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Come Join Us at NMAEYC's Annual Early Childhood Conference

The New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children (NMAEYC) will hold its annual Early Childhood Conference on March 4-5 in Albuquerque. This year's conference is called *Growing Connections to Quality: Children, Families, Professionals*.

Olivia Natale, Executive Assistant & Conference Chair at NMAEYC, said that the Early Childhood Conference features 60 enriching sessions and hands-on workshops presented by researchers, educators, students, family care providers and community leaders.

"Taking care of kids in these early years when they grow and learn so much is critical," Natale said. "Anything we can do to highlight the importance of this work is essential."

NMAEYC is one of New Mexico's largest nonprofit organizations working on behalf of early childhood education professionals, young children and their families. It offers professional development opportunities for early childhood educators throughout the state of New Mexico.

One of NMAEYC's best-known programs is [T.E.A.C.H.](#) (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps). T.E.A.C.H. helps early childhood educators throughout New Mexico earn associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in early childhood education while they are working.

[INCENTIVES](#) is a public-private partnership designed to help create a stable, highly-qualified early childhood education work force in New Mexico by providing pay

supplements for early childhood professionals who have gained additional credentials.

SHARE New Mexico will have a table in the Community Connections section of the conference. Stop by to find out about the many resources [ShareNM.org](#) can provide to early childhood professionals and advocates.



UNM's Center for Development & Disability and SHARE New Mexico Join Forces

March is National Disabilities Awareness Month, and New Mexico is very fortunate in having an outstanding resource available to support individuals with disabilities and those who care for and about them.

Among the many programs housed at UNM's Center for Development and Disability (CDD), the [CDD Information Network](#) helps connect New Mexicans with disability resources through an online Resource Directory with over 4,000 organizations, information specialists who will answer your call and connect you to resources, an online library with a wealth of information, including tip sheets on numerous topics, and a walk-in library which is open to the public.

Recognizing the similarity in the two organizations' missions, it only made sense to align efforts and join forces. The two organizations are now working together to determine how to best share both the work and the benefits of collaboration.

This partnership will help to keep both Resource Directories and Libraries up-to-date, and SHARE visitors will benefit from having quick access to the latest and best information available to those working with adults and children with disabilities.



Be Creative! Celebrate Women's History Month

March is also Women's History Month. How can you celebrate in New Mexico? Join [Women & Creativity](#), an annual, month-long series of events that celebrates women's creativity across the disciplines.

Women & Creativity partners with dozens of organizations throughout New Mexico to highlight exhibitions, performances, workshops and other presentations during the month of March. Last year was the 10th Anniversary of the program.

Women's History Month Events

Art lovers will enjoy the *Women & Creativity Community Celebration* running from Saturday, March 5-25, which features artists of all ages, live music food trucks and more at the [Harwood Art Center](#).

To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, join a *Poetry Show* at the [National Hispanic Cultural Center](#).

"Fierce Females: Women at Work" is a two-part series, presented March 10-11 by [516 ARTS](#) and [Central Features Contemporary Art](#), focusing on how historic and contemporary New Mexico women ingeniously stake their claim and help shape the local workforce.

Love Saturday Night Live? You can catch The Ultimate Variety Show at the [Keshet Center for the Arts](#) on March 12. The 90-minute show for adults features dance, sketch and stand-up comedy. *Bravo!*

Flex your creative muscle at the Blizzard Book Workshop on March 19, where you can make an origami-style book using just a single sheet of paper. Hosted at the [National Hispanic Cultural Center](#), this event is put on by [Against the Grain Bookbindery](#).

If you're a foodie, you'll want to attend [Art & Stroll: POP-UP Brunch Celebrating Creativity & Cuisine](#) on March 19. The event begins with a walk and culminates with brunch at Valle Encantado Farm.

For a complete list of Women's History Month events put on by Women & Creativity, visit the Women & Creativity [calendar of events](#).



STOP! Child Abuse in New Mexico

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and to highlight the issue, nonprofits and government agencies are coming together to build awareness and put an end to child abuse in New Mexico.

First, a few quick facts about [child abuse](#) in New Mexico:

- Since 2009, more than 50 children have died at the hands of abusers
- CYFD's Child Protective Division responds to 4,500 reports a month
- CYFD has a \$113 million annual budget; less than \$1 million is spent on prevention services

Yet according to the NM Child Abuse Prevention Program ([NMCAPP](#)):

- Child maltreatment is 100% preventable.
- Our children and communities are better served by preventing child maltreatment than dealing with the serious effects of child maltreatment
- Prevention of child maltreatment requires a sustained commitment and partnership between state and local government agencies, service providers, advocacy groups, and families.

Here are just a few of the organizations that are working to protect young children and families.

New Mexico Child Abuse Prevention Program (NMCAPP). [NMCAPP](#) is a consortium of stakeholders throughout the state coming together to end child abuse in the state.

New Mexico Voices for Children. To increase awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month, [NM Voices for Children](#) is selling pinwheels for \$1 each. The pinwheels help spread the word that ending child abuse is possible.

Pueblo of Isleta Social Services. The Pueblo of Isleta Social Services is hosting awareness activities throughout Child Abuse Prevention month. This year's theme is *Together We Journey to Promote Healthy Relationships between Families, Children and Communities*. To learn more about the events, contact Isleta Social Services at (505) 869-2772.



How to Use the NEW Online Common Grant Application

Eight of the largest funders from across New Mexico have banded together to create an easy-to-use [Online Common Application System](#) that will significantly reduce paperwork and improve the grant application system for New Mexico nonprofits. Here's how you can take advantage of this innovative, streamlined grant process.

First, if you haven't done so already, you'll need to [Register](#) for the SHARE New Mexico website for security purposes and add your New Mexico nonprofit to the [Resource Directory](#). If your organization is already in SHARE's Resource Directory, now is a great time to update your profile.

Once you've added or updated your profile, you can visit SHARE's [Grantmaking](#) page and select 'View Common Application Grants'. This will take you to the [Online Common Application](#) page with step-by-step instructions.

If you're a nonprofit, select 'View Available Grants'. If you see a grant in which you're interested, select it for more information or to 'Apply Now.' Much of the information required will be automatically transferred from your SHARE Organizational Profile. You'll be asked to complete a few additional fields specific to each grant.

Nonprofits are able to securely upload and store frequently requested documents, such as the IRS 990 form, audit reports or current financial statements.

If you're a funder, you can join this initiative by contacting [Sandy Mwei](#) at the Albuquerque Community Foundation.

Special thanks to Diane Harrison Ogawa from PNM and Sandy Mwei, Joanna Colangelo and Kelli Cooper from Albuquerque Community Foundation, along with the 6 other amazing funders participating in this project, for their leadership in developing the new Online Common Application Process. It truly is a one-of-a-kind process for which we've received national recognition.

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.

Register on SHARE and sign up for our eMail List!
Update your organization's information in the [SHARE Directory](#). Post your community events on the [SHARE Calendars](#). **Send us your comments, questions, and suggestions.**

Other Ways to SHARE Ideas & Information

- Embed one of our [community calendars](#) on your website. Choose your calendar and click on the 'Embed Calendar' button for the easy instructions.
- Submit a blog that addresses a topic relating to one of our initiative areas. Email communication@sharenm.org
- Share your resource lists with us. We'll combine these with our listings and everyone will benefit! Contact Wendy@ShareNM.org
- Register or update the information in your [SHARE Directory Profile](#). Include as much detail as you can – hours of operation, eligibility requirements, etc. Your colleagues and neighbors want to know that you are there for them.
- Suggest new content for SHARE's [initiative pages](#) or [Library](#). Send us your ideas via the 'Feedback' button at the top of every SHARE page.

Don't be shy! If you've got ideas to share – and we know you do – we need you! Please contact communication@ShareNM.org and let us know how you'd like to contribute to our work together.

Thank You!

Many thanks to Randy Woodcock from UWCNM and Pam Catanach from Sandia National Labs for their service on and significant contribution to the SHARE Advisory Committee. Both Randy and Pam are moving on into new roles respectively and we wish them well!



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