

MCKINLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE

2026 PROJECT PRIORITIES

NM Behavioral Health Reform & Investment Act (BHRIA) - Senate Bill 3 (2025)

In the 2025 NM Legislative Session, SB 3, the NM Behavioral Health Reform & Invest Act (BHRIA), was passed to comprehensively reform New Mexico's behavioral health system. This legislation promotes a regional approach, requiring collaboration among all government branches to create an integrated, community-centered care continuum. Each region will identify up to five behavioral health priorities and seek funding for a four-year plan, emphasizing teamwork among local organizations, tribal and county health councils, healthcare agencies, and government officials to expand behavioral health services in New Mexico.

MCHA Public Health Internship 2026 & McKinley County Health Profile

In 2024, our health alliance received a three-year unrestricted grant from the New Mexico McCune Foundation, a Multiyear Grant of \$105,000. This funding launched our MCHA Public and Community Health Internship & Health Profile Project, where four interns gained mentorship in Public & Community Health. Collaborating with community partners, they are developing a McKinley County Health Profile that includes health data, sociodemographic information, health status, quality of life, health risk factors, lived experience of community members, and available resources.

New Mexico County and Tribal Health Council State Funding

Tribal and County Health Councils in New Mexico, in collaboration with the NM Alliance of Health Councils, successfully advocated for \$4 million in non-recurring state funds for all health councils in fiscal year 2027. They will continue to seek recurring funding to fulfill their mandated roles within the state's health infrastructure.

Native American Fund Zone Grant - Housing Justice Project

In early 2022, the MCHA received a \$25,000 grant from the Native American Fund Zone for support to unhoused Native American families and its Housing Justice Team. This was followed by two additional grants of \$200,000 each year to enhance support for the unhoused community and improve the team's capacity to address housing instability. The project is expanding its capacity and impact within the community.



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Vision

MCHA envisions a healthy community in which Individual & Family Wellness, Community Wellness, Cultural Respect, Educational Quality, Access to Services, and a Cooperative Spirit are increasingly evident.

Membership

Established in 1998 as a non-hierarchical (shared leadership structured), participatory advocacy organization with open membership.

The MCHA is a working community partnership of individual citizens, groups, service providers and other agencies committed to the Mission and Vision of the Health Alliance

Mission

It is the mission of the McKinley Community Health Alliance to affect and facilitate change in systems that perpetuate health, education, economic, and environmental inequities by engaging individuals and agencies to understand and address the underlying "root" causes of poverty/income inequity, institutional racism and multi-generational trauma.

County Health Council & Community Health Goal

The MCHA & the County Maternal Child Health Council merged in Summer 2004.

Since then the MCHA's focus and definition of "health" has broadened immensely. Our Community Health goal is to enhance the overall quality of life of all McKinley residents to live healthy and productive lives by; improving access to services, identifying resources and funding, increasing networking among community agencies & regional partners to prevent duplication of services, and working collaboratively with the community to understand and address inequities & other 'root' causes in systems as well as work together to change systems for our communities' health.



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