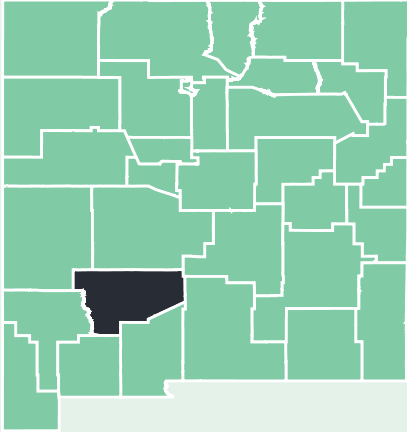




2022 SIERRA COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL

MISSION:

Unite community efforts to enhance the health and wellbeing of all Sierra County residents.



Sierra County encompasses Truth or Consequences, Elephant Butte and Williamsburg with many other outlined small communities. Sierra County has a population of 11,576 people with a 22.1% poverty rate†. Sierra County also has a high rate of suicide and drug overdoses compared to the National Averages and no public transportation‡

PRIORITIES:

Educate and provide prevention strategies to address teen pregnancy and sexual activity, mental health / substance misuse, and obesity/nutrition.



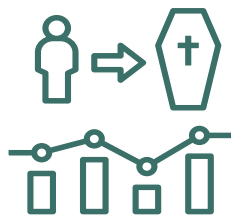
In 2018 Teen Birth Rates per 1,000 girls was 24.7*



37.4% of our county's population is 65 or older. †

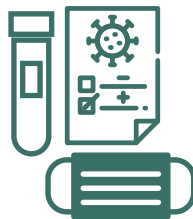


In 2018 Sierra county had 69.4 overdose deaths per



For 2018 the suicide rate in Sierra count stood at 52.0 per 100,000‡

Now more than ever before, broad-based community planning is needed to address our community's strengths, assets, and opportunities to collectively develop strategies that build a healthier community. In order to build this type of collaboration and build on the many strengths of the county it is important for the health planning group to restructure and build its representative membership so that all stakeholder groups from the county are reflected in its membership. This includes healthcare organizations; advocates; educational institutions; human service agencies; children and youth providers; government bureaus; economic development agencies; businesses; older adult providers; civic and philanthropic groups; community initiatives; and others.



COVID-19

Partnered with Sierra County Public Health Office and Sierra Vista Hospital to encourage testing, early treatment, and vaccination.



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* New Mexico Birth Certificate Database, Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, New Mexico Department of Health

† 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

‡ New Mexico Death Certificate Database, Office of Vital Records and Statistics, New Mexico Department of Health

§ New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey, New Mexico Department of Health and Public Education Department

