

NMCAN partners with young people (ages 14-26) to build community, promote equity, and lead change.

Together we work to:

- 1. Connect young people to healthy relationships with peers and community networks to strengthen their sense of belonging
- 2. Build young people's leadership skills around personal growth and self-advocacy.
- 3. Guide partners and systems to reflect the needs, values, and priorities of young people.

We provide a range of programs that work to develop young people's life and leadership skills. These programs are:

- Leadership Enrichment (soft skills such as public speaking training, Advocacy 101, etc.)
- Opportunity Passport (financial literacy)
- Multi-Generational Family Support
- Community Building
- Youth Leaders

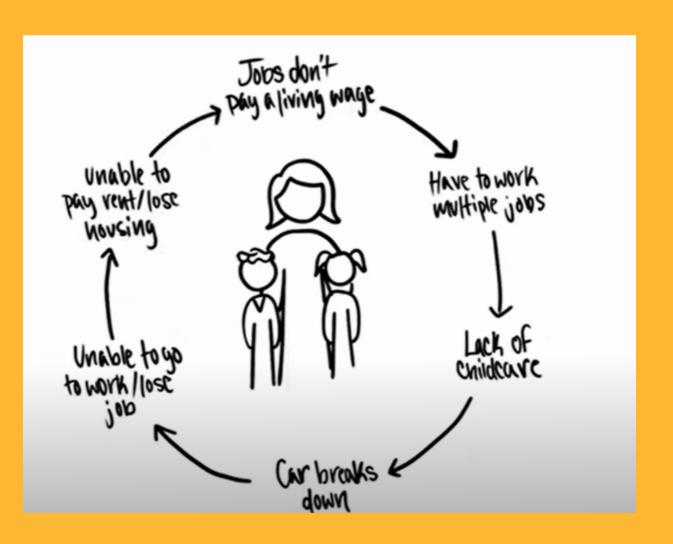




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73%

of child abuse and neglect cases are for neglect, not abuse, which is largely associated with the conditions of living in poverty.



How to support young people

Provide young people with the resources to become self-sufficient, by giving them the space to develop leadership skills.

Create a safe space where young people can express themselves and build community with others in similar situations.

Listen to young people on the issues that affect them and provide the space and skills to challenge the gaps.



What young people need from NM Legislators

Work with legislators, aides, and those with lived experience to talk meaningfully about poverty reduction (cash assistance).

Build infrastructure to authentically engage with young people and their communities. Root community and family in policy decisions. Take into account the trauma of family separation.





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