



Community Action Agency Update

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Gallup New Mexico

CAA

Community Action Agency

Local private or public non-profit organizations designated to fight poverty and promote self-sufficiency.

CSBG

Community Services Block Grant

Federal funds designated for use by CAAs and administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of alleviating the causes and conditions of poverty, supporting family self-sufficiency, and revitalizing under-resourced communities.



New Mexico's CAA Network

Six Community Action Agencies cover
all 33 counties in New Mexico.

**Community Action Agency of
Southern New Mexico**
Las Cruces, NM / CAASNM.ORG

**Eastern Plains Community
Action Agency**
Tucumcari, NM / EPCAA.ORG

**ECHO (Economic Council
Helping Others)**
Farmington, NM / ECHOINC.ORG

HELP New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM / HELPMN.COM

**Mid-West New Mexico
Community Action Program**
Los Lunas, NM / OURKIDZROCK.COM

**Southeast New Mexico
Community Action Corporation**
Carlsbad, NM / SNMCAC.COM



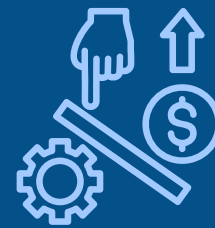
Statewide Impact

New Mexico's CAAs:



EMPLOY

over **600** individuals in well-paid jobs contributing to local economies



LEVERAGE

CSBG funds to support their communities
(for every \$1 of CSBG funds received New Mexico's CAAs generated an additional **\$16.85**)

FY24



WORK WITH

over
100,000
New Mexicans annually

Community Impact

New Mexico's CAAs Offer The Following Services:

- Head Start & Pre -K Center
- Food Banks & Distribution Events
- Employment Training & Support
- Housing Stability
- Youth Leadership & Development
- Senior & Veteran Support
- Emergency Assistance



Midwest New Mexico Community Action Agency

(Midwest CAP)

4,600+ clients in five counties

- Catron
- Cibola
- McKinley
- Socorro
- Valencia



New Mexico's CAAs

Worked together to provide:

- Housing support to over 5,500 New Mexicans
- Head Start/Early Childhood Education enrollment for 1,309 children
- Distributing over 50,000 diapers to low-income families struggling to make ends meet
- Over 100,000 individuals received healthy and nutritious meals
(through food distributions and CACFP programs)



Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico

Healthy Kids Healthy Preschool Program

Purpose: to reduce obesity in children under 5

- Work with 83 Early Childhood Education Centers in 21 counties and 5 Pueblos (2025)
- 39 centers have functional edible gardens
- 43 centers increased their quality rating as a result of participation in the program (NM FOCUS quality rating)





Thank you for
your time.