

## **McKinley Community Health Alliance**

“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.”

### **Health Alliance Monthly Meeting**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Online Conference**

### **MINUTES**

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11am online via the Zoom online conferencing platform.

The following people/entities were present:

Christopher Hudson (he#him#his)—MCHA Coordinator  
Anthony King— Four Corners Detox & Recovery  
Brent J. Crowe—The Community Pantry- Gallup NM  
Camie Nelson—New Mexico Department of Health  
Christina Morris—New Mexico Department of Health  
Colin Moore—ATD Fourth World  
Colleen Roan—McKinley County Early Childhood Ed. Coalition  
Cynthia Killough #she/ella—UNM Health Sciences  
Eirena Begay—MCHA Housing Justice Community Organizer  
Faerl Torres—UNM Office of Community Health  
Francisco J. Ronquillo —UNM Office of Community Health  
Georgene Galanis-Dimas—Gallup Community/Advocate  
Helen Tso—UNM Health Sciences  
Jayme Yancy—New Mexico Social Justice Equity Institute  
Kelly Camden—UNM Office of Community Health  
Lydia Paukei—New Mexico Voices for Children  
Maria Calderon-Rose—McKinley County DWI Program  
Michèl Poindexter—UNM Office of Community Health  
Nicole Lujan—New Mexico Department of Health  
Noreen Kelly—Dine Council of Elders/Hozho Center  
Randy Benally—UNM Health Sciences  
Sarah Minor-Schaeuble—New Mexico Voices for Children  
Surphina Oyebi— New Mexico Department of Health  
Theresa Yazzie—GIMC/Crownpoint IHS/OEH  
Tierra Johnson—New Mexico Legal Aid  
Tyrell Morgan—Youth Shelter & Family Services  
Summer Morez—Sexual Assault Services of NW NM  
Meeksee Tsoataddle-Yatsayte—Navajo Nations Missing Persons Update/Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives  
Christina Hernandez—McKinley County SNAPS-SA  
Vicki Casias—New Mexico Department of Health  
Anita Muneta—MCHA Housing Justice Team/MCHA Core Team  
Debra Martinez—Gallup Behavioral Health  
Janice Peterson—Somos Gallup/MCHA Core Team

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened this month to give space to Faerl Torres, from UNM Office of Community Health, to present on an upcoming collaboration program utilizing Community Health Workers to serve Older Adults in our community. We also held space for Saah Minor-Schaeuble (she/her), and Lydia Paukei, both from New Mexico Voices for Children. Sarah and Lydia presented on upcoming community outreach training(s) they would like to partner with our Health Council and community to hold. Finally, we held space for our regular partners updates & community announcements, openly made by those present and in the chat log.

Meeting Notes Pending

Thank You! - Ahéhee' - Gracias – Elahkwa

## Zoom Chat Log

11:19:56 From Faerl Torres to Everyone:  
Faerl Torres | UNM OCH | faemae@unm.edu

11:20:20 From TAYazzie to Everyone:  
Theresa Yazzie, District Injury Prevention Specialist, Crownpoint/Gallup IHS OEH

11:20:31 From Francisco J Ronquillo to Everyone:  
Francisco J Ronquillo (UNM OCH) fronquillo@salud.unm.edu

11:20:32 From Maria.CalderonRose to Everyone:  
Maria Calderon-Rose -McKinley County DWI

11:20:41 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:  
Cynthia Killough, Community Engagement Liaison, UNM Health Sciences CTSC

11:20:42 From Sarah Minor-Schaeuble, NM Voices to Everyone:  
Hi, everyone. Sarah Minor-Schaeuble, Outreach and Community Relations Manager with NM Voices for Children.

11:20:46 From Kelly Camden to Everyone:  
Kelly Camden, UNM Office for Community Health

11:20:50 From Michèl Poindexter (they/them) to Everyone:  
Michèl Poindexter UNM OCH mdpoindexter@salud.unm.edu

11:20:54 From Brent J Crowe to Everyone:  
Brent J Crowe programs@thecommunitypantry.org The Community Pantry

11:21:06 From AnthonyKing to Everyone:  
Anthony King.

11:21:19 From Colleen Roan to Everyone:  
Colleen Roan, Coordinator-McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition.

11:21:25 From Colin M to Everyone:  
Colin Moore Volunteer Corp Member at ATD fourth world

11:21:44 From AnthonyKing to Everyone:  
Anthony King, MAT Coordinator, Four Corners Recovery.

11:22:07 From Randy Benally - UNM HSC to Everyone:  
Randy Benally, Tribal Community Liaison, UNM HSC CTSC.  
ranbenally@salud.unm.edu

11:22:12 From Noreen Kelly, BHPC, LC 15 CHAIR to Everyone:  
Noreen Kelly, Local Collaborative 15, NMBHC member

11:22:15 From Tierra Johnson to Everyone:  
Tierra Johnson |New Mexico Legal Aid| tierra@nmlegalaid.org

11:22:43 From Lydia Paukei (paw-key-eye), she/her, NM Voices to Everyone:  
Lydia Paukei, Policy Counsel, NM Voices

11:23:11 From Jayme Yancy to Everyone:  
Jayme Yancy, NMSJEI , jayme.yancy@gmail.com

11:23:32 From Christina Morris, éi|She|Her to Everyone:  
Christina Morris, Health Promotion Specialist, NMDOH/PHD NW Region.

11:26:33 From Randy Benally - UNM HSC to Everyone:  
There's an echo on your end

11:54:23 From Kelly Camden to Everyone:  
Health Extension Regional Offices

11:57:29 From Kelly Camden to Everyone:

We know that Community Health Worker role may be filled by CHRs

11:58:20 From Kelly Camden to Everyone:

Please be sure to include your ideas in the survey!

12:00:04 From Christopher Hudson (he, him, his) to Everyone:

<https://forms.gle/nECg9NJwrHsRxCYi6>

12:00:12 From Christopher Hudson (he, him, his) to Everyone:

Community Health Council Older Adult Population Survey

12:03:19 From Christopher Hudson (he, him, his) to Everyone:

14 brief questions

12:03:33 From Faerl Torres to Everyone:

faemae@unm.edu

12:04:36 From Kelly Camden to Everyone:

I'm sorry, I have another meeting now. Thanks Everyone! Have a great day!

12:23:41 From Lydia Paukei (paw-key-eye), she/her, NM Voices to Everyone:

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12:29:55 From Michèl Poindexter (they/them) to Everyone:

My apologies, I have another meeting I must switch over too. I appreciate getting to be here, I hope everyone has a fantastic day!

12:29:59 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:

This was a great activity- thank you

12:30:19 From Colleen Roan to Everyone:

Loved the activity!

12:35:12 From Randy Benally - UNM HSC to Everyone:

Thank you for the presentation

12:35:24 From Sarah Minor-Schaeuble, NM Voices to Everyone:

Thank you for having us!

12:35:31 From Faerl Torres to Everyone:

Thank you for having us!

12:40:31 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

I'm interested in outreach with catholic charities.

12:45:37 From Jayme Yancy to Everyone:

I have to hop off. Thank you

12:46:54 From Francisco J Ronquillo to Everyone:

Pardon me, I have to prepare for my next zoom. It was as pleasure to join you health council meeting

13:01:10 From Meskee Yatsayte NNMPU/MMDR to Everyone:

Meskee Tsoatdaddle-Yatsayte

Founder of Navajo Nation Missing Persons Updates

Co Founder/Co Chair of Missing & Murdered Diné Relatives Coalition (MMDR)

Community Board Member of Navajo Nation Council- Missing & Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force (MMDRTF)

Member of New Mexico MMIWR Task Force/

Member of Colorado Department of Public Safety Community Volunteer Advisory Board of

The Office of the Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (OMMIR)  
NNMPU1@gmail.com  
505-593-2648

13:02:05 From Camie Nelson to Everyone:  
Health Equity Specialist Opportunity (smartsheet.com)

DOH is hiring :) a contract position for McKinley County Pubic Health office

# Health Equity & Social Connectedness for Older Adults

A Partner HERO + CHW Program  
funded by Aging and Long-term  
Services Department

Faerl “Fae” Torres, MFA



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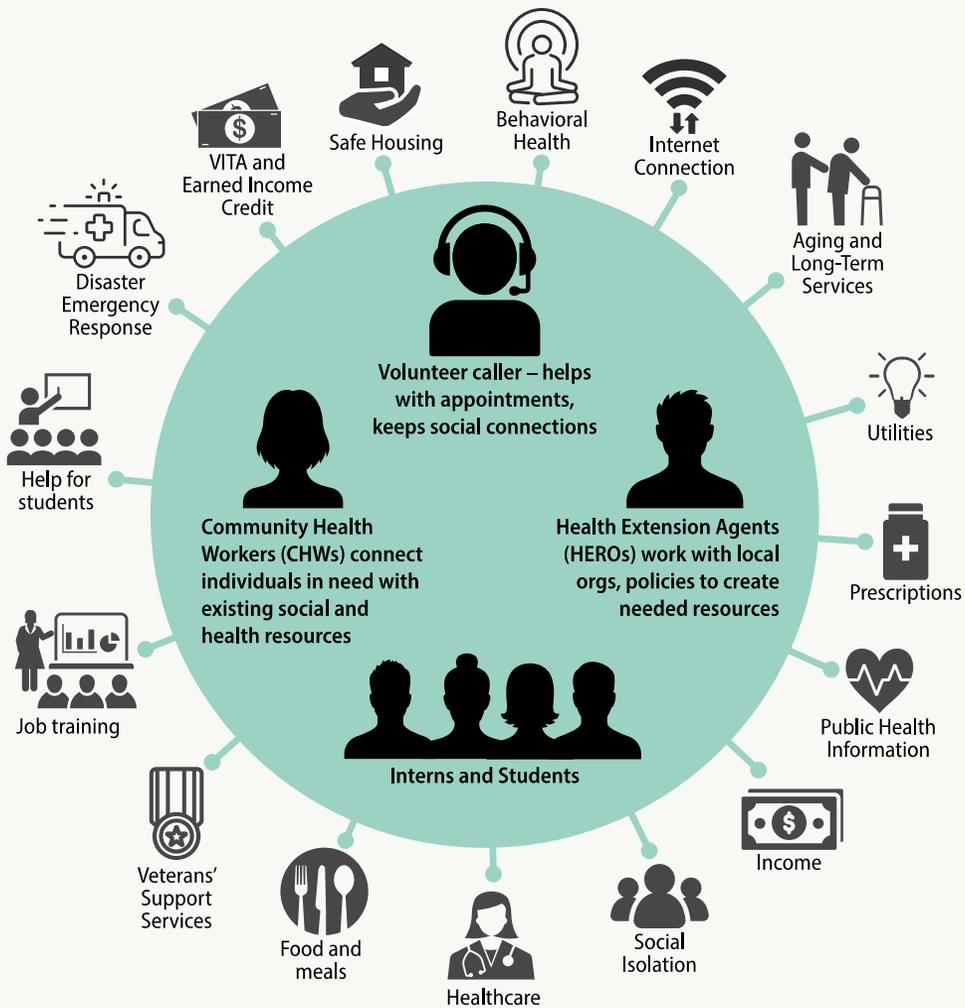
# Overview

- The Health Equity and Social Connectedness for Older Adults Program seeks to generate deep community impacts in the Older Adult Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) landscape—through the Partner HERO + CHW model of community-level integration of service. This program will place Partner HEROs with Community Health Workers (CHW) in Senior Centers, local agencies, and/or non-profits among rural and semi-rural populations in McKinley, Valencia, and Lea Counties.
- ~70% of older adults experience adverse SDOH, which have a far greater impact on health outcomes than medical care. One of the most devastating SDOH among older adults is isolation and loneliness, a problem exacerbated in rural New Mexico where social determinants resources are most lacking and difficult to access. Concurrently, about 50% of adults discharged from hospitals are 65-years of age or older making this an important area to target and a planned focus of this program.
- Partner HEROs and Community Health Workers will target such unmet rural resource needs as volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) sites, public transportation, social connection and cohesion, remote/in-home health monitoring, and intervention. It is foundational to this program's objectives and the work of the Aging and Long-term Services Department (ALTSD) and UNM OCH, that this program creates smooth in-lines into the communities being served.
- We will incorporate professional development training to ensure understanding of the unique needs of the older adult population generally, and specific to the communities they'll be serving so they're fully equipped to meet the needs of these clients.



# Community Engagement Model

## Social Determinant Hub in Older Adults Centers



March 2024

# Partner HERO + CHW Dyad Model

**Partner HEROs will be identified in collaboration with respective Regional HEROs.**

- **Partner HEROs will provide guidance and assist in identifying resources to support the CHW, to develop access** to necessary resources and address unmet needs for improving SDOH adversity among older adults.
- Partner HEROs work in collaboration with Regional HEROs who provide additional support and guidance.
- **CHWs engage directly with older adults on site** in the physical space provided by Partner Organizations, and **where needed off site** (e.g. home visits) to meet the needs of clients, to provide services, support, and resources for improving SDOH adversity among Older Adults.



# Training and Education

- Older Adult-specific professional development training
- Digital Literacy and Internet Use training
- SDOH Adversity Among Older Adults Course
  - Community-specific Older Adult Adversity Survey
  - Please complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/nECg9NJwrHsRxCYi6>



# Community Partners

- Partner Organizations will be chosen **based on engagement with Older Adults, accessibility, and ability to provide space**, etc. for the Partner HERO and CHW
- **Area Health Councils**
- **Health Promotion Specialists**



# Partner Organizations

**Partner Organizations will host Partner HEROs and CHWs** on site to serve older adults and facilitate access to necessary social needs and improve social drivers of health. The Partner Organizations will be paid a stipend to cover program costs in exchange for the following:

- Physical space where Partner HEROs and CHWS can serve Older Adults. E.g., Senior Centers or Libraries
- The CHW will hold publicized, regular business hours for service and engagement.
- The Partner Organization will work with the Partner HERO(s) and CHW(s). The Partner HERO and CHW will be staffed through the Partner Organization(s) and funded through the Partner Organization contract to serve Older Adults.
- The Partner Organization(s) will provide supervision and oversight for the Partner HERO(s) and CHW(s) to address barriers to access that will improve SDOH adversity.



# FY25: Phase 2 – Service Implementation

- Train CHWs and Partner HEROs to serve Older Adults
- Begin serving clients to improve SDOH adversity and develop access to previously unavailable resources.
- Create a program model that is easily replicated for state-wide expansion.



# Thank you!

## We are grateful for the opportunity to glean from those in the community.



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# New Mexico Voices for Children

*Improving children's lives through advocacy*

McKinley Community Health Alliance  
May 8, 2024

Sarah Minor-Schaeuble, Outreach & Community Relations Manager  
Lydia Paukei, Policy Counsel



# Our History

New Mexico Voices for Children (NM Voices), a nonpartisan, statewide advocacy organization, was founded in 1987 by a group of pediatricians who wanted to improve the negative conditions that impacted their young patients but could not be treated by medicine alone. While they could treat the symptoms of conditions like poverty, hunger, abuse and neglect, they could not treat the underlying causes. To do that, they needed to change the state policies that allowed those conditions to exist and grow.



# Vision & Mission

## Vision

All New Mexico children and families have equitable opportunities to thrive and to achieve their full potential.

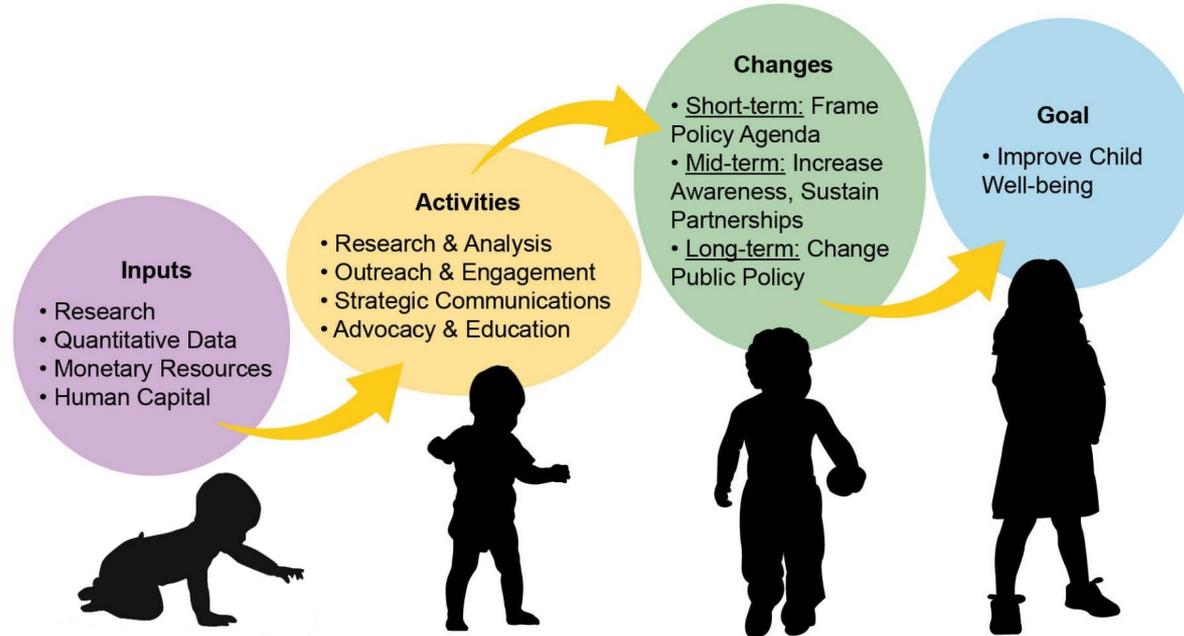
## Mission

To improve the status, well-being and racial and ethnic equity of New Mexico's children, families, and communities in the areas of **health**, **education**, and **family economic security** by promoting public policies through *credible research* and *effective advocacy*.



# Theory of Change

## NM Voices for Children's Theory of Change

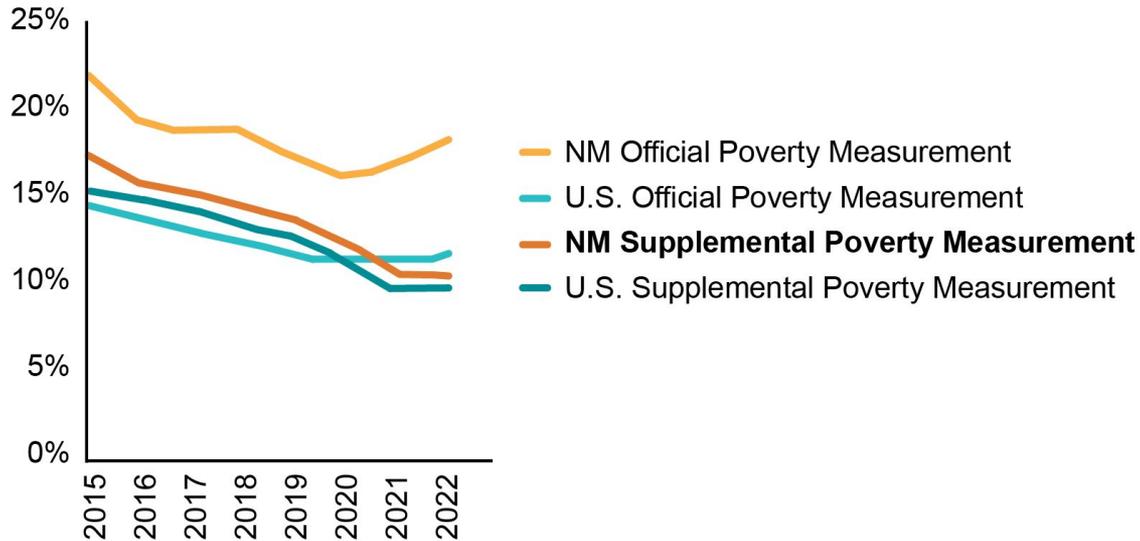


Ethical. Inclusive. Credible. Non-Partisan. Racially and Ethnically Equitable. Fair.

# Effective Policies Improve Poverty

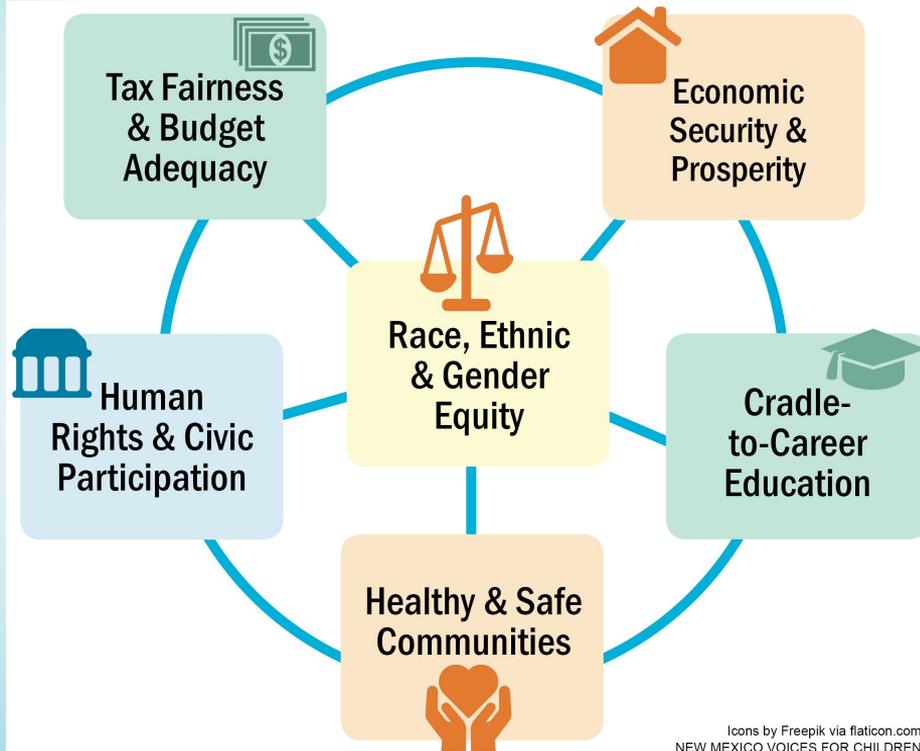
## New Mexico's Supplemental Poverty Rate Has Fallen Dramatically and is Just Above the U.S. Rate

New Mexico and U.S. Supplemental Poverty Measures (3-year averages, 2015-2022)



Source: US Census Bureau via *Stacking of Income Supports Progress Report*, NM LFC, pg. 2  
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# Policy Wheel

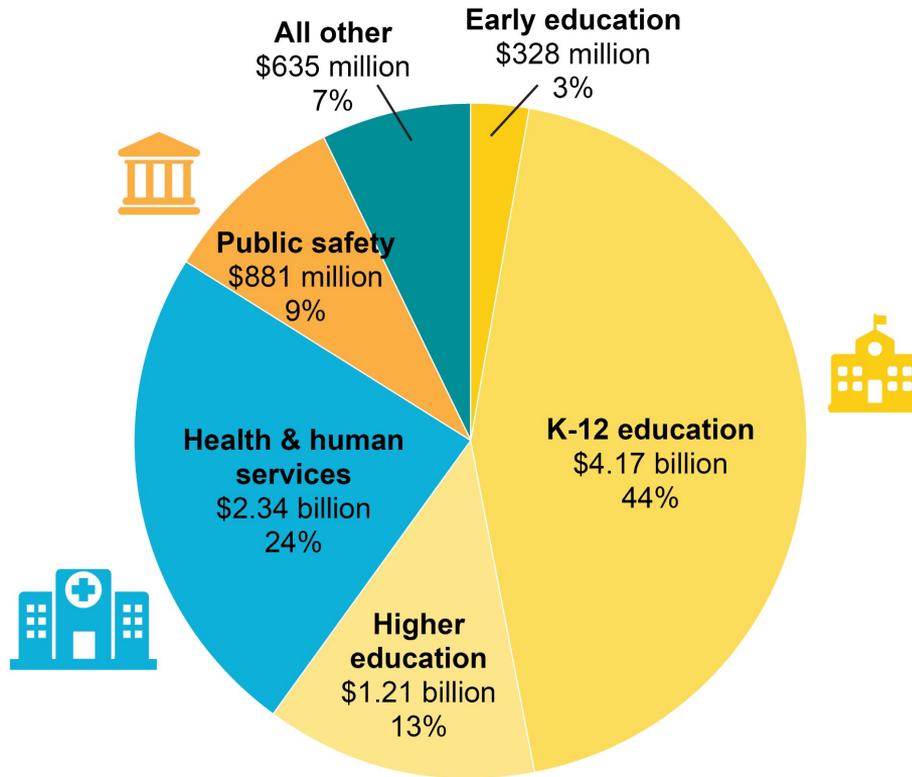


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Because we understand that racial disparities – which are often the result of public policies and structures – overlay all of our issue areas, we consciously undertake efforts that disrupt racially inequitable impacts.

# How New Mexico funds state government

FY2024 General Fund Operating Budget (\$9.57B)



The state budget helps drive our economy because the money flows right into our communities.

The state budget helps our economy by:



paying wages and salaries for teachers, first responders, judges, and others;



purchasing goods like computers, office supplies, squad cars, building materials, and more; and

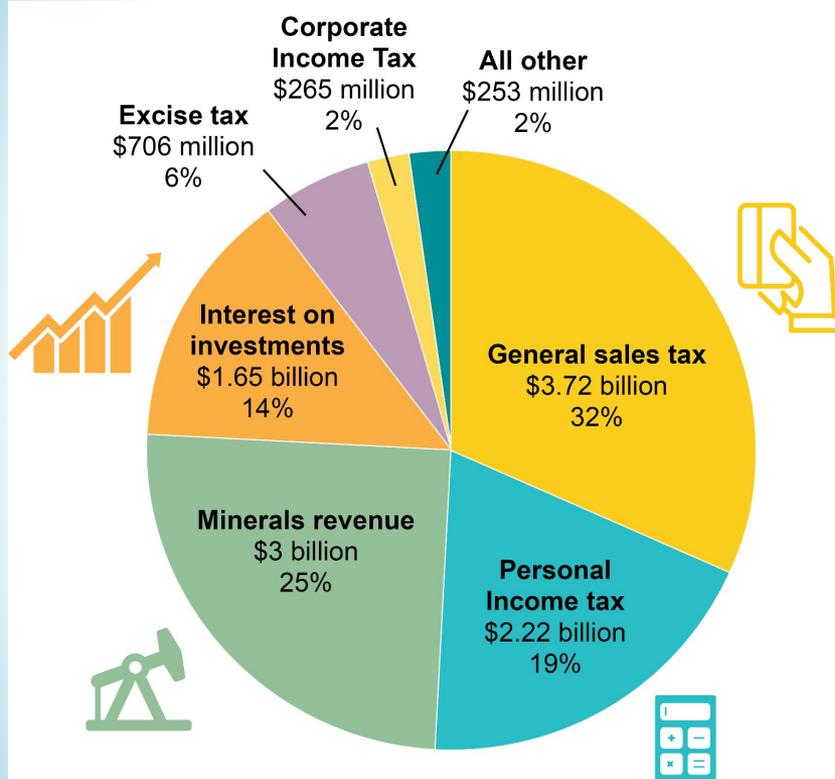


purchasing services like IT, health care, upkeep of state buildings, and more.

Source: *Post-Session Review*, Legislative Finance Committee, 2023

# Where New Mexico gets its revenue

FY2024 estimated general fund revenues



Source: General Fund Consensus Revenue Estimates, December 2022

**General sales taxes** include gross receipts taxes (GRT) and compensating taxes. GRT is levied on most goods and services and is often passed along to the consumer.

**Excise taxes** are also sales taxes, but they are reserved for things like tobacco, liquor, motor vehicles, and telecommunications services.

**Income taxes** include personal income taxes (PIT) and corporate income taxes (CIT). Corporate income taxes are levied on a corporation's net profits.

**Mineral revenues** are collected on crude oil, natural gas, coal, copper, and other hard minerals that are extracted from the ground, as well as rents and royalties from the sale or lease of mineral-producing land.

**Interest on investments** is primarily income derived from investing permanent fund revenue in the stock and bond markets.

**All other** includes gaming revenue from tribal casinos as well as the fees paid on things like registering your car or visiting a state park or museum.

# Recent Policy Wins

- **Tax Fairness:** Working Families Tax Credit, state Child Tax Credit
- **Budget Adequacy:** Federal child care funds eligibility expansion, full funding of Medicaid, K-12 funding increases
- **Economic Security:** Food tax prevention, minimum wage increase, predatory lending abolition, paid sick leave
- **Cradle-to-Career Education:** Land Grant Permanent Fund, Early Childhood Education & Care Department, Opportunity Scholarship increases
- **Healthy & Safe Communities:** Establishing and licensing dental therapists, Medicaid expansions
- **Human Rights & Civic Participation:** State licenses for all qualified drivers, voting rights expansion
- **Racial, Ethnic, & Gender Equity:** Juvenile fines & fees elimination, child care provider wage increases



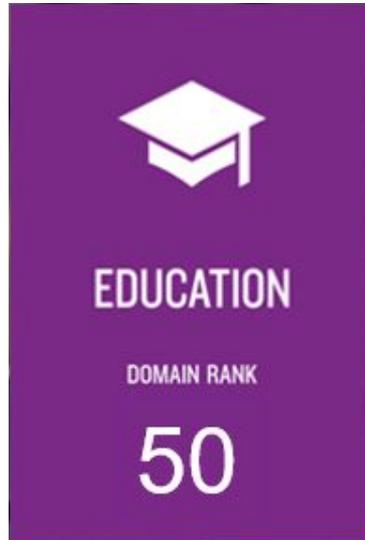
# KIDS COUNT

- KIDS COUNT offers free statistical data about economics, education, and health sorted by race, sex, and age related to child well-being
  - AECF produces annual state rankings based on 16 measures of child well-being
- We use KIDS COUNT to:
  - make policy recommendations;
  - draw attention to racial disparities;
  - educate lawmakers;
  - advocate for policy changes to improve child well-being;
  - provide data for public and partner use; and
  - continuously evaluate policy decisions.

The data don't tell the whole story



# 2023 KIDS COUNT Rankings



New Mexico ranks 50th overall

# Activity

[Jam Board Link](#)



# Thank You!

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