

NM Citizen Review Board Update FY 15

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New Mexico Citizen Substitute Care Review Act (NMSA 1978, § 32A-8-1)

- Independent and objective monitoring of children placed in the custody of the state.
- NMCRB designated to be the entity for the federal Citizen Review Panel
- Statewide system of local substitute care review boards.
- State Advisory Committee (SAC).
- Contractor with demonstrated knowledge of substitute care and permanency planning.
- Department of Finance & Administration.



Vision

Premier resource for the state legislature, Governor and court system to result in New Mexico being the nation's leader in positive outcomes for children and families involved with the substitute care system.



- Two goals:
 - state level reviews of cases of children in state custody
 - be the eyes and ears for state and federal mandates.
- Reports to court on individual cases.
- Annual report to state legislature.



Proposed Changes to Statute

- SAC composition and confirmation.
- Legal Representation by AG Office.
- CYFD information requirements.
- Clarifies interaction of
 - Local boards
 - SAC
 - Contractor
 - DFA



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in every community
could actually
redeem the world.”**

-Elbert Hubbard-

