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Child advocacy group gets grant

New Mexico Voices for Children has received a \$1.4 million grant that will allow the nonprofit to work on improving the economic status of low-income families in the state by implementing a statewide effort to enhance early care and education systems.

A big component of the grant will be to educate policymakers and the public about how aspects of child poverty impede a child's ability to learn. New Mexico has one of the highest rates of child poverty in the nation, according to U.S. Census data.

New Mexico Voices for Children was founded 22 years ago by a group of pediatricians to address environmental conditions inherent to poverty that negatively impact a child's health and well-being. For more information, visit www.nmvoices.org.