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**NEW MEXICO  
HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP**



## New Mexico Health Equity Partnership News

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# Network Engagement

## NMHEP celebrate at January 2016 reception

The New Mexico Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP) team is truly grateful to our wonderful network of partners, friends and family who joined together to celebrate the implementation of the NMHEP Health Impact Assessment Technical Assistance Training Program and the kick off of three new Health Impact Assessment in rural and tribal areas at the reception at the Lodge at Santa Fe on January 13, 2016.

The NMHEP team encourages aligned community organizations and members to sign up as a [NMHEP network member](#). The Partnership currently includes **over thirty network members** representing diverse state and local organizations and community members committed to advancing health equity through team collaboration and focused actions connected to movement building, capacity building, and systems and policy change. Specific network members can be viewed [here](#). Benefits include the opportunity to:

- Be part of a larger movement in New Mexico to advance health equity;
- Attend the Statewide Health Equity Gathering and connect your local health equity efforts to the development of a Health in All Policies Framework and statewide policy agenda;
- Participate in the NMHEP's peer-to-peer learning and advocacy community;
- Learn about the NMHEP's events, volunteer opportunities, and efforts via our newsletter.
- Access relationships and perks with local hotels and businesses around New Mexico. One example, The Best Western Albuquerque Airport hotel offers a special rate of \$55 + tax. Need a great caterer or hotel recommendation? Contact [Jinelle Scully](#).

*Submitted by Jinelle Scully, Creative Logistics & Operations Associate*



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## NMHEP in the Green Fire Times

Please take some time to read the recent article, in the February 2016 issue of the Green Fire Times, featuring the latest work of the New Mexico Health Equity Partnership. [You may read the issue here.](#)

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## Policy & Advocacy

### Upcoming core partner educational policy/advocacy days

In 2016, the NMHEP team will be working in partnership with four core partners to coordinate and host educational policy/advocacy days. Core community-based partners, located in Bernalillo, Doña Ana, McKinley and San Miguel counties, are working to improve health by addressing economic justice, environmental justice, land-use policies, and substance abuse treatment rather than incarceration. Previous policy/advocacy days have focused on the health impacts of uranium mining; educating how the Santolina Master Development would affect land, water, and health; civic engagement in Doña Ana county; and the Safe Passage Initiative, Complete Streets, and Predatory Lending in San Juan County.

Please keep an eye out for 2016 policy/advocacy days! NMHEP network members will be invited to attend policy/advocacy days to serve as a bigger base of support.

*Submitted by Jinelle Scully, Creative Logistics & Operations Associate*

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## Capacity Building

### Three community-based teams kick-off their Health Impact Assessments at January 2016 training

On January 13 & 14, 2016, the NMHEP held a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Training at the National Education Association – New Mexico with 34 participants from three HIA teams in rural and tribal areas and a reception on January 13, 2016 with 56 guests at the Lodge at Santa Fe. Childcare and Spanish translation were provided at the community-based HIA Training. The HIA Training served as the kick-off for three HIAs designed to ensure that health is considered in policy decision making processes. These HIAs include the:

1. McKinley Worker Justice Coalition HIA on wage theft;
2. Tularosa Basin Downwinders HIA on the amendments to the Radiation Exposure and Compensation Act to include New Mexico; and the

3. Santa Fe Indian Center and the University of New Mexico's HIA on the impact of the Federal Indian Health Services budget on the Santa Fe Indian Health Services.

The HIA Training was part of the NMHEP's HIA Technical Assistance Training program. Four local technical assistance providers located in Doña Ana, McKinley, San Miguel and San Juan counties facilitated the HIA training. In planning for the HIA training, the facilitators participated in a series of four webinars and peer-to-peer monthly calls co-hosted by the NMHEP team and Human Impact Partners staff. They also worked with the NMHEP team and Human Impact Partners to tailor the HIA training curricula to New Mexico with specific HIA examples, conducted in rural and tribal areas, over the past three years.

*Submitted by Jessica Eva Jensen, Grants & Capacity Building Strategist*





## The NMHEP is pleased to announce action-oriented small group gatherings for 2016

The NMHEP's action-oriented small group gatherings are intended to strengthen relationships and solidarity with peers within the Partnership's network to advance health equity through team building and focused actions connected to movement building, capacity building, and systems and policy change to improve health. The gatherings began as a way for Partnership staff to deepen relationships and have blossomed into a series of gatherings to support numerous partners, members and allies within the broader network. The NMHEP team, through its formal application process, received twelve impressive action-oriented small group proposals and has selected and will be supporting six groups focused on thematic topics ranging from inclusive education to gender equity and reproductive justice to refugees and immigration. The action-oriented small group gatherings will be hosted by the NMHEP team in partnership with Borders Center for Educational Studies, La Semilla Food Center, the McKinley team, New Mexico Asian Family Center - Global 505, New Mexico Breastfeeding Taskforce, and Tewa Women United, respectively. The gatherings are scheduled for February thru summer 2016. Representatives participating in the small group gatherings will attend the Statewide Health Equity Gathering in summer 2016. At this gathering, they will share their experiences from the action-oriented small group gatherings and provide recommendations to inform the development of the Partnership's Health in All Policies framework and statewide policy agenda.

*Submitted by Jessica Eva Jensen, Grants & Capacity Building Strategist*



# Cuba Trails Mobile Application



Access to Cuba's trails in the palm of your hand. You can now access information and directions to the trails in the beautiful Santa Fe National Forest, surrounding Nacimiento Mountain foothills, San Pedro Parks Wilderness and Cuba, New Mexico area that are maintained and promoted for community use by Step Into Cuba. The mobile application is available in the Apple App Store for free.

- Information about available trails
- Directions to the trail head
- Link to additional resources on [stepintocuba.org](http://stepintocuba.org)
- Quick links to social media to share your hiking experience

How: Search "Cuba Trails" in the Apple App store and download for free. You can also download on your computer at the following link (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cuba-trails/id1000807464?mt=8>) and install to your device via iTunes or scan the QR code to the right.



## Access to Cuba's trails in the palm of your hand – check out the new Cuba Trails App

The Cuba Studying Trail Enhancement Plans (STEP)-Health Impact Assessment (HIA) team is pleased to announce that you can now access Cuba's trails in the palm of your hand. You can access information and

directions to the trails in the beautiful Santa Fe National Forest, surrounding Nacimiento Mountain foothills, San Pedro Parks Wilderness and Cuba, New Mexico area that are maintained and promoted for community use by Step Into Cuba. The mobile application is available in the Apple App Store for free.

You can access the app by searching "[Cuba Trails](#)" in the Apple App store and download for free. You can also download on your computer at the following [link](#), and install to your device via iTunes.

The STEP- HIA was conducted through the University of New Mexico Prevention Research Center in partnership with the Step Into Cuba Alliance. The STEP-HIA aimed to look at how trail access from Cuba, New Mexico to the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) is linked to health, quality of life, and community, social, and economic capital for residents living in the community. The overall objective of the HIA was to utilize primary and secondary data to formulate recommendations about potential trail and trailhead features and locations in relation to the CDT to inform public land planners. The STEP-HIA is one of many efforts to increase health equity in Cuba. You can access the [HIA report here](#).

*Submitted by Alejandro Ortega, STEP-HIA team member*

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## Calendar

### DATE

### EVENT

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February 26, March  
18, April 15, May 20,  
& June 17,  
2016

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Small Group Gathering : Global 505 – New Mexico  
Asian Family Center and the NMHEP

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March 1, 2016

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Small Group Gathering: Inclusive Education –  
Borders Center for Educational Studies, and the  
NMHEP

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Two in March,  
2016

Small Group Gathering: Youth Leadership and  
Shared Learning – La Semilla Food Center,  
Southwest Organizing Project, Farm To Table, and  
the NMHEP

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March & May, 2016

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Small Group Gathering: Reclaiming Feminism

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TBD

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Small Group Gathering: Educating decision  
makers and the media – New Mexico  
Breastfeeding Taskforce and the NMHEP

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TBD

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Small Group Gathering: Care Coalition – Tewa  
Women United and the NMHEP

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June, 2016

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NMHEP Statewide Health Equity Gathering

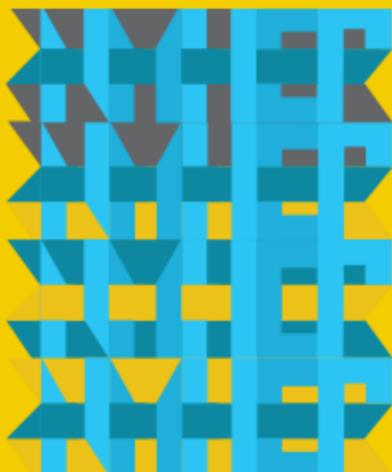
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July or August, 2016

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Policy/Advocacy Day in Bernalillo County

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