

NM-PED Office of Special Education (OSE) Disability Resources Directory
Your Guide to Services, Support, and Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities

Emergency Contacts
Medical Emergencies: 911
Crisis Line: 1-855-NMCRISIS (662-7474)
Suicide Prevention: 988 (www.988nm.org)

Important Notes

- **Verify eligibility requirements before seeking services**
- **Call ahead to confirm current services and availability**
- **Many organizations offer multiple services across categories**
- **Services may vary by location**
- **Some services provide telehealth options**
- **Waiting lists may exist for some programs**

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Introduction

Welcome to the **NM-PED Office of Special Education Disability Resources Directory**. This guide empowers individuals and families in New Mexico by providing access to diverse support services, particularly for those with disabilities, chronic health conditions, and special educational needs. Whether you seek healthcare, mental health services, workforce development opportunities, or general support, this directory offers information on organizations and resources across the state.

State Government Agencies

Aging and Long-Term Services Department

Offers home and community-based services, adult protective services, and support for older adults and adults with disabilities.

Website: www.nmaging.state.nm.us

Phone: (505) 476-4799

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

DVR offers career counseling, job placement, and vocational training to help people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

Contact: Mario Lucero

Phone: 505-695-4084

Email: Mario.Lucero@dvr.nm.gov

Early Childhood Education and Care Department

This department supports families with young children, including early childhood education programs and services for children with special needs.

Contact: Dr. Janis Gonzales

Phone: 505-469-1742

Email: Janis.Gonzales2@eeced.nm.gov

Governor's Commission on Disability

The Governor's Commission on Disability provides programs and initiatives to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities in New Mexico.

Contact: Lisa McNiven

Phone: 505-884-1866

Email: Lisa.McNiven@gcd.nm.gov

New Mexico Commission for the Blind (CFB)

The Commission for the Blind provides specialized services to the blind and visually impaired. These services include vocational rehabilitation, independent living assistance, and training.

Contact: Denise Otero

Phone: 505-383-2258

Email: Denise.Otero@cfb.nm.gov

New Mexico Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)

CDHH provides advocacy, resources, and services for individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind. They offer interpreting services, public education, and referrals.

Contact: Nathan Gomme

Phone: 505-383-6530

Email: Nathan.Gomme@cdhh.nm.gov

New Mexico Department of Health – Medicaid

Medicaid is a vital healthcare program for low-income families and individuals with disabilities. It provides access to medical services, long-term care, and more.

Contact: Susan J. Garcia

Phone: 505-670-4136

Email: Susan.Garcia@doh.nm.gov

New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Council

This council advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities and works to ensure access to community-based services and supports.

Contact: Alice Liu McCoy

Phone: 505-841-4519

Email: AliceLiu.McCoy@ddc.nm.gov

NM-PED Office of Special Education

The Office of Special Education will assist districts, parents, and students with disabilities (SWDs) to ensure they receive a free appropriate public education under IDEA. This includes reviewing data to guide decisions that support SWDs in meeting college and career-ready standards through access to challenging courses, quality instruction, and necessary support.

Contact: Dr. Elizabeth Cassel

Phone: 505-490-3918

Email: elizabeth.cassel@ped.nm.gov

New Mexico Technology Assistance Program (NMTAP)

Offers assistive technology assessments, device loans, and training for individuals with disabilities

Website: www.tap.gcd.state.nm.us

Phone: (505) 841-4464

Advocacy and Support Organizations

Best Buddies

Best Buddies in New Mexico offers One-to-One Friendship, Integrated Employment, and Leadership Development programs for individuals with and without disabilities.

Contact: Martha Mondragon

Phone: 505-299-2552

Email: marthamondragon@bestbuddies.org

Cerebral Palsy Parent Association

This organization supports families of children with cerebral palsy by offering resources, advocacy, and community engagement opportunities.

Contact: John Chimarusti

Phone: 505-272-5296

Email: JChimarusti@salud.unm.edu

Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM)

Disability Rights New Mexico is the state's Protection and Advocacy agency for people with disabilities. They provide legal advocacy, information, and assistance to individuals with disabilities and their families.

Contact: Bernadine Chavez

Phone: 505-256-3100

Email: bchavez@drnm.org

FundAbility New Mexico

FundAbility New Mexico is a program of the New Mexico Technology Assistance Program and the Governor's Commission on Disability. It is designed to help New Mexico residents who have disabilities purchase adaptive or assistive equipment they need. FundAbility is not a device loan program. It is a financial loan program that enables a person with a disability to purchase equipment they might not otherwise be able to access. When you borrow money through FundAbility, you are responsible for making payments until the loan is paid in full. Our team can also inform you of other equipment resources if needed.

Contact: Stephanie Dawson

Phone: 505-449-4025

Email: sadawson@goadelante.org

New Mexico Autism Society

Provides support groups, educational resources, and advocacy for individuals with autism and their families.

Phone: (505) 332-0306

Website: www.nmautismsociety.org

National Federation of the Blind – New Mexico

The National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico empowers blind individuals by providing resources, training, and advocacy.

Contact: Tara Chavez

Phone: 505-328-3349

Email: NFBNM.President@gmail.com

Parents Reaching Out (PRO)

Parents Reaching Out is a family-to-family support organization that assists families navigating special education systems and supports individuals with disabilities.

Contact: Jenn Donelli

Phone: 505-521-8091

Email: jdonelli@parentsreachingout.org

The Arc of New Mexico

The Arc provides advocacy, education, and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Contact: Marti Madrid

Phone: 505-883-4630

Email: mmadrid@arcnm.org

Healthcare Services

ABA Pathways

ABA Pathways provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to help people learn new skills and change behaviors

Contact: Melissa Studebaker

Email: melissas@abaways.com

Phone: 469-562-2926

Address: 4801 Montañó Rd NW A-2, Albuquerque, NM 87120

Ben Archer Health Centers

A network of federally qualified health centers (FQHC) offering affordable primary care, dental care, and behavioral health services to underserved populations.

Website: www.bahcnm.org

First Choice Community Healthcare

This health center provides primary care, dental, mental health, and women's health services.

Phone: 505-873-7400

Website: www.fcch.com

La Casa Family Health Center

La Casa offers primary healthcare, dental, and mental health services for individuals and families across New Mexico.

Website: www.lacasahealth.com

La Clinica de Familia

Another FQHC that serves New Mexico families provides them with access to various healthcare services, including mental health and preventive care.

Website: www.lcdfnm.org

New Mexico Department of Health

The Department of Health offers many public health services, including immunization, disease prevention, and wellness programs.

Website: www.nmhealth.org

Mental Health Services

NM Behavioral Health Institute

Provides psychiatric services and emergency care, with facilities dedicated to individuals requiring specialized mental health support.

Phone: 505-454-2100

New Mexico Crisis and Access Line

A statewide resource for individuals in crisis, offering counseling, support, and information on available mental health services.

Phone: 1-855-662-7474

Website: www.nmcrisisline.com

Presbyterian Behavioral Health Services

Offers inpatient and outpatient mental health services for adults and children, including crisis care and long-term support.

Phone: 505-291-5300

Website: www.phs.org

Turquoise Lodge Hospital

Provides medical detoxification, rehabilitation, and mental health services for individuals with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions.

Phone: 505-841-8978

Website: www.nmhealth.org

Workforce Development and Employment Resources

Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) Workforce Training Center

Offers short-term occupational training for individuals with disabilities, preparing them for career opportunities.

Website: www.cnm.edu

Goodwill Industries of New Mexico

Provides job training, placement, and support services for individuals with disabilities to help them find and retain meaningful employment.

Website: www.goodwillnm.org

New Mexico Workforce Connection

A network that helps individuals connect with job opportunities, career services, and job training.

Website: www.dws.state.nm.us

Transition Services for Youth and Young Adults

Adelante Development Center

Supports youth and young adults with disabilities with employment, community-based training, and life skills development.

Website: www.goadelante.org

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

DVR offers career counseling, job placement, and vocational training to help people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

Website: <https://www.dvr.state.nm.us/>

New Mexico Commission for the Blind

Offers vocational rehabilitation and transition services to help young people with visual impairments develop independent living and employment skills.

Website: www.cfb.state.nm.us

Youth Development, Inc. (YDI)

Provides education, employment, and life skills training programs to youth with disabilities.

Website: www.ydinm.org

Conclusion

This directory is a resource for individuals and families in New Mexico. It provides essential information about healthcare, advocacy, workforce development, and other critical services. Use the contact details provided to reach the appropriate organizations, and don't hesitate to explore the wide range of services available in your community.