

## **New Mexico Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP)**

### **What is NMHEP?**

The New Mexico Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP), managed by the Santa Fe Community Foundation, seeks to improve the capacity of local communities to address social, economic and environmental conditions that negatively affect health. NMHEP combines the collective tools, strengthens local capacities and develops strategies to address necessary changes in policies, systems and physical infrastructure.

NM-HEP's national, state and local partner organizations working to advance health equity include: the Santa Fe Community Foundation, Joint Center-Health Policy Institute (Washington, DC), Common Health Action (Washington, DC), Human Impact Partners (Oakland, CA), New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils, Con Alma Health Foundation, local health councils, community partners engaging in Health Impact Assessment, local Place Matters teams (Bernalillo, McKinley, Doña Ana and San Juan counties) and their respective institutional homes (Voices for Children, Coalition for Healthy and Resilient Youth, Inc., and the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico). Collectively, we are committed to:

- Place Matters: Strengthening the Place Matters teams in Bernalillo, Doña Ana, San Juan and McKinley counties to advance health equity through policy change.
- Health Impact Assessment: Training county/tribal health councils, Place Matters teams and community groups in Health Impact Assessment to ensure health and equity are considered in policy and planning decision making processes.
- Health Councils and Community: Mobilizing communities and building effective coalitions to strengthen health councils' and community partners' health equity efforts.

### **What are NMHEP's goals?**

NMHEP's ultimate goal is to close the racial/ethnic and geographic health disparities gaps, particularly for vulnerable children. Additional goals include:

- Increasing stakeholders' knowledge of health inequities and their causal factors.
- Mobilizing partners to advance health equity, including community leaders and policy makers working in health and related fields, such as economic development, housing, transportation, and education.
- Building support from policy makers and the public for action and strategies to create neighborhood conditions that contribute to health equity, particularly for vulnerable children.
- Improving health equity, life expectancies, and other health outcomes by reducing the concentration of health risks and increasing opportunities for good health in vulnerable communities.





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