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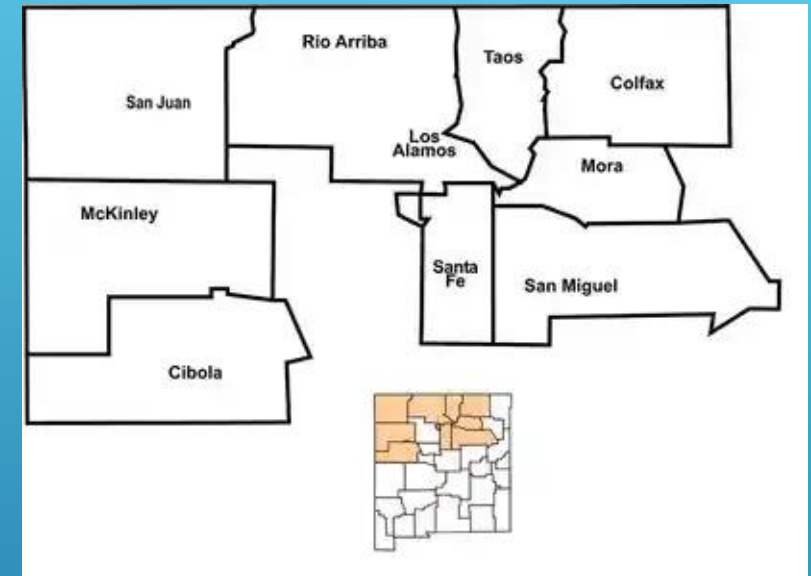
Getting to Know the One-Stop System

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## Message from the board:

The mission of the Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board is to educate and train our workforce to meet the changing needs of Northern New Mexico. We are dedicated to achieving this commitment by designing and implementing a locally-delivered workforce development system which will engage government, business, education and labor to provide the Northern Area with a well-training, highly-skilled, and competitive workforce and to provide a seamless, business-driven system of service delivery that enhances access for all customers.

-NALWDB



Board Chair-Joseph Weathers

Executive Director-Lisa Ortiz

Operations Manager-Barney Trujillo

Project Specialist/Communications-Amber Gomez

Program Specialist-Brittany Valencia

Program/Policy Monitor-Kevin Boyer

One-Stop Operator-Ericka Van Eckhoutte

Associate Coordinator-Valorie Valdez



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## Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board (NALWDB-AE)

- San Juan
- McKinley
- Cibola
- Taos
- Los Alamos
- Rio Arriba
- Santa Fe
- Colfax
- Mora
- San Miguel

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## New Mexico State Board

One-Stop  
Operator

Site Manager

### Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico

- Bernalillo
- Sandoval
- Valencia
- Torrance

### Southwestern Workforce Board

- Caton
- Socorro
- Sierra
- Grant
- Hidalgo
- Luna
- Doña Ana

### Eastern Area Workforce Board

- Chaves
- Curry
- De Baca
- Eddy
- Guadalupe
- Harding
- Lea
- Lincoln
- Otero
- Quay
- Roosevelt
- Union

The U.S. Department of Labor has established the “American Job Center” network, in order to create a unified name and brand to identify online and in-person workforce development services as part of a single network of services that use public funding. The one-stop delivery system must use either that common identifier as its name, or use the tag line phrase, “a proud partner of the American Job Center network.”

The State Board and NALWDB AE are responsible for guiding the establishment of a statewide one-stop delivery system, called One-Stop Centers (NMWFCC). This system is a collaborative effort among education, business, public agencies, and community-based organizations to provide services to job seekers and employers through a variety of access points.

The One-Stop Operations Manager (OSO) will designate a partner staff as the “Site Manager” who will act as the “functional leader” for the designated office. As such, they will have the authority to organize partner staff to optimize and streamline service delivery efforts as established by the NALWDB and OSO.







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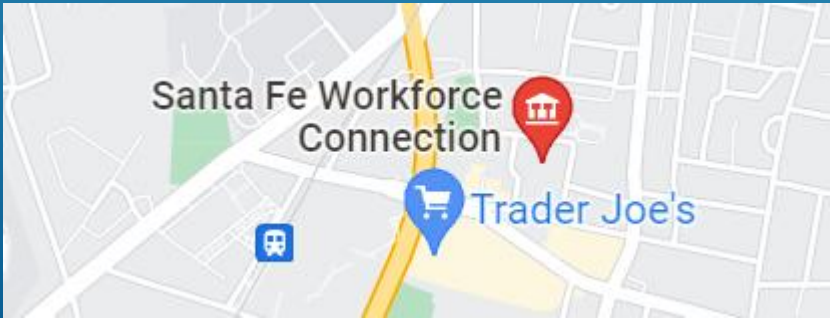
Santa Fe

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“Workforce Development to me is career development that ensures and encourages growth by educating and training existing workforces that may be lacking in knowledge or skill while enhancing economic stability and prosperity by putting the focus on the people, rather than the business.”

-Maria Herrera (Santa Fe Site manager)



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Marquez  
Santa Fe, NM







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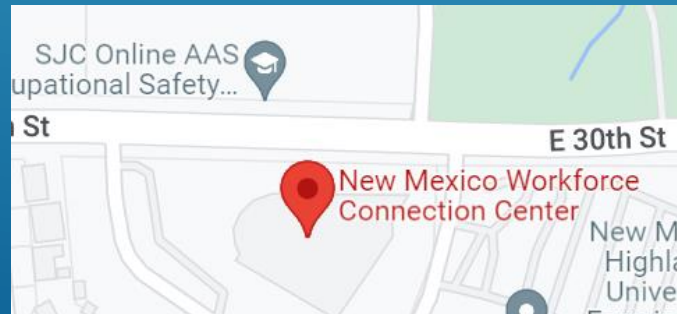
## San Juan-Farmington

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"Being the Area Manager for the Farmington Workforce Connection Office is an honor and privilege. We have the opportunity in assisting San Juan County, which is very vast that includes the Navajo Reservation, Chapter Houses, Kirtland, Aztec, Bloomfield, and many more. We assist job seekers and employers through, training, skills assessments, networking, and job development in their efforts to find meaningful employment, new careers, and valued employees. We are working collaboratively with our constituents, High Schools, partners, job seekers, and employers in bringing our community back to where it was pre-covid and closures."

-Amy Carlson (Farmington Site Manager)



3401 E 30<sup>th</sup> St, Ste B  
Farmington, NM







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McKinley-Gallup

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2918 E Hwy 66  
Gallup, NM



"I feel that Workforce Development builds and supports career development that enables long-term success for employees, individuals looking for employment, and businesses by training and education to include upskilling or reskilling. Workforce development seeks to prepare an individual and provide them opportunities to meet their career goals."

-Maxine Palomino (Gallup/Grants Site Manager)





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Cibola-Grants

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**Maxine Palomino**

*Gallup/Grants Site  
Manager*







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Taos

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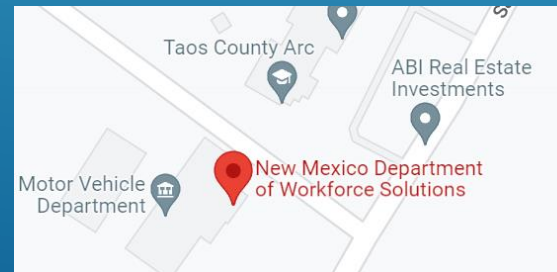


"Workforce development means to train and empower job seekers so they can become self sufficient, excel in the workforce and become an asset to the economic development of our communities."

-Paula Romo  
(Taos/Espanola Site Manager)



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Taos, NM





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Rio Arriba-Espanola

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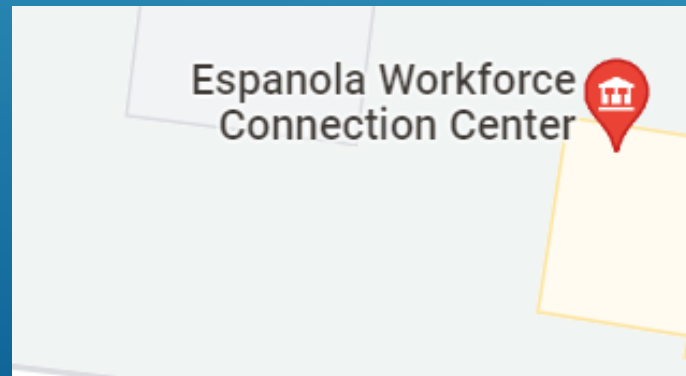


**Paula Romo**

*Taos/Espanola Site  
Manager*



325 Paseo de Onate  
Espanola, NM







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## San Miguel-Las Vegas

"It gives me the honor and privilege to serve, give back and help all the small communities in the area as Manager. As the Area Manager for Las Vegas and Raton offices staff assists all the Veterans, job seekers, and employers in all the communities in San Miguel and Colfax Counties and the surrounding communities (Mora, Guadalupe, Harding, Union) with all their needs and then some."

-Debbie Montano (Las Vegas and Raton Site Manager)



833 Grand Ave.  
Las Vegas, NM







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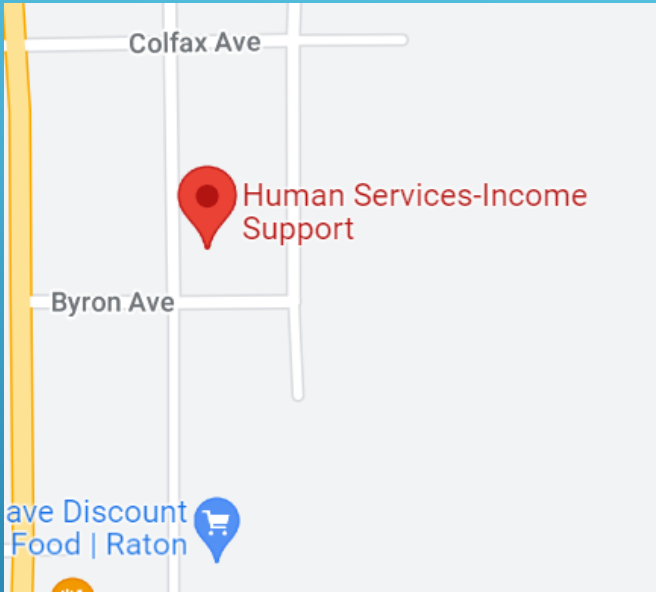
Colfax-Raton

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**Debbie Montano**

*Las Vegas/Raton Site  
Manager*



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Raton, NM





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## Meet the Partners:

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HELPM maintains a diversified approach for program development that addresses the community needs that exist within the service areas. Through 25 offices across the state and with more than 200 employees, HELPM works diligently to change lives and improve the communities that the agency serves. We focus on six pillars of service that includes varied programming for Employment, Education and Cognitive Development, Income and Asset Building, Housing, Health and Social/Behavioral Development, Civic Engagement and Community Involvement. HELPM provides a delivery strategy that produces high levels of integration.



We Educate, Empower, Employ, and Enforce.

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions strives to be a leader in improving employment and poverty rates through workforce development, enhanced services for employers, and ensuring fair labor practices and workforce protections for New Mexicans.



To transform lives. Working with our partners, we design and deliver innovative, high-quality health and human services that improve the security and promote independence for New Mexicans in their communities.



Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a State and Federally funded program designed to help eligible individuals with documented disabilities find suitable employment. VR is a voluntary program, and services persons who want to work. With a long history of success and proven methodology for making the best fits, time and again, NMDVR is committed to helping our clients succeed. In addition, we partner with companies and agencies seeking opportunities to enhance and diversify their workforce.



At Job Corps, students have access to room and board while they learn skills in specific training areas for up to three years. In addition to helping students complete their education, obtain career technical skills and gain employment, Job Corps also provides transitional support services, such as help finding employment, housing, childcare, and transportation. Job Corps graduates either enter the workforce or an apprenticeship, go on to higher education, or join the military.



MET, Inc. is community oriented and supports an agenda of action that leads to self-sufficiency, personal responsibility, and commitment to furthering individual social and economic progress through education, training and other appropriate activities.



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The Northern Area enjoys finding ways to share our research and build connections between various workforce stakeholders across the North. We often do this through participating in or hosting events, conferences, webinars and more!

The speakers and workshops that we have planned will help inspire dialogue and generate innovative ideas to further the best practices already in place for business solutions, workforce, training, education, and economic development goals. We are always working to create new opportunities to share our work, connect with partners, and spread the word about workforce development in the North.

The Conference will bring businesses, education, and government together to align resources, eliminate duplication of services, while making sure that training dollars are available to fill the gaps of employment.

Main priorities include, but are not limited to:

- Showcasing Workforce Programs, Data, and Partnerships focused on Healthcare, Hospitality, Trades, and IT
- Engaging and Supporting Businesses
- Driving Fiscal and Operational priorities
- Create Innovative Outreach and Recruitment Strategies
- Personal and Professional Growth

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**To Register Visit eventbrite or Click Here!**

For more information or to pay with a purchase order contact [info@nalwdb.org](mailto:info@nalwdb.org)

**HOTEL INFORMATION**  
Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza  
100 Sandoval St  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Make your reservations through the [Hotel Reservation Link](#) or call the hotel directly 1-505-988-2811 and reference GRP Code **NRWPCD**. Reservations must be made by January 27th.

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**NORTHERN REGION WORKFORCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**  
**2023**  
**FEBRUARY 8-9**  
Santa Fe Convention Center

**About The Conference**  
This conference will bring together Workforce Partners, Economic Development, CEO's, Local Business, Large Employers, and Educational Institutions to identify workforce needs/training gaps, direct funding, and create employment opportunities for Northern New Mexico. All employers, training providers, and the public are encouraged to attend.

HEALTHCARE   HOSPITALITY   IT/TRADES

**Howie Morales, Lt. Governor - Opening Remarks 8:30AM**  
Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales, raised in Silver City, New Mexico, has spent his whole life working to improve the lives of people in his community and across our state. He served in the New Mexico Legislature on the Legislative Finance Committee for 11 years.

**Michelle Lujan Grisham - Special Recognition Award 12:00PM**  
This award is a Special Recognition Award for her hard work and effort in keeping New Mexico businesses open and our economy going, specifically in Northern NM.

**Thomas Mason, LANL Director - Keynote Speaker 12:30PM**  
Thom Mason is the Director of Los Alamos National Laboratory, the 12th director in its 75-year history. Mason brings nearly two decades of national lab experience to the job. Prior to joining Battelle in 2017 as its Senior Vice President for Global Laboratory Operations, Mason spent much of his career at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, including 10 years as its Director and as Chair of the Oak Ridge Public Schools Education Foundation.