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Agency to help needy families

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 by implementing a statewide effort to enhance early care and education systems. The grant amount will be awarded over a three-year period.

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.

The grant will also allow the child advocacy organization to bolster its internal capacity for other work. More than 80 percent of the non-profit's funding comes from grants by private foundations such as W.K. Kellogg, the Annie E Casey Foundation, Public Welfare Foundation, McCune Charitable Foundation, and Brindle Foundation.