in 2005, to 55 percent in 2007. The report noted that this percentage is slightly higher than the proportion of 53 percent in 1993, but the rate has fluctuated in intervening years.

The report has three demographic background measures and 40 selected indicators to describe the population of children and depict child well-being in the areas of family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health. This year's report has a special feature on children with special health care needs.

You can view, download, and print the report at <http://chldstats.gov>

[From the New Mexico HIV Prevention Program](#)

New On-line Resource Guide for New Mexicans
www.nmhivguide.org

The New Mexico HIV Prevention Program in partnership with the NM Community Planning and Action Group (CPAG) launched a new on-line resource guide in early June 2009. The [nmhivguide.org](http://www.nmhivguide.org) is a community based website offering resources and information about services related to HIV, STDs, Viral Hepatitis, and Harm Reduction. This searchable guide will help both community members and professionals find and access the best and most appropriate services in their area. Comments and/or questions about how to link to nmhivguide.org can be emailed to Brent Herrera at brent.herrera@state.nm.us

[From the Center for Non Profit Excellence](#)

Center for Nonprofit Excellence Announces Summer Trainings

August 12: Corporate Partnership, the New Face of Corporate Sponsorship
Corporations view their investments in nonprofits through different lenses -- some purely charitable, some cause marketing, and some for publicity. Join Pamela Chavez, Director of Community Relations with Don Chalmers Ford; Diane Harrison Ogawa, Director of PNM Community Relations and Stakeholder Engagement and Executive Director of PNM Resources Foundation; and Jennifer Riordan, Director, Community and Media Relations with Wells Fargo for a panel discussion to learn about corporate partnership.

August 25: Introductory Meeting: Study Group on How Highly Effective Boards Work

The average nonprofit board spends HALF of their meeting time reporting information and controlling the meeting. A handful of nonprofit boards do things very differently. These boards are highly effective: they use their time on activities that have deeper impact; they are extraordinarily creative; and they get more done with fewer people in less time. What do they look like? How do they work? How do they get there? Join a study group to learn and experience what it is like to become this kind of board as you examine your own organization's most critical issues together.

August 27: Board Roles and Responsibilities, the Basics and Beyond

Join us and find out how a strong board can help your organization get through these changing times. We are in an evolving economy. The IRS has changed its reporting requirements. Engage your board in understanding their legal responsibilities and their critical role in advancing your organization's mission. Learn about the latest developments in the nonprofit sector and how to make the most of them. Bring your entire board.

Fall Courses at UNM Management Development Center

Through a partnership with UNM Management Development Center, the Center for Nonprofit Excellence is able to offer some partial scholarships to nonprofits (excluding HR Management). For more information on scholarships, please contact Tsiporah.

- Advertising, Promotions & Marketing Communications, August 20 - October 22
- Business Ethics Online, September 14 - November 16
- Essentials for Managers, August 18 - October 20
- HR Essentials, August 18 - October 20
- HR Management (SHRM Learning System) August 18 - November 3
- Project Management for Today's Environment, August 18 - October 20

For more details and registration information, go to the UNM MDC website.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Board Development:

Aug 25: **Study Group: How Highly Effective Boards Work**, Albuquerque

Aug 27: **Board Roles and Responsibilities, the Basics and Beyond**, Albuquerque

Financial Management:

Aug 20: **Payroll Taxes and Preparing W2s**, Albuquerque

Fundraising & Grant Writing:

Aug 12: **Corporate Partnership, the New Face of Sponsorship**, Albuquerque

Aug 13: **Transform Friends of Your Event into Agency Family**, Albuquerque

Aug 14: **Wells Fargo Funding Breakfast**, Santa Fe

Aug 14: **Development Learning Circle**, Albuquerque

Aug 27: **Grants Research**, Santa Fe

Aug 28: **Wells Fargo Funding Breakfast**, Albuquerque

Human Resources:

Aug 12: **HR Side of a Business**, Albuquerque

Leadership Development:

Aug 19: **Preparing for Change**, Albuquerque

2009 Financial Management Training Series:

September 17: In-Depth Financial Training-Albuquerque

October 15: Accounting Software Roundtable-Albuquerque

November 19: Year End Planning-Albuquerque

Interested in other topics or trainings or for more information about upcoming trainings and events, Go to our [workshop calendar](#) to learn more

View our website: www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org for more resources

Message from the Young Fathers' Project**Las Cruces Site**

The month of July has been busy for some of our dads. The Young Fathers Project was asked to participate in a teen panel for a Feminism Workshop that took place in Anthony, New Mexico. There was no hesitation from our Young Fathers, as they were very willing to participate. In group, we are working on effective communication styles to help these young fathers prepare for their presentation.

Santa Fe Site

After the Fathers Days event at the Children's Museum last month, July has been a good deal quieter but we have still been busy. Groups at the Youth Development Center have been well attended with some non-fathers interested in what we do and a desire to learn about responsible fatherhood. We continue to receive referrals from all over the community including Doctors' offices. Young pregnant couples who need to know how this pregnancy is going to impact their lives have been referred. We try to prepare them not just for the birth but for the relationship challenges and the huge job of parenting. All this keeps the Santa Fe site busy serving young fathers and their families.

Albuquerque Site

Referrals continue to be consistent. The Albuquerque site received a training regarding Child Support Enforcement and Paternity Establishment. We received valuable information on these topics. As referrals continue to come in, we have found that many young fathers have questions regarding paternity and DNA testing. Many of the fathers are not present during the birth of the child and therefore are not available to sign paternity documents at the time of birth. This can cause problems establishing paternity. The Young Fathers Program continues to assist young fathers in navigating the process of paternity establishment.

Referral form for the New Mexico Young Fathers Project

If you know a struggling young father under the age of 26 – We can help! [Download the form](#) and send your referral to Cathy Ahiyite, Fax (505) 254-8741 or email to outreach@nmtpc.org, in the **Albuquerque Area**. If you are in the **Las Cruces area**, send the referral form to Gary Madrid, DA-YFP@nmtpc.org or call (575) 532-1536. If

you are in the **Santa Fe area**, send to Mr. Barry McIntosh, kamac@cybermesa.com or call (505) 428-1412.

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