Making KIDS COUNT 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 opportunities to reach their full potential.
poverty
food insecurity
low access to early education & care
child abuse
low reading & math scores
Northern NM has its own story to tell

- More kids in preschool
- Better graduation rates
- Fewer teen births
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- More kids in poverty
- More disconnected youth
- Fewer kids with health insurance
Disparities exist in nearly every indicator.
New Mexico is ahead of the demographic trend.

United States, 2030

Northern NM, 2016

- Racial & Ethnic Minorities: 55%
  - White: 45%

- New Mexico, 2016

- Racial & Ethnic Minorities: 75%
  - White: 25%

- Racial & Ethnic Minorities: 83%
  - White: 17%

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This is us.
Nobody likes to hear the bad news.
But there’s good news too.

Policy matters.
higher grad rates
better health outcomes
lower rates of food insecurity
better reading & math scores
lower remedial education costs
Progress is possible!

30,000 more with insurance

4,000 more in pre-K

4,000 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
We are at a crossroads.
We’re all in this together.