



NEW MEXICO
VOICES
FOR CHILDREN

Who We Are

Founded in 1987 by a group of pediatricians, New Mexico Voices for Children is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide advocacy organization.

Our Vision

All New Mexico children and families have equitable opportunities to thrive and to achieve their full potential.

Our mission is to champion public policies that improve the status and well-being of New Mexico's children, families, and communities in the areas of **health, education, and economic security** through credible research and effective advocacy.

What We Do

We partner with community organizations and work with state and national lawmakers to shape and implement public policies that are supportive of children and working families.

Some of Our Policy Victories for Kids and Families

- Increased funding for programs serving children ages 0-5 that help them succeed in school.
- Increased funding for Medicaid coverage for children.
- Creation of the Working Families Tax Credit, which benefits low-income working families with children.
- Extra unemployment insurance benefits for unemployed workers who have children.
- Passage of the Child Helmet Safety Act.
- A statewide increase in the minimum wage, which helps working families.

There is Still Work to be Done

- New Mexico has the highest income inequality in the nation.
- 1 in 5 New Mexicans live in poverty (we're tied for worst in the nation) and 1 in 3 New Mexico youth live in poverty.
- New Mexico is ranked 50th in the nation for 4th graders who can read at grade level.
- New Mexico is ranked 39th in the nation for percent of children without health insurance at 10%.
- Major racial disparities still exist in educational outcomes, access to health insurance, and other areas.

RAISE YOUR VOICE

You CAN make a difference in the lives of New Mexico's children!

Your donations and annual membership dues help us continue our advocacy on behalf of New Mexico's most vulnerable children and families through quality research, policy development and advocacy.



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