6th ANNUAL KIDS COUNT CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Kids at the Crossroads:
Charting the Course for Their Success

Monday, June 25, 2018
Embassy Suites
1000 Woodward Pl NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
9AM – 3:30PM

FULL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome Tim Keller | *Mayor,* City of Albuquerque
9:05 – 9:15	**Opening Remarks** Charlotte Little | *Board Member*, NM Voices for Children Allen Sanchez | *President & CEO,* CHI St. Joseph's Children
9:15 – 9:30	**Our Children Are Sacred** Dean Rudoy
9:30 – 9:40	**Gubernatorial Candidate Remarks**
9:40 – 9:55	**National Perspective: State of Children Across America** Leslie Boissiere | *Vice President*, External Affairs, Annie E. Casey Foundation
9:55 – 10:05	**Linking Taxes & Budget to Child Well-Being in New Mexico** James Jimenez | *Executive Director,* NM Voices for Children
10:05 – 10:25	**Making KIDS COUNT in New Mexico: New Mexico Kids at the Crossroads** Amber Wallin, MPA | *Deputy Director*, NM Voices for Children
10:25 – 10:40	**Networking Tea & Coffee Break**
10:40 – 10:50	**Gubernatorial Candidate Remarks**
10:50 –11:25	**Searchlight New Mexico: Raising New Mexico Presentation & Stories from Southern New Mexico** Lauren Villagran | *Journalist*, Searchlight New Mexico Diana Murillo-Trujillo | *Mayor,* Anthony, New Mexico
11:25 – 11:35	**Closing Remarks: Everyone's Child** Frank Lopez | *Director of New Mexico Programs*, W.K. Kellogg Foundation
11:35 – 11:55	**Break & Transition to Lunch**

12:00 – 12:50 **Lunchtime Awards Ceremony**

MC: Cindy Nava | *Executive Director,* The Learning Alliance

Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Awards

Ages 13–18: Jonathan Alonzo, Yahaira Carreras Cubillas
Ages 19–26: Hope Alvarado, Ingrid Karina Ordóñez

Spirit of Hope Awards

Patty Jennings & Polly Arango: Searchlight New Mexico
Spirit of Hope Direct Service Award: Roberta Rael & Generation Justice
Alice King Public Service Award: Susan Thom Loubet
Legislative Advocacy Award: Jerry Ortiz y Pino

1:00–2:00 **Breakout Learning Sessions BLOCK A**

Data 101 (Room: Sierra I)

Armelle Casau *Research & Policy Analyst, NM Voices*
Stephanie Brinker *KIDS COUNT Data Center Specialist, NM Voices*

New Mexico Tax and Budget 101 (Room: Sierra II)

Bill Jordan *Senior Policy Advisor & Government Relations Officer, NM Voices*

Regional Approaches to Early Childhood Care & Education (Room: Sierra III)

Rex Davidson *Executive Director, Las Cumbres Community Services*
Lori Martinez *Executive Director, Ngage New Mexico*
Jacob Vigil *Research & Policy Analyst, NM Voices for Children*

Advocacy Tactics 101: Advocacy & Policymaker Education (Room: Ocotillo I)

Ezra Spitzer *Executive Director, NM Child Advocacy Network (NMCAN)*
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2:15–3:15 **Breakout Learning Sessions BLOCK B**

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