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NEW Community Health Worker Page

SHARE New Mexico is pleased to announce its newest SHARE page specifically for <u>Community</u> <u>Health Workers and</u>

<u>Representatives</u> in New Mexico. The Community Health Worker/Representative page is sponsored by the New Mexico Community Health Workers Association (<u>NMCHWA</u>), whose Executive Director, BJ Ciesielski, and members will be helping to provide important and useful information to help CHW/Rs keep our communities healthy.

The mission of NMCHWA is "to nurture the community health worker model to collectively improve access and quality of health care for New Mexicans by advocating for and empowering its members." CHW/Rs are especially important in New Mexico communities impacted by healthcare disparities and lack of access to resources. Wendy Wintermute, Outreach Director for SHARE New Mexico, attended the October 23 NMCHWA Conference where she discussed SHARE New Mexico's desire to work more closely with CHW/Rs.

"SHARE New Mexico pledges to support the goals of NMCHWA and New Mexico's Office of Community Health Workers. By working together with CHW/Rs and community members, we can help ensure that the SHARE website provides access to reliable and up to date information and resources," Wendy said.

Community Health Workers can now receive state certification through a grandfathering process made available through the New Mexico Department of Health's Office of Community Health Workers. The NMCHWA has a grant from Con Alma to provide oneon-one assistance to CHWs who are applying for certification. For assistance with certification and the grandfathering process call (505) 255-1227, email <u>nmchwa@qwestoffice.net</u>, or visit the <u>NMCHWA</u> <u>website</u>.

For more information on NM's Community Health Workers/Representatives, read SHARE's <u>blog post</u> and share your perspectives on this important work.



Enroll Now for ACA Health Insurance

One of the many roles of CHW/Rs is to help community members select and enroll in

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the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance programs. ACA Open Enrollment is from November 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016. Existing 2014/2015 plans expire on December 31, 2015. In order to avoid any gaps in coverage, it is highly recommended you signup by December 15, 2015.

You can get help in choosing and enrolling in a plan, including Centennial Care (Medicaid) or ACA Market Place Plans. SHARE's Community Health page has a <u>list</u> of enrollment help sites provided by the <u>NM Primary</u> <u>Health Care Association</u>. Specialized help is available for Spanish-speakers and/or immigrants (e.g., Alma Olivas of Centro Sávila at 505-855-6976) and Native Americans (e.g., Erik Lujan of Native American Parent Professional Resources at 505-345-0546).



SHARE Your Events

Scheduling and sharing upcoming fundraising events, conferences, or community gatherings is easy with SHARE New Mexico's community

calendars. Simply login to the website and <u>submit an</u> <u>event</u> to post your organization's next function. By adding your event to the calendar, not only will you be able to invite the community to attend and support your events, but all of us will be able to better plan and synchronize schedules for the New Year.

When submitting an event be sure to select the right calendar to reach your intended audience. You can use one or a mix of the 50 different county or Initiative calendars to list your event. A new <u>Grants and</u> <u>Fundraisers calendar</u> is now available for posting fundraising events and grant-making dates and deadlines. Randy Royster, President of the Albuquerque Community Foundation, explains why he plans to use the new calendar.

"Most nonprofits host a number of important events each year to raise awareness of and support for needs in our community," Royster explained. "In order to do our best to avoid planning our events at the same time as other important events in the community, the Albuquerque Community Foundation plans to use the Grants and Fundraiser calendar on SHARE New Mexico. We encourage others to do the same, so all community events may be appropriately attended and successful."

And now you can *embed a SHARE calendar on your own webpage*. To see what it looks like, check out the Calendar on the <u>Healthy Here</u> pages of the Bernalillo County Community Health Council. Community Health Councils for McKinley, Sandoval, and Valencia counties are also using SHARE's community calendars on their websites, and now you can too. Simply click on the embed button at the top of the calendar and follow the instructions to place the calendar on your site. For more information, or help in accessing this function, email wendy@sharenm.org.



Coming in 2016 - SHARE's New Online Common Grant Application

Beginning in 2016, SHARE New Mexico is making it easier for grant seekers to



submit information to funders through a new online common grant application process. Say good bye to filling out the same information over and over. The participating funders have come up with a common set of fields for applicants to fill out to initiate their grant proposals, helping to streamline the entire application process.

With the common application grant seekers only have to upload basic application information one time before sending applications to any of the participating funders. Also, organizations can securely upload board members' lists, audits, latest annual reports, 501(c)3 IRS letters of determination, and proof of IRS federal tax exempt status ONE time at SHARE and then easily submit those documents to the chosen funders when requested.

The process begins with nonprofits <u>updating their</u> <u>SHARE profile</u>, since this information will be used to pre-populate the common application. Organizations can then come to SHARE's <u>Grantmaker & Grantmakers</u> <u>page</u>, review the calendar of grant opportunities, and click on a button to complete and send the requested information to selected grantmakers. Organizations will receive an acknowledgement of applications transmitted to the grantmakers.

The common application will be available to use in the New Year. Participating funders include <u>PNM</u>, <u>PNM</u> <u>Resources Foundation</u>, <u>Albuquerque Community</u> <u>Foundation</u>, <u>McCune Charitable Foundation</u>, <u>Bernalillo</u> <u>County</u>, <u>United Way of Central New Mexico</u>, <u>Sandia</u> <u>Foundation</u>, and <u>Intel</u>.

Join the SHARE Community. SHARE New Mexico is built by and for New Mexicans. That means we all rely on each other to help keep our SHARE website active and updated. The more information we share and the more connections we make, the more all of us will benefit.

<u>Register</u> on SHARE and <u>sign up</u> for our eMail List! Update your organization's information in the <u>SHARE Directory</u>.



SHARE Your Resource Lists

<u>Ngage</u> in Las Cruces, the <u>Community Wellness Council of</u> <u>Valencia County</u>, and <u>United Way</u> <u>of Carlsbad and South Eddy</u> <u>County</u> are three of the many organizations helping to keep

SHARE New Mexico's Resource Directory robust and up to date. These organizations recently shared their own resource listings to add to the SHARE directory, and SHARE in turn provided resources that these partners hadn't captured in their directories. Thanks to these organizations and everyone else who has kept their information current in the Resource Directory. To learn how you can submit your own directory to SHARE New Mexico or how SHARE can supplement what you already have and help keep it updated, email wendy@sharenm.org.



Calling Bloggers!

Lisa Hvalinka is SHARE's "official" blogger. Lisa has a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Kent State University and worked

as a journalist for a newspaper in Ohio. She discovered a passion for helping small businesses and nonprofits succeed. SHARE New Mexico is pleased to have Lisa and her talents at work to help SHARE and all our community members succeed.

SHARE is also opening the blog page to aspiring guest

bloggers. Are you interested in writing a blog that addresses one of our Initiative areas or speaks to a local community effort? Send an email describing your interest to <u>communication@sharenm.org</u>

Our first guest blogger is Robert Wilson, a short story author, novelist and award-winning poet from Albuquerque. He is the author of the "Black Light District" series of postmodern crime novels and a contributor to the book "Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline" and the As/Us Journal's Decolonial Love issue. Having received his high school diploma while incarcerated in 2013, he is dedicated to bringing writing workshops into correctional facilities. Read and respond to Robert's <u>blog post</u> and visit him on <u>Facebook</u>.

Congratulations to Winners of Project Awareness Videos



Six NM nonprofits were selected by students in <u>CNM's</u> Film Technician Program to have free videos made for

their organizations as part of <u>Leadership</u> <u>Albuquerque</u>'s Project Awareness. The winning organizations are: <u>Big Brothers Big Sisters</u>, <u>The</u> <u>Storehouse</u>, <u>NM Kids Matter</u>, <u>Christina Kent Early</u> <u>Childhood Center</u>, <u>S.A.F.E. House</u>, and the <u>Supportive</u> <u>Housing Coalition</u>.

The goal of the project is to increase public awareness of services provided by local nonprofits and to encourage community engagement.

Organizations can apply (or re-apply) on <u>SHARE's</u> <u>website</u> between April 1 and August 30, 2016. The selected videos will be unveiled on SHARE as they are completed.

Visit the SHARE New Mexico <u>Video Library</u> to see the videos already produced.

Thanks!

- To the NM Community Health Workers Association, to our County and Community Health Council Partners, and to all those committed and working to ensure equitable access to health for all New Mexicans.
- ★ To the Project Awareness Team, the Leadership Albuquerque team, Donna Diller, the CNM Film School, and the Media Arts Community Academy Charter School for highlighting the good work of New Mexico's nonprofit community.
- ★ To Barbara Salmons at the United Way of Carlsbad, Diana Good at the Wellness Council of Valencia County, and Lucia Carmona at Ngage in Las Cruces, as well as all those who have updated or added their organization's information to the SHARE New Mexico Resource Directory
- Thanks to all of you who are serving our New Mexico communities!



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