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**NEW MEXICO  
HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP**



## New Mexico Health Equity Partnership News

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## Network Engagement

### Join the New Mexico Health Equity Partnership Network

As an initiative of the Santa Fe Community Foundation, the purpose of the New Mexico Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP) is to strengthen the capacity of New Mexico communities to shift power relations by advocating for systems and policy change and addressing structural and institutionalized inequities based

on race, class, gender and geography. NMHEP is committed to working with rural, frontier, urban, and border communities and first nations to create access to fresh food, clean environments, safe places, quality education and fair wages for all New Mexicans. This way all children and families can live healthy and quality lives in safe and thriving communities no matter where they are located in New Mexico.

In 2016, the Partnership is dedicated to impacting in three key focus areas:

- Solidifying a health equity peer-to-peer network and developing a statewide policy agenda;
- Recruiting partners and decision makers to ensure health is considered in policy making; and
- Strengthening community capacity and leadership to conduct Health Impact Assessments (HIA) in rural/tribal areas, training New Mexico HIA technical assistance providers via our HIA Train the Trainers Program, facilitating community peer learning, and advancing community-based health equity efforts.

The NMHEP network of unique, innovative and culturally diverse partners is crucial for the health of children, families and communities in New Mexico. To learn more about the NMHEP, please visit the Partnership's [website](#), sign up for the [newsletter](#), and join the Partnership as a [network member](#) to be part of a larger health equity movement making lasting positive change for all New Mexicans!

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

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## "NMHEP Statewide Health Equity Gathering 2016"

### SAVE THE DATE

Who: NMHEP core partners, network members, and allies

What: Statewide Health Equity Gathering

When: Thursday, June 16 & Friday, June 17, 2016

Where: [The Hotel Blue](#)  
717 Central Ave NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

more information to follow soon  
or contact [María Gallegos](#) - NMHEP Engagement & Policy Strategist

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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*



## Sharing Our Looking Within: A Health Impact Assessment on Uranium Mining with Community Members

Over the last few months, Jordon Johnson, PhD- Executive Director, New Mexico Equity and Social Justice Institute has been presenting to Iyanbito, Church Rock, Standing Rock, Manuelito, and Tsayatoh Chapters on the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) conducted about the uranium legacy in McKinley county. Copies of the report have been shared with community members at these presentations. This has often led to rich conversations and personal stories being shared by community members about this history and the health issues people are encountering. In reflecting on the conversations from the presentations, the team has recognized a need to pursue more health studies, as well as address the lack of compensation for former workers who are dealing with the health impacts identified in the report.

Jordon also presented to the Navajo Nation Health and Education Committee which peaked interest in potentially pursuing an HIA in other parts of the Navajo Nation facing similar circumstances as the Red Water Pond Community. The team will be exploring how to share this report and process with other community members in the area.

Future presentations include Coyote Canyon and Pinedale Chapters as well as a presentation for students, faculty and community members at the University of New Mexico-Gallup.

You may read the [report here](#).





Local organizations and individuals are invited to join us in this important work. Please contact the [Borderlands Center for Educational Studies \(BoCES\)](#) at 575-646-1358 or [mvalverde@zianet.com](mailto:mvalverde@zianet.com).

*Submitted by Michelle Valverde, PhD, Director of Community Outreach Borderlands Center for Educational Studies*

## Action Lab organized by the National Collaborative for Health Equity



Last month, four teams from New Mexico attended the Action Lab organized by the National Collaborative for Health Equity. We had the opportunity to tour New Orleans and hear about the work taking place to fight for health equity.





*Submitted by Kari Bachman, Doña Ana Communities United Coordinator & Jordon Johnson, PhD- Executive Director, NM Equity and Social Justice Institute*

## Partner Capacity Building Opportunities and Events

[2016 Community Partners Conference](#) - The NB3 Foundation's Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures Community Partners Conference provides a platform to celebrate the incredible work of their community partners (grantees) and their communities in advancing the health and wellness of Native American children. Please join the NB3 Foundation and its Community Partners (grantees) to share, learn, network with each other, and provide a deeper understanding of the opportunities that exist in the prevention of childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes. Check out last year's conference video and visit the conference website to access the agenda, travel logistics, hotel information, and to register.

[Santa Fe Community Foundation](#) - The NMHEP's institutional home, the Santa Fe Community Foundation (SFCF), is committed to supporting nonprofits in achieving their missions with excellence. The SFCF's Philanthropy HUB has been designed as a learning and gathering place for the philanthropic sector. The HUBs programs strive to: 1) deepen philanthropic practice; 2) build nonprofit capacity; 3) provide support for professional advisors; and 4) provide platforms for learning about social issues in community. Upcoming trainings and presentations include:

- April 14, 2016: [2016 Planned Giving Mini-Conference](#)
- April 28, 2016: [Paving a Smooth Path from Proposals to Reporting](#) A nonprofit technical assistance workshop with Nadine Stafford and Jerry Nelson.
- May 4, 2016: [Managing Your \[Communication\] Assets](#) with MediaDesk New Mexico
- May 13 and 20, 2016: [Demystifying the Strategic Plan](#) with Carol Tyroler

If you are a NMHEP network member and you have an upcoming training, workshop, or other capacity building opportunity open to community members and organizations, please send information about it to [Jessi Jensen, Grants & Capacity Building Strategist](#) and the NMHEP team can include it an upcoming NMHEP newsletter.

## Calendar

### DATE

### EVENT

April 22, May 20, &  
June 17,  
2016

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

April 27, 2016	Small Group Gathering: Educating decision makers and the media – New Mexico Breastfeeding Taskforce and the NMHEP
May 2016	Small Group Gathering: Youth Leadership and Shared Learning – La Semilla Food Center, Southwest Organizing Project, Farm To Table, and the NMHEP
May 13, 2016	Small Group Gathering: Reclaiming Feminism
May 18, 2016	Small Group Gathering: Care Coalition – Tewa Women United and the NMHEP
June 16 & 17, 2016	NMHEP Statewide Health Equity Gathering
July or August 2016	Policy/Advocacy Day in Bernalillo County



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