

# Greetings!

Happy Spring! We hope you are enjoying this beautiful time of year in New Mexico. We invite you to join us at our upcoming Breakfast on April 25th where we'll be diving into a new chapter in our work. We're thrilled to share with you the culmination of an empowering 3-part strategic planning process with young people and staff.

NMCAN continues to support young people and hold systems accountable. During times of record-breaking state revenues, New Mexico should be investing in young people and family-driven solutions. Join us as we re-imagine and re-design systems of support in which young people and families can access resources without stigma, heal from generational trauma, and lead satisfying lives in communities that reflect their values, needs, and identities.

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## Join Us for Breakfast!

Discover Our New Office & Theory of Change  
On **Thurs, April 25th, 2024 9:30am-11am**  
Program to start at 9:45am

Come chat with young people & staff  
to learn more about our work!

Don't miss the opportunity to receive your own  
NMCAN t-shirt available through donation!

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RSVP requested by April 15th



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We look forward to seeing you!

# Take a sneak peek

at our **Theory of Change!** After an empowering 3-part strategic planning process with young people and staff, we decided it was time to **refresh** our guiding frame to achieve our mission. Our strategies to engage young people remain rooted in community building, leadership development, and advocacy. It is time to create systems that serve young people & families and see them as **equal, valuable, and indispensable.**



Children should not be separated from their families because of conditions related to poverty. We need to invest in families, not separation.

## What is the difference between poverty and neglect?

Poverty and neglect may be conflated when discussing and assessing the safety of children. But these are two distinct situations. We must be intentional about the way we use these terms.

Neglect is a state in which a family can afford to provide for a child's needs such as shelter, food, clothing, and hygiene, **but chooses not to.**

Poverty is a state or condition in which one **lacks the financial resources and essentials for a foundational standard of living.**



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