

GENERATION JUSTICE

Narrative Shift Partnership

Since March 2019, Generation Justice (GJ) has led the Narrative Shift Partnership (NSP) with youth-serving organizations, content, and policy experts. The purpose of the NSP is to shift the dominant negative narrative about youth in New Mexico to a narrative that uplifts the value that youth leaders bring and the importance of investing in our New Mexican youth. The NSP will be an ongoing partnership with the goal of building a network of organizations, experts, and youth leaders to work together towards policy, narrative, and campaigns to shift the narrative on youth in New Mexico.

This year, the 13-month Leaders For Change Fellowship, which is part of NSP, started in June. Our 2023-2024 cohort of fellows includes young New Mexicans from the following partner organizations:

- Santa Fe Indian School Leadership Institute
- San Felipe Pueblo Project Venture
- New Mexico Dream Team
- Siembra Leadership Highschool
- Generation Justice

The Leader for Change Fellowship also includes content and policy expert partners from the following organizations:

- Moving Arts Española
- Honoring Native Life
- New Mexico Voices for Children
- Bernalillo County Health Equity Council
- Media Justice
- Equality New Mexico
- Encuentro
- Partnership for Community Action
- New Mexico Children's Cabinet

Leaders For Change Fellows Recommendations

Brad Louis (17) Santa Fe Indian School Leadership Institute

- Invest in young people through programs that address the low levels of academic achievement and strengthen building better relationships across cultures.

Barbara Ramirez (22) Generation Justice

- More funding for the health care systems that are already in place including Medicare and Medicaid.
- Speak with colleague legislators about the importance of addressing the underfunded healthcare system in New Mexico.

Saygen Ruvalcaba (23) New Mexico Dream Team

- Place laws that will help and protect our immigrant communities in New Mexico regardless of decisions taken at the national level, similar to reproductive rights laws that have been passed. New Mexico can be a leader nationally in this way.

Elijah Cage (19) Generation Justice

- Require an alert to law enforcement whenever someone fails a background check.
- Ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. This will help reduce mass shootings.