



Martin Luther King Jr Commission Presentation to LFC

November 16, 2020

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The Foundation of the Commission is Established on the Principles of....

- Working closely with communities all around the state to foster community and unification
- Racial harmony, multicultural diversity, and social justice for the improvement and equality of all New Mexicans.
- Broad communication of Dr. King's legacy
- Uplifting the intellect of our youth
- Elevating the effectiveness of our community leaders, educators and role models

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Mission & Vision

Mission

To promote Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy on human rights, equality, nonviolence, social change and unity/interconnectedness to the people of New Mexico through remembrance, celebration and action.

Vision

To create a stronger network of community organizations by:

- **Collaboration** – Assisting organizations and groups who are committed to providing community programs that promote Dr. King's principles.
- **Coordination** – Developing a harmonized relationships with other MLK affiliates whose mission statements are parallel to the Commission's.
- **Cooperation** – Investing resources strategically in organizations which strive to enhance participation and planning of MLK community activities and programs.

Strategy

The MLK Commission exemplifies Dr. King's Vision by:

- Educating the public on Dr. King's philosophies.
 - The importance of combating social problems and inequities
 - Provide diversity training across the state
- Provide the public with resources to overcome the three evils (Prejudice, Poverty, Militarism)
- Continue supporting national MLK initiatives and programs, including MLK Day commemoration and other civil rights events

MLK Statewide Activities / Initiatives

Activities

- Commemoration March
- Annual MLK Jr. Youth Conference
- MLK Talent Contest
- Indoor Track and Field Invitational

Initiatives

- Gather Information
- Educate Others
- Remain committed
- Community Outreach

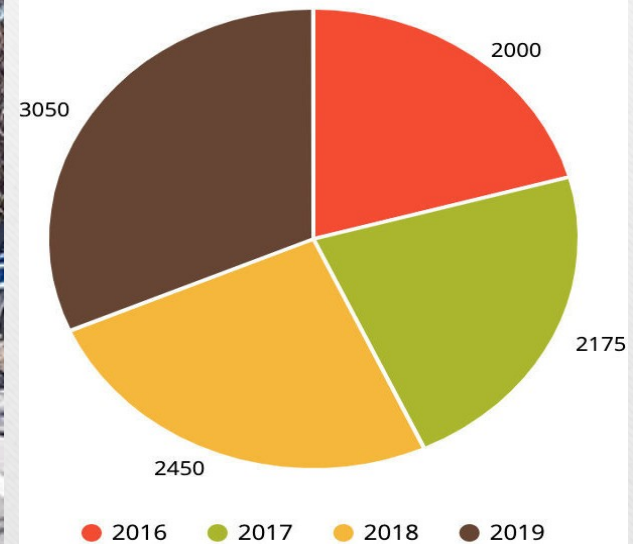
2020 Activities & Achievements



2020 March: Participation continues to grow each year! 3000+



**MLK March
Participants Per Year**

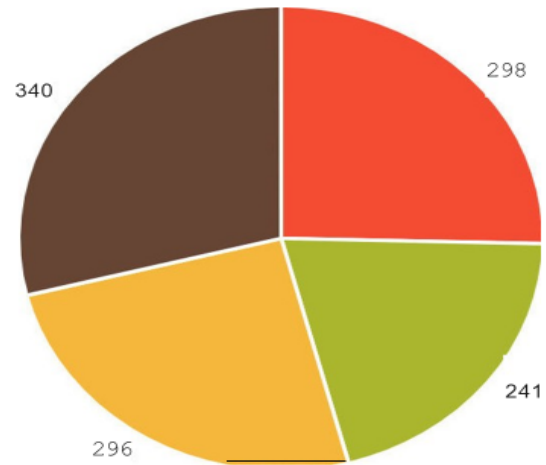


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Our Youth in Action



MLK Conference Youth Participants Per Year



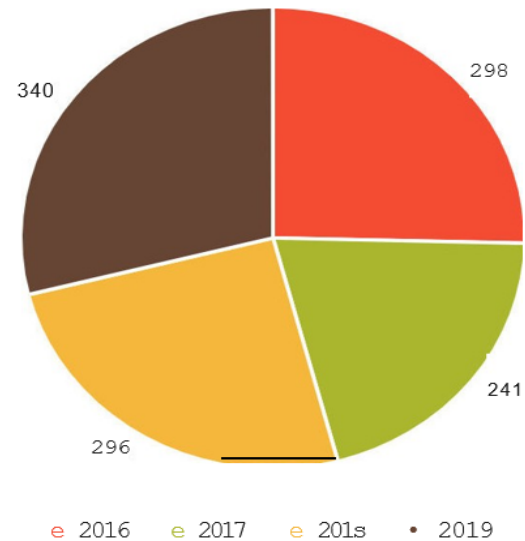
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Recognizing Talent Throughout the State: MLK Talent Contest



**MLK Conference
Youth Participants Per Year**



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Youth Achievement: MLK Track & Field



Over 200 high school students from New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado and other states compete; open to men, women, girls and boys from all socioeconomic and multicultural backgrounds.



Steps that have impacted our success

- Partnerships
- Positive Audit Review
- Statewide Participation & Support
- Funding/Employee Grant writers
- Measures of Achievement
- Roadmap to Sustainability
- Increased Transparency

What's Ahead...

- Strategies for success

- Employ highly competent staff
- Define measures of success
- Establish and cultivate new and current partnerships
- Reaffirm and strengthen state-wide enthusiasm and support

- Expected Outcomes

- Increase our brand recognition
- Increase the number of Statewide Holiday Commemorations
- Increase the number of Youth Anti-violence workshops