



# Doña Ana County

Health and Human Services Department

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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### OVERVIEW

The Doña Ana Board of County Commissioners created the Doña Ana County Health and Human Services (HHS) Department in 2001. Most local governments in the state do not have a health and human services department.

The Doña Ana County HHS Department is comprised of three divisions 1) Court Compliance, 2) Outreach and Education, and 3) Program Operations. Collectively, the divisions are responsible for programs aimed at addressing border-area health status indicators. The divisions are supported by the administrative section and the HHS Alliance, which serves as the advisory body for the Department. Programs are offered county-wide at six (6) community resource centers in Rincon, Radium Springs, Doña Ana, Organ, Vado/Del Cerro, and Chaparral

### CORE FUNCTIONS

1. Support the healthcare safety-net
2. Administer the Local DWI program
3. Coordinate health promotion efforts
4. Provide outreach to rural communities

### Healthcare Safety-net

- Healthcare Assistance Program – Primary, dental, and behavioral health services for under and uninsured
- Safety-net Care Pool - \$2.7 million (plus \$2.3 million for county supported Medicaid)
- Indigent Burial – About 30 cremations and 12 burial a year costing
- Ambulance Services – County-wide responses, emergency and non-emergency transports

### Local DWI Program

- Compliance – Monitor over 1600 offenders a year
- Prevention – Conduct community-based substance abuse prevention programs
- Treatment – Out-patient and in-patient care, over 3,814 treatment visits totaling over \$400,000, of which \$185,000 is county funds
- Evaluation – New initiative with NMSU

### Health Promotion

- Nuestra Vida – Diabetes prevention and management
- Nuestras Emociones – Mental health stigma reduction and access to care
- Nuestra Familia – Parent/child attachment and development

### Outreach

- Community Center Operations - Over 650 activities annually
- Growing Food Connections – Partnership with La Semilla and the University of Buffalo, NY
- Resource and Referrals – Promotoras and outreach specialist work in rural communities to increase access to services and build community resiliency.

