



THE RIGHT RESPONSE
AT THE RIGHT TIME

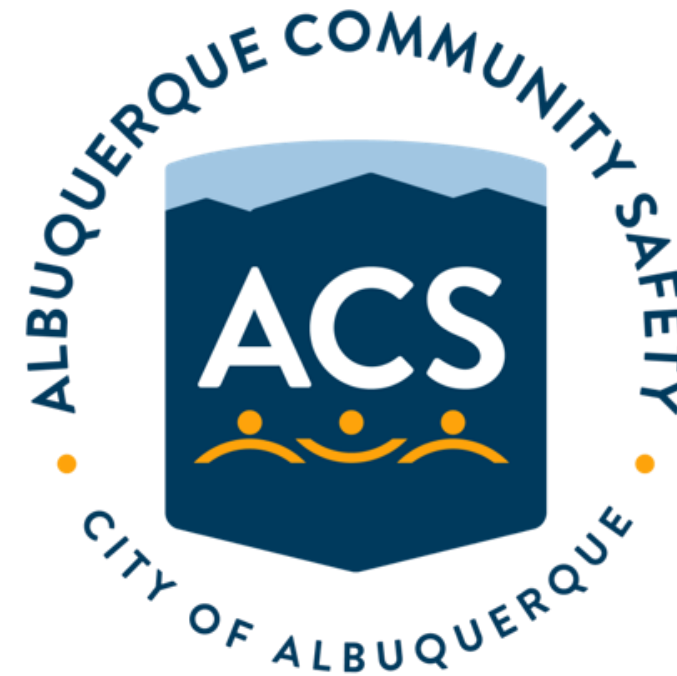


Albuquerque's First Responder System

EST. 1880



EST. 2021



EST. 1900



Law enforcement and
violent/life-threatening
situations

Mental health, substance use,
homelessness, and other non-
criminal/non-medical issues

Fires and emergency
medical needs



CABQ.GOV/ACS



FIELD RESPONSE



Mobile Crisis Team Clinicians

High acuity co-response with APD



Behavioral Health Responders

Mid to low-acuity behavioral health calls



Community Responders

Lower acuity, non-criminal calls for service



Street Outreach Responders

Targeted street outreach to vulnerable populations and encampments



VIOLENCE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION



Violence Intervention Program

Work with police and/or local hospitals (Hospital-VIP) to interrupt cycles of violence.



School-Based & Youth VIP

Work with at-risk students who may get involved in violence. Currently in high schools.



Community-Oriented Response & Assistance (CORA)

Community healing after traumatic events



Opioid Education & Prevention

Offer resources, including Narcan, to individuals caught in the cycles of opioid abuse



SCHOOL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SBVIP)



What is it?

SBVIP is a trauma-informed mentor-led violence reduction initiative that focuses on youth at the highest risk for engaging in cycles of violence, including gun violence. ACS's SBVIP Intervention Specialist is placed full-time in the school. SBVIP can focus on the whole child, even working outside of school.

Referrals are made from:

- APS early warning indicator system & threat assessment
- community & partners
- parents
- APD & juvenile probation entities

Services include:

- educational support
- resource navigation
- elective class credit
- peer support
- family assistance

Success Story: A child experienced physical and emotional abuse before age 9. Their best friend's murder at age 16 prompted an outreach from ACS. The participant has received support through VIP, SBVIP, and the Mobile Crisis Team. ACS provided ongoing mentorship, resource navigation, and family support. Now 18, he has remained connected to support through significant trauma, crises, and justice involvement.



SCHOOL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SBVIP)

2026 Update

During the 2026 Legislative Session, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5M to the Violence Intervention Fund. ACS is the recipient of \$2.15M from that fund, which has been braided with \$1M from SB Early Access Dollars and \$1M of Congressionally Directed Spending to **support a significant expansion of SBVIP.**

Personnel

- Coordinator – Oversee program, community collaborations, and evaluation process.
- Intervention Specialists - Assertive outreach and case management approach.

Current Funding & Timeline

- NM Department of Health Violence Intervention Grant
 - **Ends June 2027**
- NM Healthcare Authority SB3 Early Access Dollars
 - **Ends June 2027**
- Congressionally Directed Spending
 - **Ends September 2027**

Success Story: A 15-year-old was referred by the school dean while on probation for aggravated home burglary involving two peers, with additional concerns about gang affiliation and substance use. Through its presence on campus, SBVIP connected with the youth before receiving the formal probation referral. ACS provided academic support, counseling, support to their mother struggling with addiction, and mentorship. To this day, they remain engaged with SBVIP, are making progress on their goals, completed probation at the end of August 2026, and have a positive path forward.

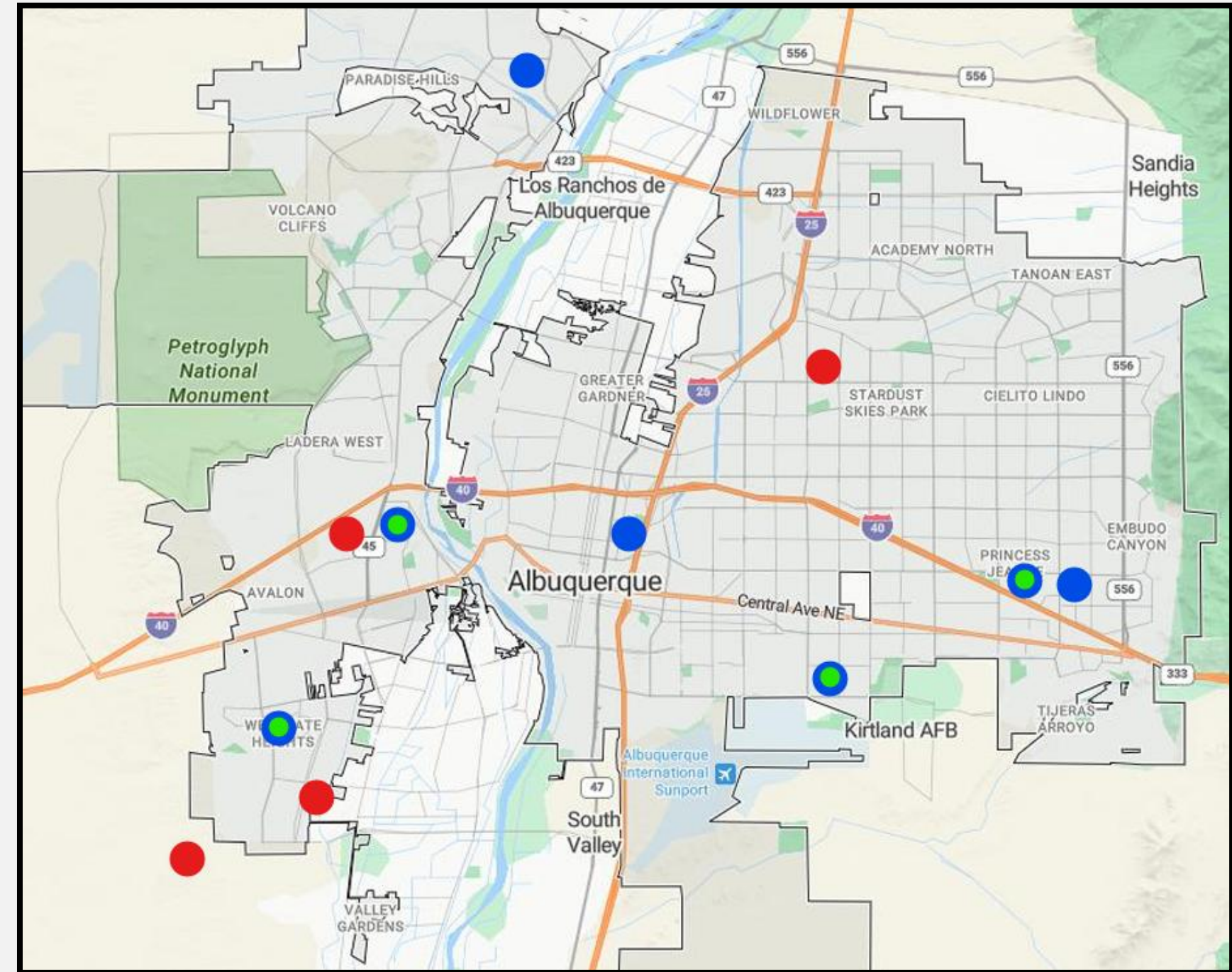
SCHOOL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SBVIP)



Expansion Schools

1. West Mesa High School
2. Atrisco Heritage Academy
3. RFK Middle & High School
4. Del Norte High School
5. Albuquerque High School
6. Cibola High School
7. Manzano High School
8. John Adam's Middle School●
9. Wilson Middle School●
10. Truman Middle●
11. Kennedy Middle School●

Future schools being identified while Congressionally Directed Spending is established.



SCHOOL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SBVIP)



Evaluation

From the beginning, ACS has partnered with Apex Evaluation to review the program, identify opportunities, and document successes. They have worked with the Department from its beginning at West Mesa through this current expansion. ACS is firmly committed to long-term evaluation to ensure that it adapts with the community in a way that keeps Albuquerque children safe.

Outcomes

- 100% of seniors graduated across all years.
- 61% saw a reduction in major offenses
- 48% saw a reduction in minor offenses
- GPAs increased by an average of half a letter grade
- Tardiness decreased by 7.1%

Total Students

- 255 Total Active Participants
- 64 in Queue

Success Story: A 14-year-old was referred by an APS school Dean in December 2024. The participant was referred for fighting, substance use, skipping classes, low GPA, failing most classes, and gang affiliation. SBVIP met with the participant to understand her needs and provided comprehensive wraparound support, including mentorship, family resources, academic support, and support to the family (such as food boxes) to stabilize the household.

This included addiction counseling for their parent. This individual is now passing all their classes and is caught up so they can graduate on time, has employment, is saving for a car, and is preparing for their education after high school.

SCHOOL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SBVIP)



What Makes SBVIP Unique & Why It Works

ACS sits at the center of public safety and public health and leverages this unique position to reach the highest-acuity children and divert them from cycles of violence. No other organization is situated in this way. Also, **when you receive support from one program in ACS, you have access to the entire department**, which will mobilize any of our ten programs to ensure that someone is stabilized behaviorally through anything they are handling.

Partnerships

ACS leverages partnerships, **including a critical partner in Albuquerque Public Schools**, to build a system of identification, outreach, and care. These include:

- Juvenile Probation
- Non-profit community partners
- Public Safety Partners
- NM Children's Court
- Community Custody Program

Long-Term Generational Change with **Successes Now**

Success Story: A 14-year-old was referred in December 2023. The participant was removed from another APS school following multiple fighting incidents, with additional concerns about possible gang affiliation. SBVIP provided mentorship, counseling, food boxes and basic needs support, as well as behavioral support in processing past trauma and domestic violence. The individual remains engaged with the program, is on track to graduate this support, is engaged in sports through their school, is employed, and has built a stronger connection to their family.



SCHOOL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SBVIP)

Looking Forward

Youth Violence Prevention Programming is expanding, and now we need to **fund the SBVIP model sustainably every year** - providing trauma-informed support to our highest-risk students and breaking cycles of violence plaguing our youth.

SBVIP needs \$3.82M to ensure continued operations into the 2027-2028 school year. Statewide funding support should be approximately \$10 million.



ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST (27-28 School Year)

Description	Person (Salary+Benefits)	# Of People	Total
SBVIP Specialist	\$107,360	32 (16 Teams)	\$3,435,520
SBVIP Coordinator	\$127,197	3	\$381,591
TOTAL			\$3,817,111

\$239K



investment
per school for
staffing costs

*cost includes 2
Specialists & fraction
of supervision

- 2 Specialists per school
- Coordinators to manage all Intervention Teams

500



at-risk students
that will be
continue to be
supported

- Caseload of ~30 per team
- Model is adaptable to meet each school's need
- 8:1 supervisory ratio for teams to ensure proper oversight



ONE
ALBUQUE
RQUE

THANK YOU

Director Jodie Esquibel
505-549-0067 jodieesquibel@cabq.gov

Deputy Director Jasmine Desiderio
505-397-2393 jdesiderio@cabq.gov

Community Outreach Manager Jeffery Bustamante
505-991-8474 jbustamante@cabq.gov

