

## Community Resource

**Name of Organization:** New Mexico Voices for Children

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**Purpose of Organization:** Founded by a group of pediatricians, Voices, speaks to Public Policies that improve the status and well-being of NM's children, families, and communities in the areas of health, education, and economic security through research and effective advocacy.

**Services Offered:** Help implement public policy that is supportive of children and working families.

**Eligibility (If Applicable):** Free



### What We Do

We partner with community organizations and work with state and national lawmakers to shape and implement public policies that are supportive of children and working families.

### Some of Our Policy Victories for Kids and Families

- Increased funding for programs serving children ages 0-5 that help them succeed in school.
- Increased funding for Medicaid coverage for children.
- Creation of the Working Families Tax Credit, which benefits low-income working families with children.
- Extra unemployment insurance benefits for unemployed workers who have children.
- Passage of the Child Helmet Safety Act.
- A statewide increase in the minimum wage, which helps working families.



### Our Vision

All New Mexico children and families have equitable opportunities to thrive and to achieve their full potential.

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## Who We Are

Founded in 1987 by a group of pediatricians, New Mexico Voices for Children is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide advocacy organization.

**Our mission** is to champion public policies that improve the status and well-being of New Mexico's children, families, and communities in the areas of **health, education, and economic security** through credible research and effective advocacy.



## There is Still Work to be Done

- New Mexico has among the states with the highest income inequality in the nation.
- New Mexico has the second highest rate of child poverty and the highest rate of child hunger.
- More than 60% of our 3- and 4-year-olds are not enrolled in preschool.
- Almost 80% of our 4<sup>th</sup> graders are not reading proficiently.
- Major racial disparities still exist in educational outcomes, access to health insurance, and other areas.

## RAISE YOUR VOICE

**You CAN make a difference in the lives of New Mexico's children!**

Your donations and annual membership dues help us continue our advocacy on behalf of New Mexico's most vulnerable children and families through quality research, policy development and advocacy.

To make a donation, become a member or for more information about our work, visit us at [www.nmvoices.org](http://www.nmvoices.org).

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