

# State of New Mexico CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

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## *Children's Trust Fund - Ensuring Families Thrive*



### CURRENT CTF GRANTEES

- 1) **New Mexico Child Advocacy Network (NMCAN) - \$380,000.00:** Offers a multi-faceted parenting program for pregnant or parenting youth ages 14 to 25 who reside in Bernalillo, Valencia, and Sandoval Counties. The program has five approaches: 1) Monthly, professionally facilitated parent groups; 2) Staff training to better support young parents; 3) Outings for young families; 4) Expanding capacity of the Opportunity Passport program, which promotes financial literacy; and 5) Linking young parents to needed resources in the community via the Transition Age Youth (TAY) ECHO. Ninety-eight (98) families and sixty-six (66) children have benefitted from this program between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.
- 2) **PB&J Family Services, Inc. - \$380,000.00:** Offers an innovative group program for high-risk elementary and middle school youth in Bernalillo County focused on social-emotional development and self-care. One hundred and ninety-three (193) families and two hundred and four (204) children have benefitted from this program between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.
- 3) **Taos Health Systems, Inc./Holy Cross Hospital - \$360,000.00:** Provides parenting classes for families with children and is offering support groups for grandparents raising grandchildren & pregnant/parenting youth in Taos County. One hundred and thirty-three (133) families and two hundred and eight (208) children benefitted from this program between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.
- 4) **Guidance Center of Lea County, Inc. - \$380,000.00:** Provides a trauma informed program to youth ages 11 to 14 in Lea County. The program consists of weekly group sessions, quarterly psycho-social outings, bi-weekly home visits, safety planning, and the creation of an individualized treatment plan. This agency promoted the staff person running this program, and they had a difficult time finding a qualified candidate to hire. They were recently able to hire someone. Eight (8) children have been identified that would benefit from the program between April 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023.

## **CURRENT NEXT GENERATION FUND GRANTEES**

**(The contracts for these services have not gone out yet and are waiting for the purchase orders to be approved)**

- 1) Cuidando Los Ninos, Inc.** - \$42,000 - Offering the Little Adventures programming to promote homeless children's healthy development through a combination of outdoor enrichment and family support in Barelvas/South Valley communities in Bernalillo County.
- 2) National Indian Youth Leadership Project** - \$60,000 - Offering the Project Venture program, an adventure-based, experiential program, to high-risk, underserved middle school and high school Indigenous students living on reservations and satellite communities in McKinley County and the Navajo Nation and Zuni Pueblo.
- 3) New Day Inc.** - \$18,000 - The center is to create a safe and supportive, trauma-responsive environment, where young people (16–22) who are experiencing homelessness, disconnection, and marginalization can have their basic needs met and connect with additional services as needed within Bernalillo County.

## **NEXT GENERATION (PAST FUNDING) FY21-FY22**

- 1) YouthWorks-** Contractor will employ at least twenty-five (25) youth, ages fourteen (14) to twenty-four (24) in its Full Circle Farms Project, Santa Fe County.
- 2) YDI-** Contractor will hire youth interns ages fourteen to eighteen (14-18) to lead in the production of community gardens in East Valencia County. Contractor will implement a weekly Kids' Gardening Program for children ages five to thirteen (5 – 13), will provide at least one (1) educational gardening community event geared towards families, and continue to provide opportunities for volunteer workdays at the community gardens for local families.
- 3) Valencia Shelters-**To provide safe dates curriculum to high school students in Valencia County.
- 4) Pueblo of Nambe-** Contractor will provide an after-school program to at least thirty (30) youth designed to strengthen and build resiliency.
- 5) Albuquerque Sign Language Academy Charter School-**To connect classroom learning to outdoor education for Albuquerque Sign Language Academy (ASLA) students and their families.
- 6) Las Cumbres Community Services, Inc.-** To provide parenting classes in Taos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties to families with children ages 7 to 17 who are facing adversity, to help prevent and address child abuse and neglect.

- 7) **New Mexico Black Leadership Council-** To provide support in the International District using the arts as a tool to teach self-esteem, leadership, and civic engagement.
- 8) **National Indian Youth Leadership Development Project, Inc.-** Deliver Project Venture to high-risk, undeserved middle school and high school Indigenous students living on reservations and satellite communities in New Mexico.
- 9) **Future Generations LLC-** Contractor will provide a year-round tutoring and enrichment program to at least twenty-five (25) school-aged children in Curry County.

### **CTF LARGE GRANTS (PAST FUNDING) FY17-FY21**

- 1) **Aprendamos Intervention-** Helped educate new and expecting fathers through their Conscious Fathering Program in Doña Ana, Luna, Grant, and Sierra Counties. This program continues.
- 2) **Childhaven-** Provided educational activities and peer support groups utilizing the Nurturing Parenting program that promoted the parent-child bond to families in San Juan County. The program continued for another year after the grant ended and was then modified for primarily foster children.
- 3) **PB&J Family Services-** Provided a therapeutic parenting program to families with children ages 0-5 in Sandoval County. Families were offered trauma-informed group classes, case management, and home visits that addressed the safety and well-being of children.
- 4) **Taos Health Systems Holy Cross Hospital-** Provided parenting classes in English and Spanish to families in Taos County. Attachment-based practice training was offered to early childhood and infant mental health providers to streamline and promote coordinated family services across Taos County.

### **CTF SMALL GRANTS (PAST FUNDING) FY21-FY22**

**(These one-year grants were provided during the pandemic to assist in filling gaps, building capacity and sustaining important programs)**

- 1) **First Born of Northern NM:** Provided Emergency Discretionary Funds to families in crisis situations in San Miguel and Mora Counties. Provided books to families to ensure a safe and stable environment that promotes positive child development and deters abuse and neglect.
- 2) **Guidance Center of Lea County (GCLC):** Provided temporary and/or stable housing to homeless and insecurely housed families in Lea County.
- 3) **PB&J Family Services, Inc.:** Provided Emergency Discretionary Funds to families in crisis situations in Bernalillo County.

- 4) **Santa Fe Recovery:** Provided Minding the Baby® trainings to its Women and Children’s program staff, which serves women and their young children. These trainings enabled staff to build their knowledge and capacity to effectively serve the developmental needs of infants and toddlers who accompany their mothers into its residential treatment program.
- 5) **The Birthing Tree:** Provided doula services and childbirth classes to low-income mothers in Santa Fe County. These services provided social & emotional support, and practical guidance that helped families prepare for birth and for caring for their newborn. The program, begun as a pilot, continues.
- 6) **YouthWorks:** Provided meals to low-income children, youth (ages 14-24), and families in Santa Fe County.
- 7) **Appletree Educational Center:** Providing Emergency Discretionary Funds to families in crisis situations in Sierra County. Training staff, youth, and other adult community members on how to recognize abuse & neglect and their role as mandated reporters. Having seen the impact of the training, the organization has continued the project.
- 8) **La Piñon:** Providing a duty to report child abuse training to community agencies and parents as well as providing an age-appropriate body safety training to school-aged children in Dona Ana County.
- 9) **New Mexico School for the Blind:** Prevents child abuse statewide by promoting awareness of Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) through the “Handle with Care” campaign. The campaign is ongoing.