

**South Valley Early Childhood Group**  
**July 25, 2019**  
**UNM Toy Lending Library at CNM South Valley Campus**

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**Welcome & Introductions**

**Our Hosts: Toy Lending Library**

The UNM Cariño Toy Lending & Resource Library, located on CNM's South Valley Campus, offers educational toys that are age appropriate and engaging for infants through school-aged children (0-12). We also have professional development resources and materials for early childhood educators. We offer Book, DVD's, and other resources to help with parenting and caring for young children. Our service is offered at no cost and everyone is welcome our materials.

**MCH Family Outreach Presentation**

Jenna Brimmer explained the origins of MCH in Texas and the local services available in Albuquerque and Las Cruces. Three programs are offered for residents in Albuquerque and Las Cruces. Family solutions provides case management for wrap-around services (bilingual staff); the GAP program provides services for grandparents and other relatives caring for children in the absence of their parents. Parent education is also offered. In addition, MCH hosts events for families throughout the year. There is no income eligibility and no charge for any services. Medicaid is billed for those who are recipients.

MCH is also planning an event to bring case managers from other organizations for networking and to explore how to help families, not duplicate services, share resources, and in general work better together as a community. Date: September 27<sup>th</sup> at the MCH Family Office, 3876 Masthead NE. Contact Jenna for more information: [jbzimmer@mch.org](mailto:jbzimmer@mch.org) or 505-255-8740.

**Announcements:**

- St. Joseph's CHI has home visiting openings for families. Applications are now available for their study tour: training for those who want to model and replicate the CHI program.
- Explora and CNM are offering a course on teaching "Math and Science in Preschool" (CRN#77524). Mondays at Explora, 5:30-8:15 PM, from September 3-December 15. Scholarships are available. Contact Tara Henderson, [thenderson@explora.us](mailto:thenderson@explora.us) or 505-224-8394.
- CYFD grandparent program provides resources for grandparents raising grandkids
  - Hotline: 855-546-1212 (855- KIN-1212)
  - Website: <https://sharenm.org/kinship-navigation>
  - CYFD is now looking to create a statewide network of "hubs" to expand the program
  - Fliers available; contact [Wendy@ShareNM.org](mailto:Wendy@ShareNM.org)
- Lunch and Learn on August 13 at Explora, Community Room. Bring your lunch. Networking at 11:30. At 12:00 Dr. Andrew Hsi will discuss ACES and early childhood.
- CNM is taking registrations for this fall. Check their website for orientation and enrollment schedules.

- DOH plans to roll out their new Family Connect Home Visiting Program possibly in January 2020. They are looking for funding to hire 5 staff – 3 nurses and 2 support staff, including a community alignment person. They are also looking for professionals to be a part of a community advisory board. The program would serve the South Valley. The program is based on the Family Connects in Durham, NC that does one visit to families and then connects them to other home visiting and service partners.
- The NM Early Childhood Development Partnership, a program of the United Way of Santa Fe, has the contract to conduct a needs assessment for the new CYFD planning grant that will provide a strategic plan for a new federal early childhood grant as well as for the new Early Childhood Department. They are interested in groups who would want to attend or host a community conversation or focus group. NMECDP seeking input/participation to develop strategic plan. ***Might we be interested in providing our August meeting as a site for a community conversation?***

***The SVECG Planning Team will meet Tuesday, August 6, from 2:00-3:30 at the South Valley Economic Development Center. All are welcome.***

**South Valley Early Childhood Group**  
**June 23, 2019**  
**South Valley Multipurpose Senior Service Center**

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**Guest Presentation.** Claudia Medina is the founding and current director of Enlace Comunitario. The organization is 19 years old and serves women victims of domestic violence, especially those who are undocumented.

Enlace's goal is to transform lives of women, children and communities with a full package of services.

- Legal advice and support services in Spanish to fill the gap in services for Spanish speakers;
- Support groups for children and moms
- Leadership development program
- Promotoras (now have 97 trained promotoras)

Enlace now has a 3-year grant for a new program. PLATICAS: Promoting Leadership and Training to Improve Childhood Advancement in the South Valley. The project focused on the South Valley, recognizing the high incidence of domestic violence and other poor indicators of childhood well-being. The project picks up where the SVECG "Systems of Systems" CYFD Planning Grant was left unfunded for implementation. The program will offer the Incredible Years curriculum, a nationally recognized parent education program, to both parents and to early childhood care and education providers in the South Valley.

Once a year a community dialogue will take place to engage parents and community providers. The first is scheduled for October 19, 2019. The process then is to:

- Develop leaders;
- Identify developmental delays and special needs of SV children;
- Provide parenting support;
- Engage the community in a coordinated effort to prevent domestic violence and propel children towards success.

There is a role for SVECG in assisting with implementing an aspect of our Early Childhood plan, to provide advice on childhood issues in the SV, to connect Enlace with other stakeholders in the SV, and to help with the community dialogue on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Claudia is putting together a small planning group for this project. If you are interested, contact Claudia at [cmedina@enlacenm.org](mailto:cmedina@enlacenm.org).

**Networking Exercise.** Those present participated in a "speed dating" networking activity to share information about what each does and how the organizations might work together. Feedback was generally positive, and we agreed we would try this again.

**South Valley Early Childhood Group**  
**May 23, 2019**  
**Western Heights Learning Center**

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**Welcome & Introductions.** Thanks to our hosts from Western Heights Learning Center. You can take a look at their many programs listed on their website: <https://www.westernheightsabq.org/>

**Prosperity Works.** Ona Porter, Executive Director of Prosperity Works, had no trouble keeping our attention as she described the many programs Prosperity Works offers to **build wealth**. While having enough income is clearly important for raising healthy families, building wealth provides the foundation for investing in a family's future, providing resources for education, home ownership, and entrepreneurship, among other avenues.

Prosperity Works has two primary programs. **Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)** set up savings accounts where member deposits are matched by public funds. These savings can be used to purchase a home, pay for college education or to start a business, enabling low-income families to move into the economic mainstream. IDA holders are required to complete a financial education program, learning to develop and manage a household budget, manage debt, set financial goals and achieve them.

**Prosperity Kids** is a newer program. This sets up matched savings accounts for children, beginning at birth. In addition, parents are encouraged to set up a savings account for family emergency. Parents are enrolled in a 12-week program providing child development, leadership and financial education. In addition, parents have access to a fund to meet family emergencies, since they have no access to the children's account. Prosperity Works has achieved the highest savings rate among the lowest income parents in the country. (*Yay! We're #1!*) A brief description follows these notes.

For more information about Prosperity Works programs and their amazing accomplishments, visit their website: <https://www.prosperityworks.net/>. Let Ona know if you are interested in offering these programs to your families: [ona@prosperityworks.net](mailto:ona@prosperityworks.net)

**Next Meeting:**

- **June 27<sup>th</sup>, Noon-2:00, at the South Valley Multipurpose Senior Service Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW. Meeting in the Gym.**

- **Speaker: Claudia Medina** will tell us about **Enlace Comunitario**'s new project, working with South Valley Early Childhood providers to help address the problems of domestic violence and childhood ACES
- **Networking Exercise:** Responding to a request to provide more structured networking opportunities, the Planning Team will be piloting a networking exercise. **Look for additional information coming soon.**

South Valley Early Childhood Group  
April 25, 2019 Noon – 2:00 PM  
CLNKids @ John Marshall Health and Social Service Center

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**Our Host, CLNKids (Cuidando Los Niños)**

Paola Castillo, Director of Child Development, introduced us to CLNKids programming:

- CLNKids serves homeless families with children under 5 years of age. They employ a broad definition of homelessness, e.g., the family could be living in a car, sleeping on couches, etc. The bilingual (English-Spanish) staff of 19 serves 50 families.
- CLN's early childhood education program is 5 -star accredited and serves children from 6 weeks to 5 years with a staff that is well trained in trauma informed care. Most children report at least 4 ACES (adverse childhood experiences) in addition to being homeless. The intake process involves an assessment of safety and of the children's development. Development goals are set to help each child reach their appropriate developmental milestones.
- Efforts are made to house six families a month with placement in an apartment for at least one year. After 6 months, some families pay some rent. Other services include therapy; case management; weekend backpacks of food that include 3 meals for Saturday and Sunday; free diapers; healthcare clinic to offer immunization, checkups and dental services; some transportation services; and parent education
- The agency doesn't ask for citizenship status. Although certain documentation is required, like birth certificates for children, case managers can help get them
- CLN refers families to other programs for family engagement activities. Parent education has included classes on cooking, Center for Law and Poverty provided a workshop on rights and responsibilities, and Explora did a workshop for families.
- The agency can always use donations: diaper drive, book drives, and volunteers who come and help out with tasks.

**Paola and Wendy Wintermute provided a report on the One Albuquerque Kids Cabinet**

- Mayor Keller wants to positively impact children. Claire Dudley Chavez, the Mayor's Special Assistant for Early Childhood, heads up the Cabinet that includes staff from a number of city agencies as well as education and social service organizations.
- See appended handout for details on the recent One Albuquerque Kids Cabinet Gathering
- Website:

**Patty Emord reviewed a SVECG timeline:**

- The timeline (appended) can be used to orient new members, to remind us of our accomplishments, and to educate the community and advocate for our organization

## Full Count 2020 Census

Mercy Alarid, U.S. Census Bureau from the Census, explained how the Census works and why it is so important for all to participate and be recorded as living in New Mexico, both citizens and non-citizen residents.

- largest civic activity, involves more families than voting.
- count is accomplished in 2 months
- every citizen is encouraged to participate
- Involves 330 million 440 housing units
- 1<sup>st</sup> time live online March 21<sup>st</sup>
- 25 – 30% don't have access to internet
- information is protected by the constitution
- Privacy is protected – fines for violation
- Official start 4/1, where people have the option of responding online, by phone or with the paper survey.
- In May with no response, census workers will be knocking on doors to speak with households
- Importance of the Census:
  - every 10 years house congressional representation is determined from the census count
  - \$675 billion distributed based on census data – 75% of funds are informed by census data
  - 7.8 billion for health care, CHIP, SNAP, infrastructure like roads schools, early childhood education to higher education, and energy assistance
- Census workers will come to a household up to 5 times
- Families need to self-respond to keep costs down
- Goal is to get self-response
- The most undercounted are children 0-4, young adults 18-24, renters, and ethnic minorities
- Reasons why children 0-5 didn't get counted – split times between 2 homes, young parents or young single mom, child lives in a lower income household, your child is a newborn

## Topics for Future Meetings

- How to collaborate, how to build collaborations
- how we can best work with new State Children's Cabinet
- NM Kids Count and Voices for Children
- Deanna for June Community Schools
- Where do we see ourselves going – SVECG
- Possibly hosting a conference/summit
- ABC Community Schools – June – on their calendar
- Harwood Art Center
- SVECG looking ahead

## APS tour Possible venues

- Wemagination – recycled, upcycled materials
- Harwood art center
- Hubbell House beautiful place – South Valley academy
- SV Academy=
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## Announcements:

- CLNkids: Breakfast, 5/10, 7:30 a.m. - [PaolaC@CLNkids.org](mailto:PaolaC@CLNkids.org)
- [Mercy.N.Alarid@2020census.gov](mailto:Mercy.N.Alarid@2020census.gov)
- Simon Silva workshops: May 2, 2019 practitioner 10:00 – 12:00 pm, Families 6:00 -8:00

- Planning for EC Science Fiesta, May 1 9:00 a.m. at Explora



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March 28, 2019  
South Valley Public Library

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**Our Hosts: South Valley Library:**

Mark Maravetz, AKA "Book Mark," Youth Services Coordinator, welcomed the SVECG and presented some of the many programs offered by the Library that include:

- Summer reading program where kids and adults read all summer all long. Everyone can win prizes, and some years the prizes have included plane tickets. The program runs June 1 thru July 27.
- STEM lab for kids that will be meeting for the first time on 4/2
- Community baby showers – the next one is scheduled for Saturday, March 30 at the Main Library.
- The Library needs 2-18 teen volunteers for summer reading program. Please send names of potential volunteers ASAP, as background checks will be needed.

**UNM Comadre a Comadre Program**

Elba Saavedra, the founder of UNM Comadre a Comadre provided an overview of the program.

- This is their 15<sup>th</sup> year. It's not just a support group but also empowers the lives of Hispanic/Latina women and their loved ones by providing education breast health and breast cancer, as well as support for those experiencing breast cancer.
- Why do this? The incidence of cervical cancer is 44% higher for Hispanic/Latina women than non-Hispanic women. Barriers include system access and not having insurance.
- The program navigates women to primary care and medical insurance providers. Navigators address language and cultural barriers and financial challenges unique to this community. They do not interpret in the medical setting, as this is the responsibility of health care providers; the navigator works with interpreter.
- Any woman 21 and older who has a breast health need, under and uninsured, immigrant is eligible for this free service. Women are not asked about their immigration status.
- Peer educators are trained to go into faith-based organizations, schools, libraries, etc. They offer 1 hour of breast and cervical health education. If you know anyone that wants a class on BCC, let Elba know.

**Simon Silva: Cultivating the Creative Mind Free Workshops**

Comadre a Comadre is a sponsor of this series of free workshops, using art with children and youth to unleash creativity. A related fund-raiser will auction off art and notecards to benefit Comadre a Comadre.

#### Workshops:

- Session 1 May 2, Thursday morning, UNM rotunda: a 2-hour training workshop for early childhood practitioners, teachers or advocates who work with children. Molly will help get CEU credits for childcare providers.
  - Session 2, May 2, Thursday evening, South Valley Academy: a 2-hour hands-on workshop for family and community members on life-long learning and creativity.
  - Session 3, May 3, Friday, UNM Continuing Education: a 1-hour presentation/workshop aimed at local artists and students.
- interpretation will be available.

For more information, watch the video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7ZQ1\\_PA4vM&feature=em-upload\\_owner](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7ZQ1_PA4vM&feature=em-upload_owner) or contact Elba at [elsaave@unm.edu](mailto:elsaave@unm.edu)

#### Report from the Legislative Session

Jessa Cowdrey, Director of Public Policy at CHI St. Joseph's Children, provided an update on the 2019 legislative session. CHI runs home visiting programs, enhanced referral (case management), research and advocacy. Advocating for early childhood and parent education is part of the SVECG's mission and vision. Topics discussed:

- SB 22: to create an Early Childhood department passed and was signed into law, funded with \$125 million which is just enough to get things rolling. A search is underway for a Secretary for the department, which will consolidate early childhood programs currently located in CYFD, PED and DOH that were pre to 5 from PED, CYFD and DOH into one department. 400 million on top of what we already have was requested
- SB 298 put forth by Bill Soules, was an unsuccessful attempt to get universal preK through PED. The opposition felt that this bill didn't support NM's current mixed system for early childhood care and education, with both public and community-based options, and hence didn't adequately serve local community needs. There is lots of support for private childcare providers in the legislature.
- Land Grant Permanent Fund, advocated by the Invest in Kids Now Coalition, called for a 1% distribution from this \$18 billion fund, resulting in \$170 million for early childhood education. Presently 5% is allocated toward public education. This bill failed, but the Governor came forward with SB 671 calling for a .5 % for preK. This also failed in committee. However, advocates noted accomplishments, including getting more legislators to listen to an early childhood presentation and for the first time publicly discussion this proposal.
- The Governor (with her granddaughter) was an expert witness before the committee, noting that it is difficult to set emotions aside on this issue, not wanting to have to pick which kids in which communities got the PREK access, and challenging NM to be a state that 'gets it right.'

#### Announcements

- Casa Portaleza – Provides services to survivors of sexual violence offered in Spanish or English without cost. There will be a 'Take Back the Night event', a national event on April 2, with a march that begins at the Asian Family Center.
- Wemagination will host a training on 4/18 from 6 to 8 at Wemagination exploring socioemotional development through play. 2 hours CEU credits will be offered through CYFD.
- ACCESS will have bilingual dance classes, all ages at Westgate community center by Truman Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The classes started yesterday.
- First Choice hosts community cooking class at, Saturdays 10-12. There is a program for children.

- Welcome Home Baby, a “light touch” home visiting program developed by Duke University’s Family Connect Program, and the Department of Health will be hosting an information session on 4/30 at Midtown Public Health Office. Watch for an upcoming announcement.

The **April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be at John Marshall community, Fred Ward room; CLNkids will host and provide a tour of their facility for young children and families experiencing homelessness.

**Next planning meeting** is Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:30 at the South Valley Economic Development Center. **Please consider joining the Planning Team!**

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It was good to see some new people who attended the November joint meeting with the Bernalillo County Home Visiting Network.

**Our Hosts: South Valley Library:**

Mark Maravetz, AKA “Bookmark,” provided a brochure with information on the programs offered by the Library, noting that many of these programs are available at the other 17 library branches: “one library in 18 different buildings.”

- Activities listed in brochure that include:
  - family movies – current and just out on video
  - “Read To The Dog” program – the dog being a very patient listener
  - Leggo and Origami Clubs
  - Sensory friendly hour for kids, with low lighting and low noise levels
  - Crafts
  - Summer reading program with prizes for “children” of all ages
- Check out their homepage at <https://abqlibrary.org/southvalley> to find other resources, including
  - passes to museums in town,
  - cake pans,
  - ukeleles,
  - seed library (you don’t have to return these, but you can contribute new seeds from your plants grown)
- The Main Downtown Branch host many programs, including the occasional baby showers, free for expectant or new parents, with gifts, free books and a library card
- To get a card: fill out an application and show an ID, anything that has your name and current address. Those 8 years or older can get one without parent or guardian – anything that has your name and your current address.

**Presentation by Shawna Runck, City of Albuquerque, [Early Childhood Division Manager](#)**

Shana the new Manager of City’s Early Childhood Division, working with a new Mayor and many new staff. Lots of changes are being made. Shana attended our joint meeting with the Home Visiting Network and plans to attend future meetings along with her staff.

Shana’s Division operates 21 Child Development Centers and 7 Early Headstart centers, as well as a home visiting program for new parents. The Child Development Centers are for ages 3-5, offering early preK and preK. These programs provide wraparound services with extended care options. Pre-school

programs are open to anyone, with sliding scale available. All the programs fit into their neighborhoods, with some located in schools, some in community centers, and some are stand-alone. These are open year-round. For more information about these programs, check their website:

<https://www.cabq.gov/family/early-childhood-development>

Shana co-chairs the Early Learning Workgroup for the new Albuquerque Kids Cabinet that is focused on youth engagement. Claire Dudley Chavez is coordinating this cabinet. It has several different sub-committees that meet quarterly, in addition to the early learning group: public safety, out-of-school-time, community arts, and a data and outcomes group that will support all the other groups. The groups are looking at things that are working, not working and what could be scaled.

The Early Learning group is concerned with increasing access and collaborating to avoid duplication and to ensure that families can find available programs that meet their needs. SVECG is represented in this group, and we can provide ideas and input.

#### **Update on the 2019 Legislative Session – Wendy Wintermute, SHARE New Mexico**

The ShareNM website ([ShareNM.org](http://ShareNM.org)) has posted links to legislation affecting NM children and families. You'll find the text of the legislation, its sponsors, and an update on where the legislation is in the process. [Take a look at the lists](#) – there's one for each of SHARE's social initiative areas – and if you would like to add a bill to be tracked, send Wendy an email at [wendy@sharenm.org](mailto:wendy@sharenm.org).

#### **Work group reports: Camille and Patty**

- Camille Vasquez reminded the group to bring information about your programs to our meetings so we can replenish our Family Information Hub materials. We take these materials to various lobbies where families spend time, e.g., First Choice Community Health, and also to various health and resource fairs around town.
- Patty Emord gave an update on the Milestone Documentation that the Planning team has been working on. This history of our South Valley Group provides highlights of our work, as well as lessons learned as we go forward. A full report will be presented to the large group at a later date.
- Yet another plea was made for members to join the Planning Team, an all-volunteer group that plans these meetings. We meet monthly for 1.5 hours at the South Valley Economic Development Center. Next meeting is Thursday, February 14, 2:00-3:30 PM.

#### **Announcements:**

- Kathy Chilton reports that LIBROS For Kids now serves 450 kids and is eager to do more. Their annual Read to Me book drive is starting February 5<sup>th</sup>, and they welcome more book donations. Contact Kathy: [katherinechilton@me.com](mailto:katherinechilton@me.com)
- Patty Emord announced a forum to be held at St. Andrew Presbyterian on the Martinez Yazzie Case, Sunday, Jan. 27, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Tracy McDaniel, ECAP Coordinator, announced a Feb. 7, 2019 ECAP network meeting at United Way 2340 Alamo Ave SE. ECAP is moving into Mission: Families and they would like input from the Early Childhood community. ECAP also sponsors Lunch and Learn sessions at Explora, where they bring in experts from the community to address early childhood issues. For more information, contact Tracy: [tracy.mcdaniel@uwcnm.org](mailto:tracy.mcdaniel@uwcnm.org)

- We were joined by students from South Valley Academy doing service learning with ACCESS. They briefly talked about their service learning programs. Health Leadership High School is also looking for organizations that can host service learning opportunities.
- CLNkids is hosting tours of their facility, a CYFD 5 star childcare facility with early childhood care and education for ages 6 weeks to PreK, case managers for parents, and a therapeutic center. They will be hosting the April SVECG meeting at the John Marshall Center.
- Parjarito Elementary invites the SVECG to return for another meeting. Parjarito is one of 13 schools hosting ESL classes for families.

**Next Planning Team Meeting: Please join us!**

**Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:30, South Valley Economic Development Center**

**Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, noon to 2:00. Place to be determined.**

**Would you like SVECG to meet at your organization? Contact Catherine at [catherine.roth@lovelace.com](mailto:catherine.roth@lovelace.com)**

Bernalillo County Home Visiting Work Group  
South Valley Early Childhood Group  
November 29, 2018  
CHI St. Joseph's Children

*Meeting together for the first time, the two groups presented a wealth of information on what is and could be happening in New Mexico to support young children and their families.*

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**Bernalillo County Home Visiting Work Group Vision and Mission:**

***Vision:*** *All babies in New Mexico will have safe and healthy relationships in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities, free from sexual and domestic violence.*

***Mission:*** *Convene community stakeholders to develop a coordinated, unified plan for implementation of voluntary prenatal to age 5 home visitation services in the Albuquerque area.*

**In Attendance:** Over 50 persons in attendance represented a wide range of services and opportunities supporting young children and their families living in the South Valley and Bernalillo County.

**HOME VISITING UPDATE**

Various members of the [Bernalillo County Home Visiting Work Group](#) presented an update on current and new home visiting programs.

[CHI St. Joseph's Children](#), our host for the event, fields the largest home visiting program in the state and nation, helping to reach the 7% of NM's Medicaid population receiving home visiting services. The program provides services in English and Spanish in seven counties, with the capacity to serve 750 families, including 500 in Bernalillo County. The organization recently partnered with UNM to launch a longitudinal study to compare families receiving home visiting with those who do not, a first for the nation. Children will be followed from enrollment to age 18, tracking key outcomes, including the prevention of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The research is recruiting participants, who will receive a stipend.

**Welcome Home Baby** is a new home visiting program to be launched soon by NM Dept. of Health. This evidence-based program follows the [Family Connects](#) model developed by Duke University in North Carolina. A public health nurse provides a limited number of home visits to families with a newborn, regardless of the family's income, family composition or risk factors. Using a tested screening tool, the nurse evaluates newborn and maternal strengths and needs and links the family to

community resources. In some cases, the nurse will recommend and provide a “warm hand-off” to one of NM’s home visiting programs to providing ongoing support

**Medicaid Home Visiting** is a pilot program involving all three Centennial Care providers in New Mexico: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Presbyterian Health Services, and Western Skies. The program will use two evidence-based programs, Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers, in Bernalillo County and in the eastern part of the state.

**Home Visiting and Opioid Prevention** is an important focus of the work underway by the [Bernalillo County Community Health Council](#), and Christine the new prevention specialist, would like to see more home visitors involved in the effort. Specifically, Christine Minz is looking for input on how to talk to families about prevention of and treatment for opioid misuse to avoid stigmatizing and encourage family involvement. The Council offers training as well as support groups for opioid prevention and treatment.

For more information about home visiting in Bernalillo County, visit the [Work Group’s homepage](#), attend one of the monthly meetings, or contact [Cathy Sanchez](#), the group’s coordinator.

## 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The NM Legislature will be in session for 60 days in 2019, beginning January 15<sup>th</sup> and ending March 16<sup>th</sup>. The [South Valley Early Childhood Group webpage](#) will be posting information to help us learn more about, engage with, and track the progress of legislation with an impact on NM’s young children and families, including the following.

**Gun Safety** is the goal of legislation supported by [New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence](#) and [Moms Demand Action](#). Nearly 1,300 children die and 5,790 are treated for gunshot wounds each year. Every month, two children die from homicide or suicide.

A proposed *child access prevention (CAP) law* would impose criminal liability on adults who give children unsupervised access to firearms. Researchers have found that millions of children live in homes with easily accessible guns. 27 states including DC have CAP laws, and research shows that in those states, accidental firearm deaths fell among children under age 15. 2 youth die each month due to homicide and suicide. [Learn more.](#)

A *firearms relinquishment bill* would relinquishment of all firearms owned by domestic violence offenders while they are under an order of protection. Between 2001 and 2012, more than 6,000 women were murdered in the United States by an intimate partner using a gun. Currently, New Mexico law enforcement agencies have no way to take away guns from domestic violence perpetrators. The 27 states that collect guns from people under restraining orders have a 22 percent lower rate of intimate-partner homicide. [Learn more.](#)

*Expanding background checks* to all sales of firearms would close existing loopholes, which allow firearms purchases by those who otherwise would be prohibited. Currently, private sales and sales at gun shows don’t require a background check. [Learn more.](#)

[Invest in Kids Now](#) proposes a constitution amendment that would include early childhood education in the allocation of funds from NM’s Land Grant Permanent Fund for “common schools.” This would provide an additional \$150 million for early childhood programs. Funds could be used for a



combination of the following: funding for pre-kindergarten; increasing home visiting; increasing access for child care assistance; promoting professional development for teachers; expanding access to family services/support and assuring accountability/evaluation of implemented programs. This increase in funding can help eliminate the waiting lists for Early Childhood services.

A 1000 Kids March supporting the initiative is planned for February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe.

The Invest in Kids Coalition has been active since 2010. There is hope that this year the enabling legislation will pass the legislature and be signed by incoming governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, who is an advocate for early childhood education, beginning at birth. NM also has a new Public Land Commissioner, Stephanie Garcia Richard, whose support is important. But advocates for increased funding for early childhood programs need to contact their legislators now. [Learn more.](#)

**Legislator Response.** [State Senator Linda Lopez](#) was on hand to provide her perspective on the upcoming session. She agreed that now is the time to act: “We need more funding for early childhood!” Senator Lopez also stressed that we need to rebuild our behavioral health system, which was “broken” by our outgoing Governor. CYFD needs resources to better handle child welfare referrals, numbering 40,000 last year. She notes that the Governor-elect is accepting applications for Department Secretary positions, due January 2, 2019. Nominate good people – yourself or others. Email Senator Lopez at [linda.lopez@nmlegis.gov](mailto:linda.lopez@nmlegis.gov)

Follow the latest in these and other developments on the South Valley Early Childhood Group website: <https://sharenm.org/svecg>

**Next Planning Team Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2019, 9:00-10:30 AM**, South Valley Economic Development Center. *Open to all! Please join us!*

**Next SVECG Meeting: Thursday, January 24, 2019, Noon-2:00**, South Valley Library, 3904 Isleta Blvd SW. Bring your ID, get a library card, check out a book!

*Would you like to host a meeting of the SVECG? Contact Catherine Roth at [Catherine.roth@lovelace.com](mailto:Catherine.roth@lovelace.com)*

South Valley Early Childhood Group  
September 27, 2018  
Western Heights Learning Center

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Two presentations provided attendees with important information about:

- Language rights; and
- Resources for immigrant and refugee families.

**Language Rights.** Laura Castellanos, from Valley Community Interpreters, provided an informative presentation on language rights. For more information, contact Cecilia Portal, [director@vcinm.org](mailto:director@vcinm.org).

**Health Care Resources for Immigrant and Refugee Families.** Sovereign Hager, from the [NM Center on Law and Poverty](#) presented information and responded to numerous questions on the challenges and resources available to immigrant and refugee families. Sovereign also provided an update on the status of the proposed changes to Public Charge policies.

Many immigrants can purchase health plans from the Marketplace and qualify for Medicaid and CHIP ([more information on eligibility](#)). For those who cannot, including DACA, undocumented immigrants, there are options available. The Center has put together a [resource list](#) as a guide for immigrants seeking health care and financial assistance in New Mexico.

- Emergency Departments in Hospitals. If you need emergency medical care, go to the emergency room. By law, anyone who shows up at an emergency room must be seen and treated.
- EMSA (Emergency Medicaid Services for Aliens) may cover some of the costs of emergency medical care, including labor and delivery.
- Many hospitals, counties and community-based health organizations that offer low or no-cost services, regardless of immigration status, are included in the [Resource List](#).

You never need to tell a health care provider if you are undocumented or that you do not have a social security number. Instead, ask about options for low-income patients. If the clinic or hospital demands a social security number or information about your immigration status, call the CLP at (505) 255-2840.

**What About "Public Charge?"** The White House has announced proposed changes to the Public Charge policies, which consider use of public benefits, including health care benefits, by those applying for "green card" status. **Note: public charge is NOT a consideration when applying for citizenship.** Many organizations in New Mexico and the US will be commenting on these proposed changes.

Advocates encourage us to continue to apply for, keep and use these public benefits. If changes do occur, they will probably take a long time to become effective and will not be retroactive.

Two additional articles provide information on the potential impact of the policy changes, especially for young children and families, as well as information on how to submit comments on the proposed changes:

- [Comment on Proposed Public Charge Changes](#), Prevention Institute
- [Take Action - New Rules on Public Charge](#), Zero to Three

The SVECG Advocacy & Awareness Action Team will continue to follow these proposed changes and report back to the larger group. If you have information to contribute, please contact [Wendy@ShareNM.org](mailto:Wendy@ShareNM.org).

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

October 25, 2018, Noon to 2:00

Pajarito Elementary School, 2701 Don Felipe Rd SW

TOPIC: Health Care Options for NM

November 29, 2018, Noon to 2:00

CHI St. Joseph's Children, 1516 5th Street NW

TOPIC: What's ahead for young children and families in the 2019 Legislative Session?

**No December Meeting**

South Valley Early Childhood Group  
August 23, 2019  
Explora

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### **About Explora**

Explora has been open for 15 years, serving the community from “cradle to career” by offering programs focusing on science, technology, and art. Their programming happens not only in the Explora space but out in the community, in libraries and parks. A new early childhood center is in their plans for an expanded campus, and they’ll be hosting a day of workshops for early childhood providers on November 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Tara Henderson, [thenderson@explora.us](mailto:thenderson@explora.us).

### **Health Security Act – Ester Griego [esterg15@gmail.com](mailto:esterg15@gmail.com) 463-5343; [www.nmhealthsecurity.org](http://www.nmhealthsecurity.org)**

The campaign for a NM Health Security Act (HAS) has been “in the making” since 1992 with input and guidance from folks from all around the state. This year the plan was approved by the NM House and two Senate committees but was tabled in the Senate Finance Committee. The plan will go back to the legislature in 2019. They have developed a health plan that last year passed house, 2 committees in senate and was held up in finance before the session expired. This year it is going to the legislature again.

The HSA would shift private insurance to a secondary role and include all New Mexicans, with a few exceptions. There will be no citizenship requirements; disabilities and pre-existing conditions will be covered. There would be no networks, which will allow open choice of doctors and hospitals. Drugs and equipment will be purchased in bulk, saving money, and contracts would be negotiated with Medicaid and Medicare. It would be paid for by employee contributions, Medicaid and Medicare funding, and small premiums.

To date, 145 organizations and 30 municipalities have endorsed the plan. More information is available on the website: [www.nmhealthsecurity.org](http://www.nmhealthsecurity.org).

### **Planning Ahead: Program Schedule and Locations**

- September 27<sup>th</sup> at Western Heights, will feature an update on the proposed changes to the public charge policies by the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
- October 25<sup>th</sup> at Pajarito Elementary School will feature a presentation by EleValle
- November 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph’s CHI will focus on a discuss of election results and thinking ahead to the 2019 Legislative Session.
- December – No meeting due to the holidays

**Announcements-** please post these on the Share website

- St. Andrew Presbyterian Church will host an Early Childhood Forum on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00 PM
- ACCESS is hosting folk dance lessons at RFK middle school, 1021 Isleta Blvd SW 87105 every Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 4th
- TLC still has openings at their Parkside and Building Bridges sites

**Evaluation**

Pluses:

- Decision making on meeting dates was good
- Very good speaker, with lots of questions and good discussion
- Repeating the mission/vision/history refreshes our memory

Changes:

- It was a little chilly
- Provide coffee/tea and snacks

**South Valley Early Childhood Group - July 26, 2018**  
Larrazolo South Valley Senior Multipurpose Center

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**ACCESS Pathways Program.** Monica Lechuga and Jane Guevera from ACCESS presented. ACCESS's mission is to develop leaders through holistic creative, physical, and academic opportunities by inspiring kids in underserved, predominantly immigrant and Latino communities. ACCESS' Pathways program connects underserved county residents with health care and other support systems and assists them as they navigate through it; coordinates services for the underserved residents to achieve positive individual-level health outcomes; and assures collaborative planning and improvement of our health care system.

**Public Charge Proposed Changes.** Current immigration and naturalization policy guidelines define a public charge as a person who is primarily dependent on the government for more than half of personal income. In evaluating whether a person is likely to become a public charge, immigration officials take account of factors such as age, health, financial status, education, and skills. The use of cash assistance for income maintenance (e.g., Supplemental Security Income or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and government-funded long-term care are considered in making these determinations. Other noncash benefits such as health and nutrition programs are specifically excluded from consideration, and use of cash-assistance benefits by the immigrant's dependents is not currently factored in.

The Trump administration is proposing to substantially expand the definition of a public charge to include any immigrant who "uses or receives one or more public benefits." Nearly all public benefits from federal, state, or local governments would be considered in public-charge determinations, including nonemergency Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), subsidized health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA); food assistance (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP] and the Women, Infants, and Children Program [WIC]), programs designed to assist low-income workers (e.g., the Earned Income Tax Credit [EITC]), housing assistance (Section 8 vouchers), and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Medicare would be excluded. Not only immigrants' use of public assistance but use of these programs by any dependents, including U.S.-born citizen spouses and children, would also be considered. ([A New Threat to Immigrants' Health, NEJM, August 1, 2018](#))

The proposed changes are, as of now, not intended to be retroactive. Nevertheless, reports are coming in that immigrants are pulling children and family members out of these programs now. Staff from CABQ are in touch with others around the country to determine how to respond to this new development. *Francisco Ronquillo will provide follow-up information.*

**Education Lawsuit.** Claire Dudley Chavez, Education Advisor for the City, reported on a ruling by a state judge on July 20<sup>th</sup> that New Mexico is violating the constitutional rights of at-risk students by failing to provide them with a sufficient education. The suit was filed by the NM Center on Law and Poverty. Judge Sarah Singleton ordered the governor and Legislature to establish a funding system that meets constitutional requirements by April 15 next year. Claire was disappointed that early childhood education isn't named in the ruling. See [news article](#).

**CABQ is Immigrant Friendly.** Claire also reported that the City has passed an ordinance making Albuquerque an immigrant-friendly city. This means that no municipal resources can be used to identify people on basis of their immigration status and ensures that all public facilities are safe spaces and welcoming. See addendum for the ordinance.

**Speakers Bureau.** Catherine Roth is putting together a speakers' bureau with those who are willing and able to present information to the community on a topic relevant to early childhood. The Speakers Bureau list will be posted on the SVECG SHARE site, and community members can contact speakers to present. Please contact Catherine if you would like to be listed: [catherine.roth@lovelace.com](mailto:catherine.roth@lovelace.com)

**NM Community Data Collaborative.** Tom Scharmen provided an introduction to this data mapping website. For more information, visit the [website](#) or contact Tom: [thomas.scharmen@doh.state.nm.us](mailto:thomas.scharmen@doh.state.nm.us)

**Announcements:** A number of announcements were offered and will be added to the SHARE calendar. Download a [Guide for Adding Events to the Calendar](#).

**Evaluation:** The presentation was wonderful!

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, noon-2:00 PM, at Explora

South Valley Early Childhood Group  
June 28, 2018  
CNM South Valley Campus

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**Welcome to our Valley Community Interpreter!** Laura Castellanos will be providing interpretation for our meetings. Thank you, Laura, and Cecilia Portal for making this happen. Laura will also be helping all of us learn how to better present in a bilingual environment.

**CNM South Valley Campus** provided our meeting space, and Jan Winslow and Sobie Toledo were our hosts. Jan and Sobie introduced us to a wealth of resources offered by CNM.

- Early Childhood Mentor Network provides educational opportunities, networking, mentoring, materials and a stipend for mentors. The first year provides two online classes about mentoring and adult education; monthly meetings (with dinner provided); and CYFD certificate upon completion of coursework. After a mentor's first year, the group continues to meet monthly and can mentor CNM ECE practicum students in the classroom. The goal is to create a pool of highly qualified, trained mentors for CNM ECE students as well as to create a network of teachers who become leaders in the field.
- ECE Director's Network allows directors to network, learn about and discuss topics of concern at six meetings per year, often with guest speakers. Meetings are on either Friday morning or Wednesday evening. **To learn more or to apply for either of these programs, contact Jan at [jwinslow2@cnm.edu](mailto:jwinslow2@cnm.edu), 505-224-3606**
- Student Field Experiences. In addition to placing ECE students with mentors in classrooms, where Jan serves as field coordinator, CNM offers field experiences for students in other areas of study. Sobie, as the field experience coordinator, matches students in many disciplines to people, K-12 schools, and businesses that offer students real-world experiences in their chosen field. Sobie is always looking for sites that will welcome her students and pointed out that it's a benefit for the student, certainly, but also is very valuable for the organizations and businesses. She asked for support in finding great sites in which to place her students in our teacher preparation and social work programs. **Contact Sobie at 224-3239 or [stoledo31@cnm.edu](mailto:stoledo31@cnm.edu). Download a Field Application [here](#).**
- CNM offers a wide range of courses of study – from trades like welding, truck driving, cosmetology, and culinary arts, which may offer a certificate or an Associate's Degree, to professions such as accounting, business administration, bilingual customer service, nursing, exercise science and wellness, emergency medical services, and computer science. Individuals interested in attending CNM can apply at <https://www.cnm.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions/beginning-freshmen>. They can explore all program offerings at <https://www.cnm.edu/programs-of-study/all-programs-a-z>.



**Health Leadership High School and SVECG Collaborative Grant.** On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Health Leadership High School, on behalf of the South Valley Early Childhood Group (SVECG), submitted a collaborative zone proposal to the McCune Foundation to address the question: *How might organizations work together to connect “direct service” provision to broader policy change for the benefit of vulnerable NM families?*

The proposed work will take our collaborative to the next level, incorporating a new component of youth development and engagement, and building our overall collective capacity to achieve our vision. We envision a year of building our knowledge and skills around early childhood advocacy, becoming more informed and aware of the challenges and opportunities families and providers encounter in our community, testing our knowledge and skills by hosting one or more policy forums, and participating in an ongoing developmental evaluation. At the end of the year, we intend to have created a plan to apply all that we have learned to influence policies and effective systemic change. See the addendum for a brief description of proposed activities.

### **Action Team Reports**

- **Information & Resources.** Michelle Melendez, the City’s new Director of the Office of Inclusion and Diversity, is interested in creating family information hubs in city locations, e.g., child development centers and community centers. Wendy delivered a “hub tub” with information provided at the meeting to Michelle on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Michelle reports that the City will be able to duplicate information that we provide to place in the new hubs. We hope to schedule a meeting with Michelle at some point to discuss how we can support this new city initiative
- **Relationships & Network.** The City has also launched its One ABQ initiative with a service challenge by Mayor Tim Keller and First Lady Liz Keller. The Kellers invite organizations and individuals throughout the city to engage in a community service project that connects youth and elders in our community and then challenge others to do the same. The goal is to have projects that reflect our city’s creativity, diversity, and needs. More information is at the One ABQ website: <http://www.cabq.gov/service>. **Do we want to join the challenge – as a group, or as individual members?**

**Tour of Toy Lending Library.** The group moved down the hall to tour the Cariño Toy Lending Library, a joint venture between The University of New Mexico’s Cariño Early Childhood TTAP and [CNM’s Early Childhood Multicultural Education program](#). The library offers thousands of educational toys, games, materials, videos, books and other resources for check out at no cost, primarily for early childhood educators and families who have young children. Providers and parents can borrow educational toys for children at no cost. Story times, art activities and identified play space are available for children while providers and parents browse through the library without interruption.

If you missed the tour, you can visit the [website](#) or contact Paloma at (505) 224-5017 or (505) 382-7465 to schedule your own tour.

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May 25, 2018  
Catholic Charities

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The **ACCESS team** lead the introductions with the question: what have you gained from being a part of this South Valley Early Childhood network? Responses included:

- Learning more about what's available and getting that information out to children and families
- Gaining contacts and building connections in the community, which makes our work easier
- Learning to look at people and our community in a strength-based way
- Educating decision-makers – and ourselves – about policies that impact children and families
- Sowing “seeds of change” for the South Valley
- Taking action – together

Staff from **Catholic Charities**, our generous hosts, introduced us to the range of services they provide. Their “house with a heart” encompasses six centers of excellence.

- Children's Learning Center
- Center for Educational Opportunity
- Center for Self-Sufficiency (Housing Assistance)
- Center for Immigration and Citizenship (Legal Assistance)
- Center for Refugee Support
- Center for Community Involvement

For more information, check their website: <http://www.ccasfnm.org/>

**Claire Dudley Chavez**, who grew up in the South Valley and is a graduate of Rio Grande High School, is the new Senior Education Advisor for Education for the City of Albuquerque, with a focus on children and families. She reports that the City's early childhood program includes child development centers, preschool programs and Early Head Start programs. The City has been talking about starting a home visiting program. The City's community centers offer out-of-school time programming. Mayor Keller speaks of “one Albuquerque” with services for all our children, and hopes to double the access to learning opportunities via RFPs from nonprofit agencies. Claire is working to get the word out on those opportunities for families and invites conversation about what families want and need.

**Action on Action Teams.** Before breaking into small groups to strategize about how we can move our action teams into action, Catherine Roth encouraged us all to “lengthen your stride.” We don't have to try to do everything, but instead find a project or group that would fit into the work already doing and move it forward, in collaboration with others on the team.

### **Advocacy and Awareness Team Report:**

- Do a case study – highlight a family’s struggles (immigration, homelessness, etc.); tell a impactful story that could motivate change.
- Invite presenters to talk about programs, for example, Maggie Hart Stebbins to talk about Bernalillo County programs.
- Site visits to various programs and to learn what is offered.
- Invite families to the SVECG meetings.
- Inform parents through Parent Centers, public places (e.g., Smiths or other grocery stores); go where families are at.
- Align policies relating to home child care centers between city, county and state; sponsor a CYFD information session on licensing, registration, certification, etc.
- Invite a presentation by CYFD Child Protective Services on how they are working with families, community partners, and advocates toward family preservation.

### **Resource and Information Team Report**

**Goal:** To learn and share up-to-date resources with each other; become experts at finding and sharing information, resources, services and events with families.

#### **Strategies/Actions**

- Use SHARE Resource Directory: update your organization’s information and learn how to search and share resource information with others.
- Teach other organizations how to find/share information with families.
- Post events on the SHARE calendars
- Use social media: share postings, tweets, etc., from other organization to extend the reach of information. se phone and/or text messages;
- Explore apps that could be used to provide reminders about meetings, events, etc.
- SHARE is developing a notification system for new information posted on the website.
- Share your information at Hubs (physical hubs and our “traveling hub tub”).
- Hub Tub: insert a list of contents with a brief description or set of keywords for the organizations included; organize and secure the contents.
- Develop an electronic library of resources (SHARE New Mexico and CNM can work together on this).
- Establish new Hubs at early childhood education centers; community centers and other city/county locations; grocery stores

#### **Resources:**

- SVECG membership: everyone bring information items to distribute to monthly meetings or to the South Valley Economic Development, where the traveling hub tub resides.
- Provide more tubs or other containers for the materials
- Help keep physical hubs restocked with information
- Help develop new sites for hubs (City of Albuquerque?)

### **Networking, Collaborations, Relationships Team Report**

- Update our communication strategies; there are better ways to communicate with younger folks – text to phone or FaceBook
- We want to know more about the concerns of young people/families.
  - young people in separated families;
  - young people are aging out of current support systems; further complicated if not citizens.
  - What do we need to do that we’re not doing now?

- Need dedicated staff to follow up on what emerges from these discussions
- Develop plans to address specific community needs – like those mentioned above.
- Sustainability needs to be addressed; how do we keep things going?
- If the planning grant comes through, we want to discuss having advisory group with stipends, a range of groups that includes families with young parents and teen parents and/or young people on their own accessing services

### **Collaboration Zone Grant**

Three funders – Thornburg, Santa Fe Community Foundation, and McCune Foundation – are collaborating on grants to support and test collaboration addressing different questions posed by the funders. More information available here: <https://sharenm.org/nm-grants>

The SVECG Planning Team suggests that our group is well positioned to apply to address a question posed by McCune: How might organizations work together to connect “direct services” to broader policy change for the benefit of NM families? We are relatively unique in that our collaboration has already connected direct service with policy – all on a volunteer basis.

McCune will award five \$25,000 1-year planning grants, followed by three \$100,000 3-year implementation grants.

\$100,000 per year – 2 year implementation grant

3 funders collaborating

There must be at least three collaborating organizations.

Possibilities items to be part of the planning grant

- Interpretation
- “Hubs” with in-person staff to demonstrate how collaborations can directly reach families by consolidating information and providing families easier access to information. Could have community resource person in the waiting rooms who could meet with families and provide help.
- Could be innovative by seeking input from different advisory groups to find out what needs to be done (see Networking Group report above)
- Office space and supplies
- Coordinator to help with logistics of the SVECG, supporting the all-volunteer effort to date.

### **DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL: JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**Please respond if you/your organization:**

- **Could serve as submitting organization;** the submitting organization must be a 501(c)(3) with a track record, and can submit only one grant to the various Collaborative Zone grant opportunities.
- **Would be a collaborating organization;** any organization, including our SVECG members, and can participate in more than one Collaborative Zone grant opportunity.
- **Can help write the grant.** Send us your name and email, and we'll find a time to get together.

### **Announcements**

- Health and Wellness Circus and Cooking for Health Class at SV Health Commons. Contact Juan Lopez, [Juan.Lopez@fcch.com](mailto:Juan.Lopez@fcch.com)

- Convoy of Hope will be coming to Albuquerque bringing food, clothes and job placement services (resumes); volunteers are needed. Contact Chrissy Jeter, at Western Heights, ECE, [chrissy@westernheightsabq.org](mailto:chrissy@westernheightsabq.org)
- Western Heights is also having a free market for the community – clothes, food, shoes. Contact Chrissy Jeter, at Western Heights, ECE, [chrissy@westernheightsabq.org](mailto:chrissy@westernheightsabq.org)
- The nation's first TEDX in Spanish will be on June 19 at Atrisco Heritage High School. If you need English translation, bring your phone and headphones to plug into translation services. Contact Francisco Ronquillo, [fronquillo@salud.unm.edu](mailto:fronquillo@salud.unm.edu)
- The Farm Bill is under consideration by the U.S. Congress with serious implications for the SNAP (food stamps) program. Check the Feeding America website [Press Room](#) to keep updated.

**Planning Team Meeting, Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30, South Valley Economic Development Center – All welcome!**

**Next Monthly Meeting, Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Noon-2:00. Place to be determined.**

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April 26, 2018  
South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center

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### **Recap of March Convening**

Patty Emord led a review of the March 22 Convening, attended by 85 colleagues representing 60 organizations working to support young children and families in the South Valley. Our purpose was to raise awareness, build relationships and support each other's work to ensure best outcomes for the South Valley's young children and families.

What did you gain from the convening?

- Connections with colleagues
- More resources for moms
- Overwhelming numbers (of people you want to connect with or meet). Got to exchange information with those at my table – which was valuable – but not with those across the room.

What have you done since then?

- Set up meetings with new connections.
- Mutual referrals.
- Tours

What makes it worth your while to stay with the initiative?

- Individual organizations aren't alone. There are others out there to work together with.
- Occasional convenings (quarterly?) make it easier to get together and network.
- Schedule in networking time, arrange to meet different people
- Expand the invite list – make sure smaller groups/organizations show up
- Educate policy makers – raise awareness of who we, what we are doing and what are issues are.
- Convening Format suggestions:
  - Each convening has a clear purpose and focus
  - Focus on a particular resource/topic
  - Provide food and interpretation services.

### **Moving Forward**

The convening produced a number of ways that we can move forward together for South Valley's children and families. These fell into three broad strategies. Participants were asked to provide ideas for specific actions to advance these strategies and to indicate their willingness to work on these strategies.

- Increasing Awareness and Advocacy
- Sharing Resource Information
- Building Relationships and Collaborations

*See Attachment A for suggestions and sign-ups.*

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Plus:

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- Getting up, moving around, meeting people

Change:

- Acoustics
- Provide interpretation

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 24, 2018, noon to 2:00 P.M. at Catholic Charities, 2010 Bridge Blvd SW, Albuquerque 87105.**

## ATTACHMENT A

### South Valley Early Childhood Group Strategy Team Suggestions and Sign-ups

#### Advocacy & Awareness:

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#### Resource Information:

Directory, Information Hubs, Resource Lists, Professional Development

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- Tom Scharmen, NMCDC
- Brenda Garcia, 505-252-8850, [bgarcia@unm.edu](mailto:bgarcia@unm.edu) – NMKids R&R/Pulltogether
- Wendy Wintermute – [wendy@sharenm.org](mailto:wendy@sharenm.org)
- Molly Grady (parent education) 505-280-4701, [mmlwow@aol.com](mailto:mmlwow@aol.com)
- Elma A. Garcia, 505-224-3605, [egarcia312@cnm.edu](mailto:egarcia312@cnm.edu)
- Marissa Johnson, [marssa.johnson@rffb.org](mailto:marssa.johnson@rffb.org) – Families/individuals needing food stamps and food resources.
- [Sally@westernheightsabq.org](mailto:Sally@westernheightsabq.org)
- Cooperativa Korimi

#### Networking, Relationships, and Collaborations

- Julie Stephens
- Wendy Wintermute

Communication

- Juan Abeyta – use multiple platforms for communication (i.e. email, social media, etc.) to reach broadest range of community”
- Tom Scharmen – NM Community Data Collaborative shares data and trains non-profits to use it
- Korimi: Can we communicate directly with the community? Hear what folks are saying; contribute to discussions

Referral Network:

- Jane Guevara, 505-633-2684, [jguevara.access@gmail.com](mailto:jguevara.access@gmail.com)
- Case study panel to explore solutions with families with small children
- ACCESS Navigators



- Resource panel for solutions
- Molly Grady, 505-280-4701, [mmlwow@aol.com](mailto:mmlwow@aol.com) – shared training and education

Collaborative Grants:

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
from the  
South Valley Network Convening for Young Children and Families  
March 22, 2018

On March 22, 2018, 85 colleagues from 60 organizations met at the first South Valley Network Convening at the First Choice Community Health Center – South Valley. Our purpose was to raise awareness, build relationships and support each other’s work to ensure best outcomes for the South Valley’s young children and families. In our lively and dynamic discussions, we learned about each other, found common ground and explored what we can do together. We’ve provided highlights from our discussion below.

*Keep the momentum going! Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 2:00 PM at the South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW. Bring your lunch and join us as we chart a path forward.*

### **Highlights from the Convening**

#### ***What more is needed to support South Valley’s Young Children and Families?***

We need system wide changes that increase access to resources and opportunities through:

- Better knowledge and awareness of the available services and ways to access these resources;
- More shared information and better communication among service providers and families; and,
- More and better connections, such as centralized referral systems and more wrap-around services.

Presently the system lacks the capacity to meet the community’s needs in:

- Health and dental care, nutrition, and behavioral health;
- Programs that support families such as childcare, parenting classes, homework help, out-of-school time programs and multi-generational programs;
- Providing adequate housing and transportation;
- Providing paths out of poverty with basic income and economic stability.

Capacity building is needed across the system at both the individual and organizational levels with:

- Professional development for service providers;
- More Spanish-speaking professionals to meet client needs;
- Increased organizational capacity to seek and diversify funding sources;
- More effective use of data to improve services, prove outcomes, and gain resources; and,
- Skills and opportunities to advocate together for policy changes.

## ***Our next steps? What can we do moving forward?***

Build networks of care by increasing access to information:

- Sharing shared resource information, lists and directories;
- Communicating, networking, building and expanding relationships with community partners and agencies; and,
- Expanding our network by sharing information – challenges, but also successes – via platforms such as SHARE New Mexico, social media, email lists, newsletters, and by reaching out to the public.

Engage in more advocacy by:

- Collecting data about the South Valley needs and assets;
- Sharing this information with the policy makers;
- Approaching City, School District, County and State government officials with a more unified and stronger voice with and for South Valley's families.



## INFORME Y PUNTOS CLAVES

Convocatoria del South Valley Network para niños y sus familias  
22 de marzo de 2018

El 22 de marzo de 2018, 85 colegas de 60 organizaciones se reunieron en la primera reunión del South Valley Network en el First Choice Community Health Center - South Valley. Nuestro objetivo era crear conciencia, construir relaciones y apoyar el trabajo de los demás para garantizar mejores resultados para los niños y las familias del South Valley. En nuestras animadas y dinámicas discusiones, aprendimos unos de otros, encontramos un terreno común y exploramos lo que podemos hacer juntos. A continuación, proporcionamos aspectos destacados de nuestra discusión.

*¡Mantenga el impulso! Únase a nosotros para nuestra próxima reunión el jueves, 26 de abril, desde el mediodía hasta las 2:00 p.m. en el South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW. Traiga su almuerzo y únase a nosotros mientras trazamos un camino hacia adelante.*

### **Aspectos destacados de la Convocatoria:**

#### **1) ¿Qué más se necesita para apoyar a los niños y las familias del South Valley?**

Necesitamos cambios en todo el sistema que aumenten el acceso a recursos y oportunidades a través de:

- Mejor conocimiento y conocimiento de los servicios disponibles y las formas de acceder a estos recursos
- Más información compartida y mejor comunicación entre los proveedores de servicios y las familias
- Más y mejores conexiones, como sistemas de referencia centralizados y más servicios integrales.

En la actualidad, el sistema carece de la capacidad para satisfacer las necesidades de la comunidad en:

- Cuidado de salud y dental, nutrición y salud del comportamiento
- Programas que apoyan a las familias, tales como cuidado de niños, clases para padres, ayuda con la tarea, programas de tiempo fuera de la escuela y programas multigeneracionales
- Proporcionar vivienda y transporte adecuados
- Proporcionar caminos para salir de la pobreza con ingresos básicos y estabilidad económica.

Se necesita desarrollo de capacidades en todo el sistema tanto a nivel individual como organizacional con:

- Desarrollo profesional para proveedores de servicios

- Más profesionales de habla hispana para satisfacer las necesidades del cliente
- Aumento de la capacidad organizativa para buscar y diversificar las fuentes de financiación
- Uso más efectivo de los datos para mejorar los servicios, probar los resultados y obtener recursos
- Habilidades y oportunidades para abogar juntos por cambios de política.

## 2) ¿Cuáles son uestros próximos pasos? ¿Qué podemos hacer avanzando?

Construir redes de cuidado aumentando el acceso a la información:

- Compartir información de recursos compartidos, listas y directories
- Comunicando, estableciendo redes, creando y expandiendo relaciones con socios y agencias de la comunidad
- Expandir nuestra red mediante el intercambio de información (desafíos, pero también éxitos) a través de plataformas como SHARE New Mexico, redes sociales, listas de correo electrónico, boletines informativos y al acercarse al público.

Participar en más incidencia por:

- Recopilación de datos sobre las necesidades y activos de South Valley
- Compartir esta información con los responsables de las políticas
- Acercarse a los funcionarios de la:
  - Ciudad
  - Distrito Escolar
  - Condado
  - Gobierno Estatal
  - Todo projectado con una voz más unida y más fuerte para todas las familias del South Valle



South Valley Early Childhood Group  
January 25, 2018  
Los Padillas Community Center  
2117 Los Padillas Rd SW 87105

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### **CNM Ingenuity** [CNMingenuity.org](http://CNMingenuity.org)

Michael Green, Outreach Director for CNM Ingenuity, provided an overview of their program components, which include the following.

- Deep Dive coding bootcamps: 12 week workshops to train a new generation of coder. A Kellogg grant provides funding to enable low-income, single parents from the South Valley to attend. If your organization/business needs a web developer, consider hiring a Deep Dive Intern.
- FUSE Makerspace at InnovateABQ, 101 Broadway (RR tracks and Central). Build things. Equipment is provided; bring your own supplies. Fee varies from \$20-100. Bring your own supplies. Some workshops are open for kids, e.g., print an ugly t-shirt; build a present or holiday ornament. [fusemakerspace.com](http://fusemakerspace.com).
- Ignite Community Accelerator for small businesses, pre-ventures and early start-ups. FREE. Provides a mentor/coach.
- IT Apprenticeship Program

### South Valley Network Convening

- When: March 22, noon to 2:30
- Where: First Choice Community Health Commons
- Why: (1) get to know about each other; (2) begin to build relationships; (3) find common ground to work together.

### Update on APS Connection

- The Principal Tour was a success. We followed up with emails to all participants. Amanda Reyes, from Valle Vista ES, has the largest preschool hub in the South Valley. She'll work on getting more APS attendance at our meetings.
- We can offer schools resources from this group for workshops, speakers bureau
- Work with this group to advocate with the school board and other policy-makers.

### Announcements

- CNM Mentor Network- highly qualified teachers offer classroom training and support to mentor other ECE teachers. Orientation in August. Mentors need to have an AA degree and some experience teaching. Contact Jan Winslow, [jwinslow2@cnm.edu](mailto:jwinslow2@cnm.edu)
- CNM ECE Bilingual Program will be offering a summer intensive for those working towards an alternative teacher licensure (a 1.5 year program). Contact Sobi Toledo, [stoledo31@cnm.edu](mailto:stoledo31@cnm.edu)

- First Choice cooking classes start Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 10-12. FREE. Bilingual. The class prepares 3 recipes with samples; health talk around nutrition and health; children's health and wellness activities at the same time. Walking for health precedes certain cooking classes, starting with 1/2-mile children's walk with Air Dance NM.
- First Choice offers free lunch daily during the school year at the clinic; arrive at 11:00 and inquire at the information desk, come in at 11:00. Agricultura Network and La ACN CSA provide organic produce. Contact Juan Lopez, [Juan\\_Lopez@fcch.com](mailto:Juan_Lopez@fcch.com)
- June 23 the Convoy of Hope will be bringing in \$1 million of resources to the ABQ Convention Center. They are recruiting volunteers to help, including ECE staff with background checks to provide childcare. Contact Missy Padilla, [missyypadilla@msn.com](mailto:missyypadilla@msn.com)
- Valle Vista PreK has highly qualified teachers for 120-130 students with developmental delays in their 6 DD classes and 1 social communication class. Contact Amanda Reyes, [viltrakis@aps.edu](mailto:viltrakis@aps.edu)
- Explora and the Toy Lending Library are offering 3 workshops with parents. Families must commit to all 3 classes and get a free membership to Explora upon completion. Contact Tara Henderson, [thenderson@explora.us](mailto:thenderson@explora.us)

#### Meeting Evaluation

##### Plus:

- new folks joining us, including APS
- New resources, presentation
- Parking
- Good facility support
- Abundance of announcements, resources, amazing!

##### Changes

- Thumping noise? From next door senior gathering



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### **SHARE New Mexico ([ShareNM.org](http://ShareNM.org))**

Wendy Wintermute provided an overview of the updated SHARE New Mexico community information website, including a brief look at the sections for Grants & Funding, Social Initiatives, Counties (including the South Valley), and the Resource Directory. Anyone can access the information on these pages, but to contribute information, including information about your organization/program, community events, or “breaking news,” you must register (free) and log in.

Our South Valley Early Childhood Group has a page on the SHARE Website, located via the South Valley page or here: <https://sharenm.org/svecg> . We want to update the Participant List and create a Resource Directory of programs serving children and families in the South Valley. Make sure your organization or program is on this list, with updated information:

1. Log into SHARE New Mexico ([ShareNM.org](http://ShareNM.org))
2. Find your organization by typing in the name in the Key Words Section
3. Click on your entry in the search results field to look at your profile.
4. Click on the Edit icon (pencil) to review, update, and save changes to your organizational profile.

Questions? Suggestions? Contact [Wendy@ShareNM.org](mailto:Wendy@ShareNM.org) or [Karen@ShareNM.org](mailto:Karen@ShareNM.org)

### **Update on 2018 Legislation**

The SHARE homepage has a link to upcoming legislation relating to Early Childhood and SHARE’s other initiative areas. There are resolutions to fund early childhood education in NM and to create a new Dept for Early Childhood, among others. You can access this at [ShareNM.org](http://ShareNM.org) or here:

<https://sharenm.org/library/track-2018-nm-legislation>. Send suggestions for additional legislation to track to [Wendy@ShareNM.org](mailto:Wendy@ShareNM.org)

### **Update on the City of Albuquerque Transition**

Julie Stephens reports that 22 teams have been working on various aspects involved in transitioning to our new city administration. A public forum is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, from 1:00-5:00 PM at the Civic Center to garner community input. **Space is limited.**

RSVP at <http://www.cabq.gov/mayor/community-engagement/transition-capstone-event-rsvp>

### **Casa Fortaleza**

Cecilia Parra-Torres provided information on Casa Fortaleza

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## **South Valley Convening for Children and Families**

Patty Emord reported on planning efforts around convening organizations and networks that support children and families in the South Valley. The objectives are:

- I. Describe the South Valley Early Childhood Group: Why Early Childhood? Why the South Valley? What we do and why we do what we do?
- II. Learn more about other organizations and groups serving the South Valley: Who are you? What do you do to improve the lives of South Valley children and Families?
- III. What *might* we do together going forward: Are there some obvious linkages among those present? Are there potential partnerships and collaborations among organizations and networks?
- IV. Commit to meeting again to carry on the dialogue and craft action.

The group brainstormed re: what would make this a success ?

- It results in concrete actions that make a difference for kids;
- We identify community needs;
- Participants gain information for our own organizations and those we serve;
- We make connections with other groups;
- We may find partners for collaborative efforts.

Next steps: If you would like to help with planning this convening, please come to the SVECG Planning Team Meeting on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30 at the South Valley Economic Development Center.

## **Announcements – ANY?**

### **Meeting Evaluation**

#### **Plus:**

- Lots of information
- Great participation
- Willing interpreters
- Good turnout, with new and returning folks

#### **Delta/Change**

- Noise level
- Room set up
- Let it snow!

I. Who are we?

Why Early Childhood?

Why the South Valley?

What we do and why we do what we do?

Supporting Data: System of Systems  
Framework (SOS) , ECAP data, and focus on  
ACEs

**SVECG Convening of  
Organizations that  
serve the South Valley**

***We all want a better  
community!***

IV. Who will agree to  
commit to another  
meeting (i.e., the next  
monthly SVECG  
meeting or another  
special meeting)?

II. Who are you? What do you  
do to improve the lives of  
South Valley children and  
Families? How does your  
organization fit into the SOS  
framework and focus on ACEs?

III. What ***might*** we do together going  
forward? Are there some obvious  
linkages among those present? Are there  
potential partnerships and collaborations  
among organizations and networks?

I. ¿Quiénes somos?  
¿Por qué la primera infancia?  
¿Por qué South Valley?  
¿Qué hacemos y por qué hacemos lo que  
hacemos? Datos de respaldo: Sistema de Marco  
de Sistemas (SOS), datos de ECAP y enfoque en  
ACE

**SVECG Convocatoria  
de organizaciones que  
prestan servicios en  
South Valley  
¡Todos queremos una  
mejor comunidad!**

IV. ¿Quién aceptará comprometerse con otra reunión (es decir, la próxima reunión mensual de SVECG u otra reunión especial)?

II. ¿Quién eres tú? ¿Qué haces para mejorar las vidas de los niños y las familias de South Valley? ¿Cómo encaja su organización en el marco SOS y se centra en las ACE?

III. ¿Qué podríamos hacer juntos en el futuro? ¿Hay algunos vínculos obvios entre los presentes? ¿Existen posibles asociaciones y colaboraciones entre organizaciones y redes?