



Communities Leading Healthy Change

SHARE New Mexico is pleased to be a partner in a new collective impact initiative committed to environmental and systems changes supporting healthy communities in Bernalillo County's South Valley and the Albuquerque International District. The initiative focuses on increasing access to healthy food, encouraging physical activity and improving self-management of chronic disease for Hispanic/Latino and Native American residents.

The activities of the many community partners are coordinated by the Bernalillo County Community Health Council, with staffing support provided by Presbyterian Healthcare Services. SHARE's contribution is to work with the coalition partners and community members to augment SHARE's resources pertaining to food and healthy eating, community health and wellness. SHARE staff will also provide workshops to Community Health Workers, Navigators, and others on how to add, update, and access information on available services in SHARE's [Resource Directory](#).

An important part of creating healthy communities is ensuring residents are informed about and engaged in maintaining individual and community health. This means success can only occur when community members are aware of health-related resources and opportunities. You can help by updating your organization's information, advertising your community events, and offering resources and services at sharenm.org.

Visit <http://www.bchealthcouncil.org/Healthy-Here> to learn more.

Healthy Here is funded through CDC's Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) in a grant to Presbyterian Healthcare Services with coalition support from the Bernalillo County Community Health Council



Creating Caring Communities Across the State

The Creating Caring Communities Initiative invites New Mexicans to align efforts to build community-wide systems that address the needs of vulnerable children and families who have experienced homelessness and related trauma.

Last year, **at least** 20,000 children and youth were homeless in New Mexico. More than 40% of homeless children and youth are under the age of 6. Families with young children are the fastest-growing population of homeless people. The upheavals and trauma related to homelessness can have lifelong harmful consequences for children, families, and communities.

Fortunately, we know how to create support systems that protect children and families from harm, help them recover from trauma, and assist in building resilience to protect against future harm. Creating Caring Communities provides opportunities for communities to come together to create a common vision and action plan to ensure all our children and families thrive.

Creating Caring Communities initiatives are now underway in Bernalillo, Doña Ana, McKinley, and San Juan Counties. A bilingual (Spanish-English) initiative is bringing together community members in Albuquerque's South Valley and International District. For more information visit the [Creating Caring Communities](#) SHARE page.

The Creating Caring Communities initiative is a project of CLNkids developed by Teaching Solutions for CLNkIds with support from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.



SHARE New Mexico Collaboration with Health Councils

SHARE New Mexico and the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils have joined efforts to help support and enhance the health of New Mexico's communities. For over 20 years, New Mexico's 30 active county and tribal health councils have played a key role in the state's public health system, identifying local health needs, and planning and coordinating solutions to address those needs. The Alliance was created in 2010 to support and strengthen the health councils, and to provide a common voice on behalf of community health improvement in New Mexico.

SHARE is pleased to work with the Health Councils and the Alliance to provide another coordinated entry point to information and initiatives that build healthy communities. Currently, SHARE is working with the Bernalillo County Health Council and the Healthy Here initiative to increase access to resources for healthy food, physical activity and self-management of chronic disease (see article above). Ophelia Reeder and the McKinley Community Health Alliance have "adopted" the SHARE McKinley County page and are adding their own page on the SHARE website.

SHARE is also working with the Sandoval County Health Council to link their existing web page with SHARE's Sandoval County page. In addition, the South Valley Partnership, a sub-county health coalition hosted by First Choice Community Health, has adopted the South Valley Subcounty SHARE New Mexico webpage. Check out YOUR [SHARE County page](#) and help keep it up-to-date, with information important to your community. We are "better together!"

Visit www.nmhealthcouncils.org to learn more.



Become a Partner & SHARE!

SHARE New Mexico is an online community space for public and private sector information about issues impacting the quality of life of New Mexicans. And SHARE is all about using that data and information to build better, healthier communities throughout our state.

Check out the [Resource Directory](#) to find and refer to organizations in your community or issue area. Update your organization's information and create clear communication lines for effective coordination and collaboration. Explore and contribute to a wealth of information specific to one of our [Initiative](#) or [County](#) pages. Find out what's going on by checking SHARE's [Calendars](#). Find [Grantmakers](#) who can support initiatives to address unmet needs in your community. Dig into the [Library](#) and find useful reports and videos on each of the initiative areas. Better yet, contribute your own information and ideas.

SHARE New Mexico is built by and for the community. That means we rely on YOU to help keep the SHARE website active & up-to-date, and to keep the community informed. If you have information that can be used to improve the health and vitality of New Mexico and New Mexicans, we encourage you to share that information so we can achieve our common objectives.

And if you are up for the challenge, [inquire](#) about becoming an Initiative or County page manager.

THANK YOU!

United Way of Central New Mexico and their recent community fund grantees for updating organizational profiles on the SHARE directory. We are all grateful for the services you provide to our communities.

Leadership Albuquerque, Central New Mexico Community College and Digital Arts and Technology Academy for sponsoring [Project Awareness](#). This is the last call for applications to have film students create a free video of your nonprofit organization. Register/update your organization on SHARE's Resource Directory and [submit your application](#).

Con Alma Health Foundation for providing \$5,000 toward a \$50,000 matching grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF). The matching funds will be in addition to \$150,000 in support from WKKF to help create positive change for vulnerable children and families by increasing community access to data through SHARE New Mexico. "Thanks to this grant we will be able to reach out to more organizations looking for the type of data we have at SHARE New Mexico," said Debi Randall, executive director of SHARE New Mexico.

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