Understanding The Needs Of Santa Fe County’s Young Children

Prepared For
Katherine Freeman
CEO/ President
United Way of Santa Fe County

Prepared By
Peter Winograd, UNM Center For Education Policy Research
Adai Tefera, UNM Center For Education Policy Research
Angelo Gonzales, UNM Center For Education Policy Research

Data... Insight... Impact
Percentage Of Families with Children with Income Less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level

This map shows that most counties across New Mexico have communities facing the challenges of poverty.

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. Rates are reported by census tracts overlaid with county boundaries. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age.
The Challenges of Poverty Are Both Urban and Rural

Percentage of Families with Children with income Less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level

- Less than 5%
- 5.1 - 15.7% (Below nat'l avg.)
- 15.8 - 22.0% (Above nat'l avg.)
- Greater than 22% (Above nat'l and state avg.s.)

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age.
New Mexico has about 144,981 children under the age of five. This is about 7% of the state’s total population of 2,059,179.

About 25.8% of these children live in poverty. The county percentages range from 44.7% in Luna County to 2.4% in Los Alamos County. All but five of New Mexico’s 33 counties have poverty rates higher than the national average.

N= Number of Children Under 5 in That County. % = Number of Families with Children with Income Less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level

Percentage of Families with Children with Income Less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level

Sources: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age.
Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten and Child Care Sites in New Mexico

Percentage of Families with Children with income Less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Less than 5%
- 5.1 - 15.7% (Below nat'l avg.)
- 15.8 - 22.0% (Above nat'l avg.)
- Greater than 22% (Above nat'l and state avgs.)

Pre-Kindergarten Sites
Head Start Centers
4 & 5 Star Licensed Child Care Facilities

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age.
What Do We Know About Young Children, Poverty and Early Childhood Education Programs In Santa Fe County?

Santa Fe County has about 8,217 children under the age of five. This is about 5.7% of Santa Fe County’s total population of 144,170. About 19.2% of children under five live in poverty. This map shows where the Pre-Kindergarten Programs, Headstart Programs, and the 4 & 5 Star Child Care Centers are located in Santa Fe County.

N= Number of Children Under 5 In That Census Tract

Sources: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age. 2009 Young children in poverty data from Kids Count 2011; Program data from NMDOH-CYFD
Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten and Child Care Sites in Santa Fe

N= Number of Children Under 5 In That Census Tract

Percentage of Families with Children with Income Less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Green: Less than 5%
- Light Orange: 5.1 - 15.7% (Below nat'l avg.)
- Medium Orange: 15.8 - 22.0% (Above nat'l avg.)
- Dark Red: Greater than 22% (Above nat'l and state avgs.)

# Pre-Kindergarten Sites
^ Head Start Centers
! 4 & 5 Star Licensed Child Care Facilities

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age.
Child Care Sites And Ratings in Santa Fe

Child Care Centers Ratings

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age. Program Data provided by DOH and CYFD.
Pre-Kindergarten Sites in Santa Fe

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age. Program Data provided by DOH and CYFD.
Head Start Sites in Santa Fe

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2010, Five Year Estimates. National Average = 15.7%; State Average=22%. Children defined as under 18 years of age. Program Data provided by DOH and CYFD.