Enhancing Child Well-Being in New Mexico

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KIDS COUNT tells a story of opportunity.
What is your story?
Why I’m here
Why we’re all here
All children should have the best possible shot at reaching their full potential.
poverty
food insecurity
low reading & math scores
child abuse
low access to early education & care
Disparities exist in nearly every indicator.
New Mexico is ahead of the demographic trend.

United States, 2030
- White: 45%
- Racial & Ethnic Minorities: 55%

New Mexico, 2015
- White: 25%
- Racial & Ethnic Minorities: 75%
This is us.
Nobody likes to hear the bad news.
But there’s good news too.

Policy matters.
better health outcomes

lower rates of food insecurity

higher grad rates

lower remedial education costs

better reading & math scores
Progress is possible!
30,000 more with insurance
5,000 more in pre-K
3,000 more with home visiting
¡Sí, Se Puede!

680 more kids in preschool
2% fewer teen dropouts
170 more babies born at a healthy birth weight
These are trying times.
Our kids are our reason and our potential to do better.
We’re all in this together.