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A NEW CHILD WELL-BEING INITIATIVE

# OUR VISION

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- Effectively improve child well-being by addressing the most critical issues that plague New Mexican children through a *new* comprehensive initiative



# OBJECTIVES

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- To protect children and youth that are **“at-risk”** due to adverse childhood experiences with measureable improvement in outcomes
- To protect children and youth from **abuse and neglect** with measureable improvement in outcomes

# HOW DO CHILDREN FARE IN NM?

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- **50<sup>TH</sup>** IN CHILD WELL-BEING (2018 Kids Count Data Book)
- **145,000** OR **30%** OF CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY (2018 Kids Count Data Book)
- **30,000** CHILDREN AGES 3 AND 4 ARE NOT IN SCHOOL (2018 Kids Count Data Book)
- NM HAS **HIGHER** RATES AND MORE TYPE'S OF ACEs, NATION-WIDE, MAKING **OUR KIDS ESPECIALLY HIGH-RISK** (Child Trends, 2018)

# VULNERABILITY INDICATORS

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- In FY17, there were over **8,500** substantiated cases of child-maltreatment in NM
- In FY17, there were over **2,100** children who were a victim/survivor of domestic violence in NM
- In FY17, the Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD) Protective Services Division completed over **20,000** investigations as a result of the over **40,000** calls regarding alleged abuse and neglect and those most at-risk
- In FY18, CYFD spent over **\$145M** to provide protective services

(Source: CYFD FY18 Annual Report)

# HIGHLIGHTS

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- Abused and Neglected children and youth referred for diagnosis from throughout New Mexico will receive a full-complement of diagnosis and treatment from an expert team as well as referrals to intervention services for addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).
- CYFD, law enforcement, and the judicial system will have access to maltreatment resources to guide prevention, diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and other ACEs.
- Expansion of Successful Evidence-based programs to address the effects of ACE's on juveniles to additional counties thus impacting more children and reducing recidivism and other consequences of ACEs.
- Child Well-Being ECHO will help practitioners learn and share best practices to be able to best support the children under their care and thus expand access across the state to quality child well-being services.

# MEASURES OF SUCCESS

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- Outcomes will include:
  1. Recidivism reduction of youth incarceration
  2. Number of families served statewide
  3. Number of kids served statewide
  4. Number of providers, nurses and teachers trained statewide
  5. Reduction in recurrence of abuse and neglect in children and youth

# WHY THIS? WHY NOW?

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- HSC leadership held a brainstorming session aimed at addressing initiatives that plague the health and well-being of our children and youth.
- Effectively addressing child abuse and neglect, ACEs, and childhood trauma through successful evidence-based programs, were unanimously approved by HSC leadership.
- Emphasizing programs most critical to child and youth well-being and through a targeted and comprehensive wrap-around initiative that provides our kids with the necessities to be safe, sheltered and ultimately healed from childhood trauma through the use of state of the art modalities, like Project ECHO, to replicate expertise statewide.
- The HSC is uniquely positioned and qualified to address the risk-factors contributing to escalating rates of abuse, neglect and ACE's.
- HSC leadership has a moral duty to serve, protect and enhance the well-being of all children and youth throughout New Mexico.



# THANK YOU

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## QUESTIONS?

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