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All Domains

Overarching Policy Solutions

Ensure that enough tax revenue is collected so that the state budget can fund programs that improve and support the well-being of New Mexico's children, families and communities.

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All Domains

Overarching Policy Solutions

Mandate a tax expenditure budget and require accountability measures for all tax breaks that are intended to create jobs.

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Economic Well-Being

Overarching Policy Solutions

Enact policies to end food insecurity.

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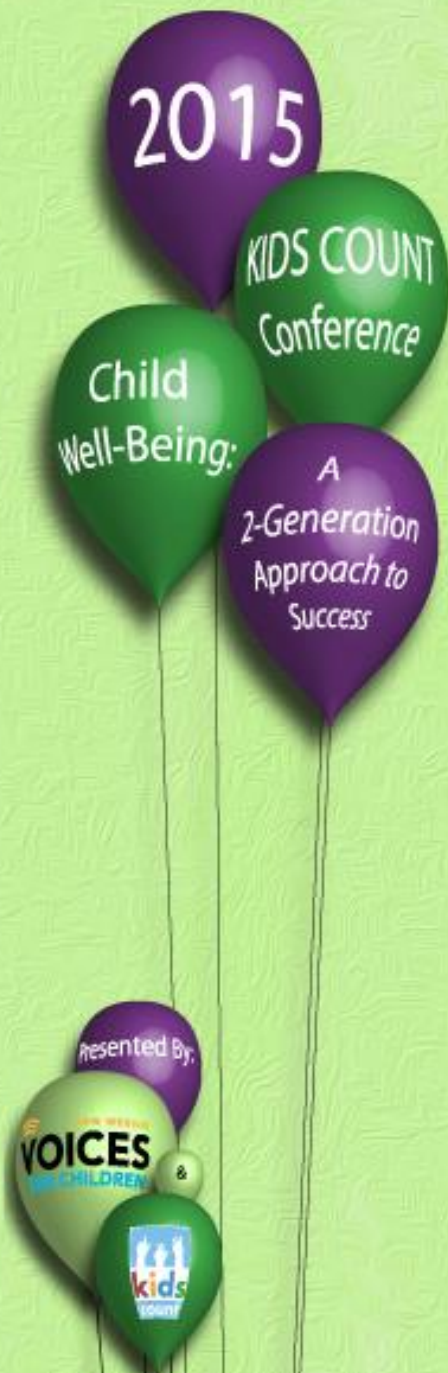
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Economic Well-Being

Overarching Policy Solutions

Support programs that take a two-generation approach to improving family economic security.

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Economic Well-Being

Indicator: Children in Poverty

29% of all NM children live at or below the poverty level

- 44% of Native-American children
- 34% of Hispanic children

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Economic Well-Being

Policy Solutions: Children in Poverty

Raise the statewide minimum wage, index it to inflation, and raise the tipped wage to 60% of the minimum.

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Economic Well-Being

Permanent Policy Victory



Wave tuition at New Mexico universities for youth who have aged out of foster care.

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Overarching Policy Solutions

Increase spending on high-quality home visiting/parent coaching.

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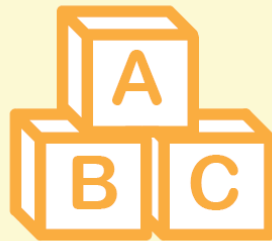
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Education

Overarching Policy Solutions

Pass a constitutional amendment to support early childhood care and education with a small percentage of the Land Grant Permanent Fund.

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Education

Overarching Policy Solutions

Sufficiently fund K-12 education, starting with restoring per-pupil, inflation-adjusted funding to pre-recession levels.

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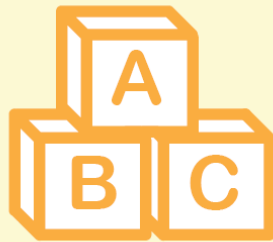
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Indicator: Children Not Attending Preschool

62% of New Mexico children ages 3 and 4 are not attending preschool.

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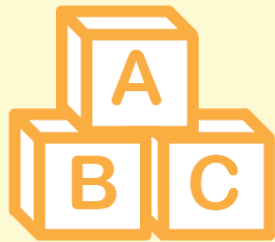
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Policy Solutions: Children Not Attending Preschool

Increase spending on high-quality pre-K so it is available to all 4-year-olds.

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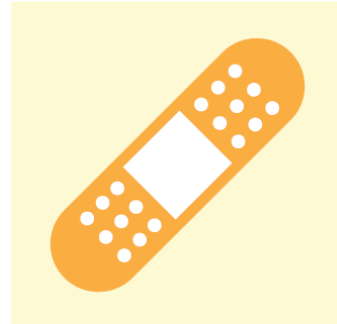
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Health

Permanent Policy Victory



Expand Medicaid to age 26 for youth who have aged out of foster care no matter where they live.

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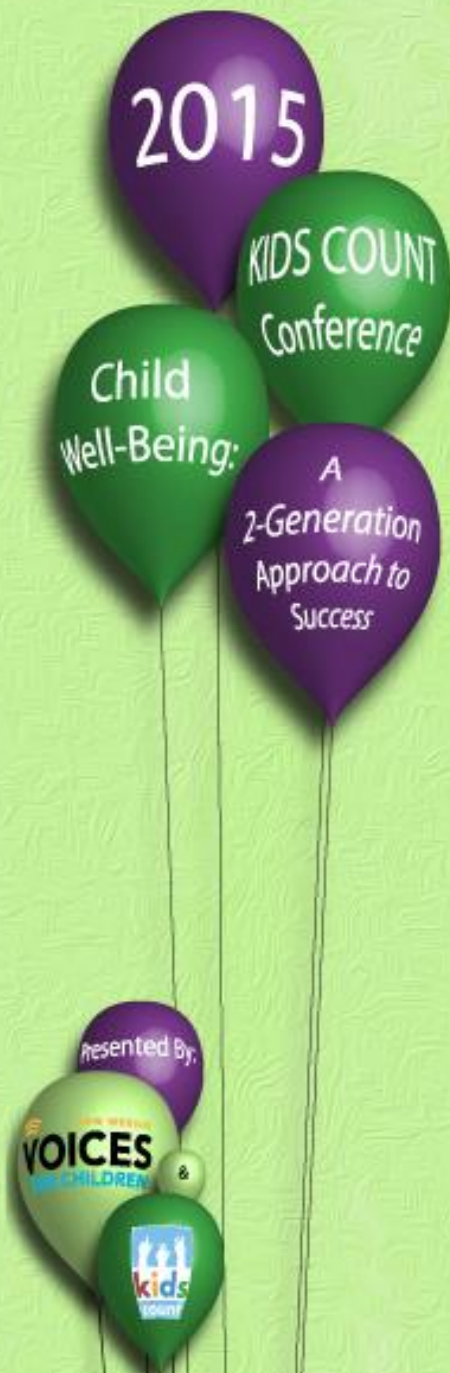
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