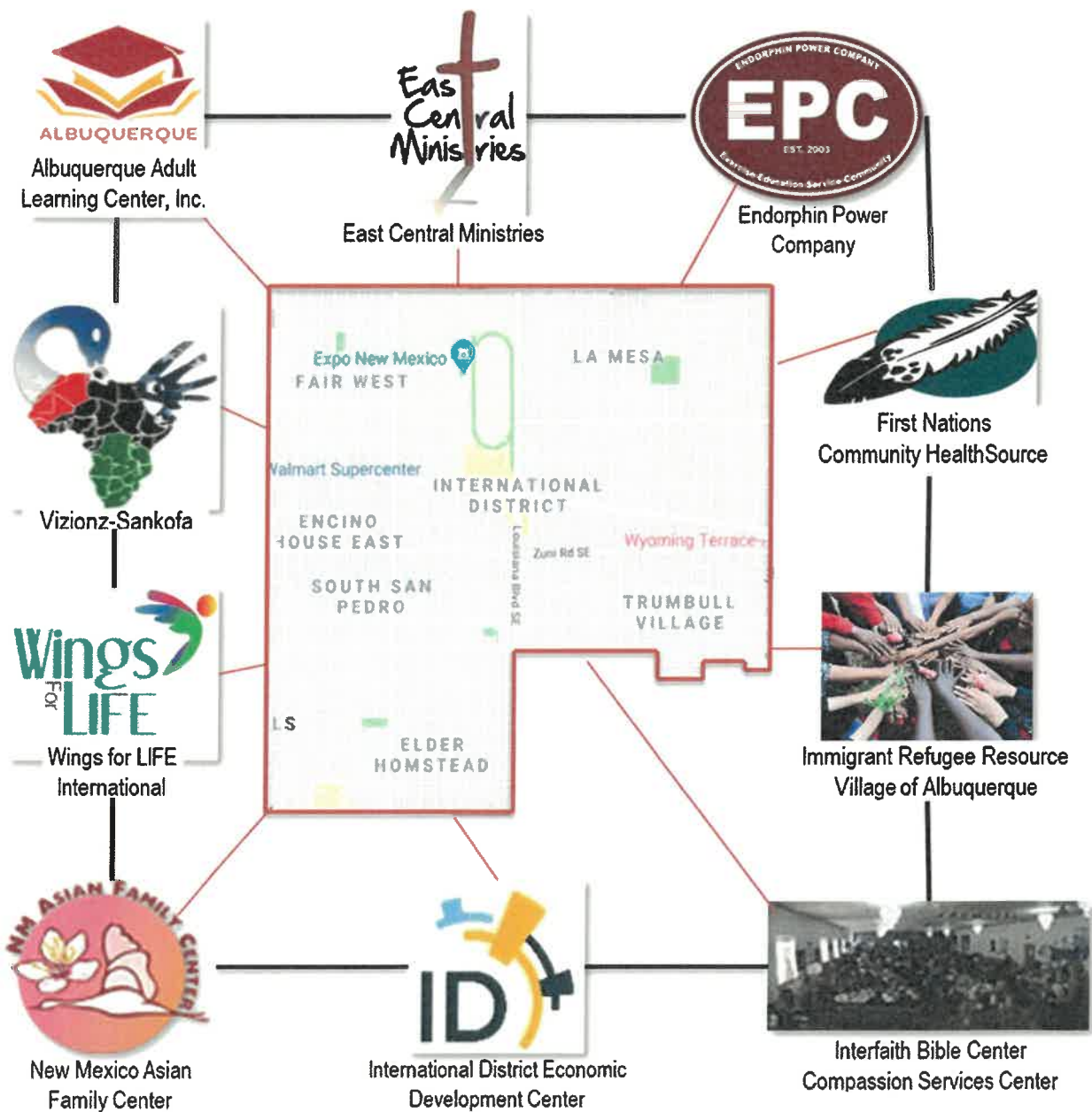


Community Needs Assessment of the International District

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the summer of 2022, the International District Direct Service Provider Collective (IDDSPC) was formed to create healthier communities in Albuquerque's International District. The International District is one of Bernalillo County's most ethnically diverse and densely populated areas. It is also characterized by high levels of poverty, unemployment, and chronic diseases. The IDDSPC comprises Bernalillo County and ten organizational stakeholders that provide an array of services to address the International District's physical health, behavioral health, cultural, and social needs. In September 2022, the IDDSPC members agreed to participate in a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to better understand the International District's needs and existing resources. In December 2022, the IDDSPC completed its first CNA, which collected input and data from the IDDSPC members about the International District's strengths, assets, resources, service gaps, and unmet needs. This CNA analyzes the collected data and outlines the findings to assist the IDDSPC and Bernalillo County in developing strategies to address the community's health needs and identified issues.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The International District Direct Service Provider Collective (IDDSPC) was established in July 2022 to achieve a shared vision of the International District's future objectives and improve community health. Through collaborative efforts, the IDDSPC addresses community needs by providing a continuum of health and support services. Members share decision-making and leverage resources to address the area's existing and emerging challenges. The IDDSPC members comprise Bernalillo County and ten organizations that address one or more of the following services: education, advocacy, healthcare, family support, housing, behavioral health, refugee resources, and services to families of prisoners, and they are enumerated in Table 1. The IDDSPC member organizations were the survey respondents in this CNA. Their input was incorporated into creating the CNA survey and this report.

Table 1. IDDSPC Members and Service Sectors

MEMBER ORGANIZATION	CNA PARTICIPANT	SERVICE SECTOR
Albuquerque. Adult Learning Center	Gloria Rael, Executive Director	Education
Bernalillo County	Cathy Sanchez, Senior Public Health Specialist	Public Health Policies, Public Safety, Community Engagement
Compassion Service Center	Pastor Joanne Landry, Executive Director	Faith-Based Support, Basic Subsistence Assistance Including Meals, Counseling
East Central Ministries	John Bulten, Executive Director	Medical, Behavioral Health, Urban Farming, Housing, Youth
Endorphin Power Company	Jeff Holland, Executive Director	Housing, Behavioral Health, and Cultural Supports
First Nations Community HealthSource	Linda Stone, Chief Executive Officer	Health, Dental, Behavioral Health, Cultural Supports, Social Supports
Immigrant Refugee Resource Village of Albuquerque	Nkazi Sinandile, Executive Director	Refugee Support Services, including Vocational, Educational, Housing, Transportation, and Other Areas
International District Economic Development	Alex Horton, Executive Director	Economic Development Services, including Business Incubators, Resources, and Business Opportunities
New Mexico Asian Family Center	Sachi Watase, Executive Director	Family Support Services
Vizionz-Sankofa	Khadijah Bottoms, Executive Director	Refugee Support Services, including Housing, Employment, Job Training, Education, and Advocacy
Wings for Life	Ann Edenfield Sweet, Executive Director	Rehabilitation, Education, Advocacy, Skills-Trainings, Family Services