A Campaign for a Better New Mexico 2015
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.
Mandate a tax expenditure budget and require accountability measures for all tax breaks that are intended to create jobs.
Economic Well-Being

Overarching Policy Solutions

Enact policies to end food insecurity.
Economic Well-Being

Overarching Policy Solutions

Support programs that take a two-generation approach to improving family economic security.
29% of all NM children live at or below the poverty level
• 44% of Native-American children
• 34% of Hispanic children
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.
Wave tuition at New Mexico universities for youth who have aged out of foster care.
Increase spending on high-quality home visiting/parent coaching.
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.
Sufficiently fund K-12 education, starting with restoring per-pupil, inflation-adjusted funding to pre-recession levels.
62% of New Mexico children ages 3 and 4 are not attending preschool.
Policy Solutions: Children Not Attending Preschool

Increase spending on high-quality pre-K so it is available to all 4-year-olds.
Expand Medicaid to age 26 for youth who have aged out of foster care no matter where they live.
Take Action!

• Make a donation to NM Voices
• Become a citizen co-sponsor of the *NM KIDS are COUNTing on Us* campaign

www.nmvoices.org