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New Hires Beef up Research Department

ALBUQUERQUE—New Mexico Voices for Children announced today the addition of two new members to its research department. Anne Stauffer joins NM Voices as a research analyst for the Fiscal Policy Project and Lisa Adams-Shafer is the new research associate for Kids Count. Anne's position is new and is funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Kids Count position is funded by a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Anne Stauffer spent the last eight years working in state and federal budget development and oversight. She was an assistant division director in the State Budget Division of the NM Department of Finance and Administration, which develops the governor's budget recommendation. She oversaw the budget for the state's higher education system as well as formulation and implementation of the overall state budget. From 1998 to 2003, Anne worked for the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C., which develops the president's budget. Anne has an MBA from the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina and a BA in International Relations from Brown University. Anne is currently working on a guide to the state budget for use by the general public.

Lisa Adams-Shafer has a law degree from Southwestern University School of Law and a Masters of Public Administration from UNM. She's a member of the New Mexico State Bar and has varied research experience in the legal field. Lisa also enjoys volunteer work and has served the Domestic Violence Legal Resources, where she performed legal research, among other tasks. She also initially became involved with NM Voices as a volunteer, producing tax credit data charts for each legislative district, which were used in the Legislative Briefing Series for the 2007 regular session. She is currently working on several Kids Count publications to be released in the coming months.

"Both Anne and Lisa bring excellent skills and knowledge to their positions," said Research Director Gerry Bradley. "It's exciting to be expanding the research department, and we're looking forward to producing a higher volume of reports and papers to inform and influence the policies that benefit children."

NOTE: Photos to come separately.

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New Mexico Voices for Children is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advocating for policies to improve the health and well-being of New Mexico's children, families and communities.
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