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Attendees, guests, and colleagues—welcome!

Thank you for joining the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness at the 2023 Housing for All Conference. Over the next two days you will have the opportunity to learn from and share directly with some of our state's leading experts on issues at the heart of our shared work. As Executive Director of the Coalition, I extend my sincerest gratitude to the event planning committee for investing their energy and creativity to provide a top-notch event for you all to enjoy. And thanks in advance to each of you, for the work you do every day, and for the many contributions you will make to this Conference.

Our mission at the Coalition is to "assist communities to create solutions to homelessness; from prevention through permanent housing by using action, advocacy, and awareness." Each day the team at the Coalition and our member organizations uphold this mission through their work with individuals experiencing homelessness; through advocacy; and by building and sustaining strong partnerships with other agencies, funders, community and government. A prime example that we recently launched in Albuquerque and Santa Fe is the Built for Zero framework, a methodology to equitably and measurably end homelessness. This model will enable the Coalition and all our partners to more efficiently utilize data, reduce silos, and more effectively collaborate to change the systems that directly impact homelessness.

Together, we are building momentum and focusing on addressing issues sustainably and at scale. While there is much to be proud of, we know there is much more to be done.

Our intention is for you to find this Conference insightful in best practices, innovative strategies, partnership building, and moving our state closer to a future where "Housing is a Human Right."

Thank you for attending and please enjoy the conference!

In Community,

Monet Silva Executive Director New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness

AGENDA

Thursday, October 26

9:00 am: Welcome/Check-In

9:45 am - 10:45 am: Breakout Session 1

Increasing Safe Housing for Urban Natives: Leveraging Public-Private-Tribal Partnerships (Dawn Begay & Chenoah Bah)

Eviction Prevention & Rental Assistance: What We Learned & Moving Forward (Winter Torres)

11 am – 12 pm: Breakout Session 2

Honor, Support, Empower: Approaches to Working With Young People Experiencing Homelessness (Dr. Kit Cross)

Converting Motels into Affordable Housing: An Obvious yet Complex Solution (Edward Archuleta, Bobby Griffin, Brittany Rodriguez, Alexandra Ladd)

Landlords Hold the Keys! Engaging the Power of Landlords to End Homelessness

(Devin Mandell Kloster, Kristin Carmichael, Kelly Patterson, Anayeli Olivas, Andrew Estocin)

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm: Plenary with lunch

Built for Zero (Emma Beers)

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm: Breakout Session 3

Everything You Need to Know About the PIT Count (William Bowen)

Housing is Healthcare (Ericka Kidd)

Taos NEST (Navigating Emergency Support Together) (Mat Whitener)

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm: Break/Headshots

3:45 pm - 4:45 pm: Breakout Session 4

Building a Statewide Model for Housing Stability Services (Amy Whitfield)

My Journey Through Homelessness, Kindness, and Compassion in Albuquerque (James Freeman)

De-escalation and Safety (Nicole Martinez)

4:45 pm – 5:30 pm: Networking and Headshots

Friday, October 27

8:30 am – 9:30 am: Breakfast and Networking

10 am - 11 am: Breakout Session 1

Identifying and Addressing Racial Disparities in Homeless Services: How Did We Get Here, and How Will We Move Forward? (Tony Watkins)

Trauma Informed/Responsive/Specific Practice (KC Quirk)

Precariously Housed Today, HUD Eligible Tomorrow: How schools and housing collaborate for families (Dana Malone & Cristal Wilson)

11:15 am – 12:15 pm: Breakout Session 2

How Do You Eat An Elephant? - Why Investing in Secondary Prevention is Critical (Cathryn McGill, Jordan Velazguez, Jack Champagne)

> Youth Homeless in Northern New Mexico (Janeya Johnson, Johnathon Montano, Ashley Hart)

Nothing About Us Without Us - SF LEAB (Lila Casey, Nichay Gustobov, Richard Keith Coleman, Nik Timbrell, Laurel Anguoe)

12:45 pm – 2 pm: Closing Plenary w/ Awards and Lunch

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SESSIONS

Thursday, October 26

Eviction Prevention & Rental Assistance: What We Learned & Moving Forward

Presenter(s): Winter Torres Gran Quivera: 9:45 am - 10:45 am

We will look at data, structure, funding proposals, transition of the program--and also what Matt Desmond says & other leaders about the future of eviction prevention & rental assistance.

Increasing Safe Housing for Urban Natives: Leveraging Public-Private-Tribal Partnerships Presenter(s): Dawn Begay and Chenoa Bah Valle Grande: 9:45 am - 10:45 am

Converting Motels into Affordable Housing: an Obvious yet Complex Solution

Presenter(s): Edward Archuleta, St Elizabeth Shelter, Bobby Griffith, Brittany Rodriguez, Alexandra Ladd Valle Grande: 11 am - 12 pm

When motels reach the end of their profitable lives due to market shifts and obsolescence, they become an obvious source of longer-term housing for folks facing homelessness or housing instability. Underused places for people to stay temporarily can become high-quality supportive housing, especially in high value markets that otherwise offer few affordable options. In Santa Fe, we mobilized both CARES Act and ARPA funding to help cover the acquisition costs for two motel properties during the pandemic and have additional funding set aside to support a third, post-pandemic project. The panelists will discuss lessons learned, essential partnerships, promising practices that are replicable, property rehabilitation and design considerations, tenant-centered property management, and on-site supportive services to help tenants maintain their housing.

Honor, Support, Empower: Approaches to Working With Young People Experiencing Homelessness

Presenter(s): Dr. Kit Cross Gran Quivera: 11 am - 12 pm

Youth ages 11 to 25 are in a period of intense physical, mental, and emotional development that is dramatically impacted by the experience of homelessness. This presentation orients human services professionals to the needs and experiences of New Mexico's homeless youth and to promote evidence-based strategies and resources to support them.

Landlords Hold the Keys! Engaging the Power of Landlords to End Homelessness

Presenter(s): Devin Mandell Kloster, Kristin Carmichael, Kelly Patterson, Anayeli Olivas, Andrew Estocin Chaco & Bandelier: 11 am - 12 pm

Landlords are an obvious place to start in securing housing for those in need, yet initiatives to meaningfully and substantively partner with landlords are few and far between. This session will deliver

a high-level overview and lessons learned from multiple landlord-focused programs including programs established by NM Children Youth and Families Department and the City of Albuquerque.

Built for Zero

Presenter(s): Emma Beers Chaco & Bandelier: 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Built for Zero is a national movement of communities working to achieve an end to homelessness that endures and leaves no one behind. This presentation will cover the history of the movement, the methodology behind the success of hundreds of communities across the U.S., case studies from communities that have achieved a lasting end to homelessness, and information on how to get involved in the work happening in New Mexico.

Everything You Need to Know About the PIT Count

Presenter(s): William Bowen Chaco & Bandelier: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

This presentation will cover what the PIT count is, why & how NMCEH conducts it, as well as reviewing the most recent PIT and how to understand the numbers.

Housing is Healthcare

Presenter(s): Ericka Kidd Gran Quivera: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

How can we help change the criminalizing/villainizing of homelessness and educate about the healthcare, affordable housing crisis reality it is? As a community, doing what we've always done and expecting different results is insanity; communities across NM and the US need to increase our relational capacity as providers, step out from behind our screens, tables, budgets, bottom lines and focus on the humanity of this crisis. It's time to shift the paradigm.

Taos NEST

(Navigating Emergency Support Together)

Presenter(s): Mat Whitener Valle Grande: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Taos NEST is a collaborative effort, led by DreamTree Project. NEST is a multi-agency resource crisis center for anyone in Taos County. Taos NEST includes an emergency shelter for adult men, women, and gender expansive individuals. The Resource Center will be open 365 days a year, while families with children will be sheltered at hotels and unaccompanied minors will be sheltered at DreamTree Project's Emergency Youth Shelter.

Building a Statewide Model for Housing Stability Services

Presenter(s): Amy Whitfield Gran Quivera: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

A successful approach to housing for all means collaboration across multiple entities, and a driving model/approach. A statewide model can support many of the things that organizations serving individuals precariously housed or experiencing homelessness have been asking for over the years,

including shared definitions, increased collaboration, incentives for using best practices, and coordinated services. This presentation will present the Governor's Initiative for Housing and Homelessness plan for a statewide model.

De-escalation and Safety

Presenter(s):Nicole Martinez Gran Quivera: 3:45 am - 4:45 pm

As direct service providers, sometimes we encounter situations that require calming and safety skills. This presentation will point out some techniques to help resolve heightened situations in the office and during home visits.

My Journey Through Homelessness, Kindness, and Compassion in Albuquerque

Presenter(s): James Freeman Valle Grande: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

My presentation will be my lived experience story of experiencing homelessness, accessing resources, and being treated with kindness and compassion in Albuquerque. I arrived in Albuquerque some years ago with limited financial resources and no support. I quickly found myself precariously housed and eventually homeless. This presentation is about one person's story in overcoming very challenging situations to get housed.

SESSIONS

Friday, October 27

Identifying and Addressing Racial Disparities in Homeless Services: How Did We Get Here, and How Will We Move Forward?

Presenter(s): Tony Watkins Chaco & Bandelier: 10 am - 11 am

This workshop is intended to galvanize momentum to end racial disparities in homelessness. A historical context will move us toward a shared understanding of the root causes of racial disparities. From there we will showcase opportunities to build upon a bon-a-fide anti-racist movement in New Mexico, including participating in the CoC Anti-Racism Planning Group, attending Undoing Racism and Community Organizing workshops with the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, and organizing in our organizations, families, and communities.

Precariously Housed Today, HUD Eligible Tomorrow: How schools and housing collaborate for families

Presenter(s): Dana Malone and Cristal Wilson Valle Grande: 10 am - 11 am

Individuals who work with students and families identified under McKinney-Vento know they may or may not meet the HUD definition of homeless. Join the conversation around children and youth experiencing homelessness and how collaboration and recognition of specialties is an essential component of the services provided for families experiencing homelessness.

Trauma Informed/Responsive/ Specific Practice

Presenter(s): KC Quirk Gran Quivera: 10 am - 11 am

This interactive conversation will be about the environmental shift from the "power-over" norm, to a shared practice in which all of us are seen, heard and honored for who we are, trauma and all! We will talk about the challenges of being trauma informed when others are not and how to find our own sphere of influence in which to implement trauma informed practice.

How Do You Eat An Elephant? - Why Investing in Secondary Prevention is Critical

Presenter(s): Jordan Velazquez, Jack Champagne, Cathryn McGill Valle Grande: 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Staff members from the New Mexico Black Leadership Council will present a panel based on the need for a paradigm shift in addressing homelessness, highlighting the significance of early intervention and secondary prevention strategies. The most effective way to end homelessness is by preventing it in the first place. The presenters will explore the necessity for investing in secondary prevention strategies for ending homelessness.

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Nothing About Us Without Us -Santa Fe Lived Experience Board

Presenter(s): Marisol Atkins Chaco & Bandelier: 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Learn how one New Mexican community has worked to establish a formal board of individuals with current or past experience of homelessness to help guide program and policy changes related to the unhoused.

Youth Homeless in Northern New Mexico

Presenter(s): Janeya Johnson, Johnathon Montano, Ashley Hart Chaco & Bandelier: 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Varying staff from YSFS will lead a presentation discussing the role Youth Shelters & Family Services in combating youth homelessness in Northern New Mexico. Staff will highlight each program and the services provided, and then move to discussing statistics around youth homelessness and general child wellness in New Mexico.

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