



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Human
Services Committee
June 16, 2026 at 3:00 PM
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approval of 6/16 agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of 4/21 minutes
5. Presentations
 - a. Las Cumbres Community Services, Inc. (Elizabeth Holmes, Program Manager, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)
 - b. Coming Home Connection (Ellen London, Executive Director)
 - c. Free Flow NM (Laurie Merrill, Executive Director and Founder)
 - d. Girls Inc of Santa Fe (Kim Brown, CEO, and Madonna Hernandez, Chief Program Officer)
 - e. Kitchen Angels (Michelle Barnes, Client Services Manager)
 - f. NM Eviction Prevention and Diversion (Winter L. Torres, CEO and Founder)
 - g. PIE-SFPS Parent Academy (Raquel Plaza, Deputy Chief of Family & Engagement)

- h. Contigo Immigrant Justice, formerly Santa Fe Dreamers Project (Miles Tokunow, Executive Director)
 - i. Solace Sexual Assault Services (Amy Lueck, MA, LMHC, Clinical Coordinator, Psychotherapist)
 - j. The Life Link (Janelle Bohannon, MA, LPCC, Director of Outreach Services)
6. Action Items
 7. Discussion Items
 8. Matters from Staff
 9. Matters from the Committee
 10. Matters from the Chair
 11. Next Meeting: August 18, 2026
 12. Adjourn

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Regular Meeting of the Human Services Committee
April 21, 2026 at 3:00 PM
Meeting Virtually
MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Baldwin
Emily Haozous
Jennifer Romero
Kathleen Tunney
Orion Block
Mark Glaser

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jeff Valdez

OTHER PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING

Christa Hernandez, Program Manager & HSC Staff Liaison, City of Santa Fe
Nikki Baker, Project Administrator, City of Santa Fe
Gabrielle Chavez, Santa Fe Trails
Leila Kelly, Interpersonal Violence Consultant
Sandra Emory, Program Manager, City of Santa Fe
Natalie Aspen Skogerboe, Owner and Director, Aspen Solutions
Ana Coghlan, PhD, Senior Program Evaluator, Aspen Solutions

3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approval of 4/21 Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Member Block, seconded by Member Glaser, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of 2/17 Minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Member Tunney, seconded by Vice Chair Haozous, to approve the minutes.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Presentations
 - a. Human Services Committee New Member Introductions

- b. Transit Presentation (Andrew J. Baca, Santa Fe Trails Director of Operations)

Gabrielle Chavez shared that Andrew Baca is not able to present today. The presentation was agreed to be rescheduled for a later meeting.

- c. Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence updates (Leila Kelly, Interpersonal Violence Consultant and Sandra Emory, City of Santa Fe Youth and Family Services Program Manager)

Leila Kelly and Sandy Emory presented on the City of Santa Fe Domestic Violence Response: Expanding Impact, Deepening Collaboration.

- d. Esperanza Shelter updates from follow-up meeting

Vice Chair Haozous shared updates from the Human Services Committee's site visit on April 13th, 2026. Esperanza Shelter submitted their 990 and 1023 forms to the IRS on Friday, April 17th, 2026 and provided copies to Christa Hernandez, liaison to the Human Services Committee, to be distributed to the Human Services Committee for review. Esperanza Shelter is hopeful to receive nonprofit status reinstatement in June 2026; however, they may be reinstated at a later time. Christa Hernandez reviewed the expectations set with Esperanza Shelter for communication around nonprofit status reinstatement and any resulting contract amendment. Member Tunney recommended the committee and city staff follow up with Esperanza Shelter to clarify what language should be used by the Police Department and/or Domestic Violence Specialists to ensure shelter for victims of Domestic Violence with active cases needing placement.

- e. Grantee funding expenditure updates (Christa Hernandez, Youth and Family Services Program Manager)

Christa Hernandez, Program Manager for the City of Santa Fe and Staff Liaison to the Human Services Committee, presented current grantee expenditures. An invoicing reminder email was sent out this month for all awarded grants.

6. Action Items

- a. Human Services Committee Small Grant RFQ

Christa Hernandez, Program Manager for the City of Santa Fe and Staff Liaison to the Human Services Committee, presented the draft of the Request For Quote (RFQ) for the Human Services Committee Small Grant for Fiscal Year 2027. The Human Services Committee Members discussed the addition of four items (1) to raise the award ceiling to \$40,000, (2) to add language informing the applicant of the committee's prioritization goals for funding, (3) to add two additional questions for applicants to the Vendor Questionnaire.

MOTION A motion was made by Member Block, seconded by Member Tunney, to approve the RFQ with the changes outlined in discussion.

VOTE The motion on a voice vote.

7. Matters from Staff

a. Member Vacancy

Christa Hernandez, Program Manager for the City of Santa Fe and Staff Liaison to the Human Services Committee, shared that Member Valdez has submitted his resignation. The committee agreed we should proceed with advertising the vacancy.

8. Matters from the Committee

No matters of the committee were brought forward.

9. Matters from the Chair

No matters of the Chair were brought forward.

10. Next Meeting: June 16, 2026

11. Adjourn

MOTION A motion was made by Chair Baldwin, seconded by Vice Chair Haozous, to adjourn.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

Christa Hernandez

Liaison

Chair

Las Cumbres Community Services

- We were able to serve 32 grandparents raising grandchildren and 40 grandchildren.
- Our program supported equitable access to services for grandparents raising grandchildren by addressing barriers to stability, safety and long-term family well-being. Services included individualized case management focused on connecting caregivers with resources, strengthening family stability, and supporting safe caregiving environments. Participants also had access to individual counseling and peer support groups that promoted emotional wellness, social connection, and shared problem-solving among caregivers. In addition, emergency discretionary funds were provided to assist with urgent financial needs when critical supports could not be met through existing community resources, helping families maintain stability during times of crises.
- One grandmother caring for multiple grandchildren experienced a significant family crisis after the unexpected loss of her adult son. Through our program, she participated in individual counseling and peer support groups, where she received emotional support, connection and encouragement from others with shared experiences. Our case management services helped connect the family to temporary financial assistance and community resources to address urgent needs and reduce immediate stress. The family also utilized Emergency Discretionary Funds to assist with essential expenses during the crisis, helping stabilize the household allowing the grandmother to focus on healing and caring for her grandchildren.

Successes

- Families successfully accessed case management services that increased connection to community resources, financial assistance and family stabilization supports.
- Individual counseling and peer support groups provided caregivers with emotional support, reduced isolation, and strengthened coping skills during periods of grief and stress.
- EDF helped families address urgent needs such as utilities, food, transportation, and other essential expenses during times of crisis.
- Services helped caregivers maintain safe and stable caregiving environments for grandchildren during periods of family transition and hardship.
- Collaboration with local community partners strengthened referral pathways and improved access to supportive services for participating families.

Challenges

- Transportation barriers and limited access to childcare impacted consistent participation in counseling and peer support groups.
- Families experiencing grief, trauma and caregiver stress often required more intensive case management.
- Limited availability of behavioral health providers in the community created delays in referrals for ongoing mental health support outside of program services.
- Housing instability and rising living costs created ongoing urgent needs that affected family stability and increased demand for emergency assistance services.

Coming Home Connection

“Taking Care of Neighbors” (TCN)

- In-home care and support services are provided to low-income older adults living alone in Santa Fe
- Funding provided for 6 clients:
 - 3 hours once a month for 10 months, 30 hours of service for each client
 - 180 total funded hours
 - Services provided included:
 - Groceries and meal prep
 - Transportation for medical appointments and prescriptions
 - Light housekeeping, trash containers to the curb, etc.
- TCN client with Parkinson’s and heart disease schedules his TCN hours for treatments at CSV and ABQ heart center
 - Needs his dog to accompany him in the event he freezes due to Parkinson’s. TCN caregiver transports him and his dog, stays during treatments, returns him home with any meds needed

Successes

- Program is a good fit for some former clients who can benefit from continued care at a lesser dosage
 - Clients can plan on a monthly time for errands and appointments
- Several clients who had received CHC care in the past but could not get on the city program, qualify for a Medicaid waver, or if they had secured a Medicaid waver, were able to get a caregiver received caregiving through the small grant program
- TCN caregivers are consistent and reliable, adding structure to client's life
 - Small grant program provides a reasonable rate of pay that supports caregiver retention

Challenges

- Communicating with clients
 - Many TCN clients do not answer their phones, do not have voice mail set up or available, lack technology or fluency in technology, etc., making it difficult to schedule or reschedule services
- Client retention/consistency
 - Two clients passed, one client declined services, one client moved to Chicago, one client moved to rehab facility
 - Two potential clients asked for services but refused to meet for an intake assessment
 - CHC was unable to serve two potential clients (dementia and/or condition of home)
 - In all cases, CHC replaced those clients with waitlisted clients to provide total funded hours of service



Since 2020, Free Flow NM has been dedicated to combating period poverty and reducing stigma around menstruation through seven core programs focused on distribution and education in New Mexico. Our vision is for a period-poverty-free New Mexico, where no one is held back from their potential due to menstruation.

Grant Report

HSC Grant Partner Organizations

Program Impact Report

Free Flow NM | Santa Fe, New Mexico

General Distribution Program in Santa Fe

About the Program

Each month, volunteers work together to build period kits filled with a one-month supply of menstrual materials. The kits are distributed by community organizations in Santa Fe.

By providing these kits, Free Flow NM ensures that individuals facing period poverty — including students, working adults, and people experiencing homelessness — have access to the products they need to participate fully in school, work, and daily life.

Each kit is assembled with care and dignity at the heart of every bag — because everyone deserves to manage their period without stress, shame, or financial strain.

Grant Specific: All kit distribution through this grant was directed to organizations within the City of Santa Fe, specifically serving individuals 18 years of age and older.

\$5,000

Grant Awarded

1,334

Community
Members Served

33,350

Period Products
Distributed

HSC Partner Organizations – Kit Distribution

ORGANIZATION	KITS	ORGANIZATION	KITS
Casa Familia	75	Many Mothers	100
Chainbreaker Collective	25	New Mexico Treatment Services	50
Genoveva Chavez Community Center	50	NM Immigrant Law Center	25
Gerard's House	50	Santa Fe Community College Cupboard	125
La Familia – Alto	175	Santa Fe Recovery Women's Program Office	50
La Familia – Dental	175	Salvation Army	25
La Familia – Oro	175	Villa Therese Catholic Clinic	59
La Familia – HCH	175		
TOTAL KITS DISTRIBUTED		1334	

Free Flow's Accomplishments — 2025

22,035

Community
Members Served

163

Community
Partners

175+

Incredible
Volunteers

13

Active
Period Pods™

550,625

Period Products
Distributed

10

Presentations on
Period Poverty

3

Period
Cupboards

327

Reusable Products
Provided

18

Counties &
Pueblos Served

Impact Quotes

- "I picked up a FFNM period kit from La Farge Library Period Pod. I recently lost my job and have been unable to afford basic hygiene necessities. Thank you for providing this service to me." – J.M.
- "I just started receiving help from Adelante and received my first package from Free Flow NM! First, thank you so much! I had no idea you guys existed and I'm sure you are a blessing to many women, including myself." – E.
- "Thank you! I am a single mother and an assistant preschool teacher and I cannot afford period products." - Anon

Successes — Past Year

✓ Success #1

Distribution Growth Free Flow NM increased period kit distribution by 85% over the past year, reflecting both the growing need in our community and the strength of our expanding partner network.

✓ Success #2

Volunteer Engagement Volunteer participation grew by 70%, demonstrating deepening community investment in menstrual equity. Our volunteers are the heartbeat of Free Flow NM — and their dedication makes every kit possible.

Challenges — Past Year

! Rising Demand

Requests for period products have increased significantly as community members face compounding economic hardship and housing instability. The intersection of period poverty with broader financial insecurity means more people are turning to Free Flow NM as an essential resource.

! Capacity to Meet Demand

As distribution numbers grew, so did the operational demands on our small team — including coordinating more frequent bagging sessions, restocking Period Cupboards, and managing a larger volunteer base.

! Transportation & Logistics

As distribution volumes grew, personal vehicles were no longer sufficient to transport the increased loads of period kits and supplies to our community partners. Free Flow NM purchased a used small cargo van to meet this challenge.

↑ How We Responded

Free Flow NM took decisive action on multiple fronts. We hired an additional part-time team member to oversee volunteer bagging sessions and restock Period Cupboards, ensuring our operations could scale without sacrificing quality. We also purchased a used small cargo van — allowing us to reliably deliver kits across our service area and keep pace with the growing requests from our community partners.

Thank You

Free Flow NM | freeflownm.com | 505.695.1208

Creating a Period-Poverty-Free State

EIN: 85-3613363

Girls Inc. of Santa Fe

60 Families listed in application. 51 Workshop Participants + 32 families (with 66 children) served

Offer Youth Mental Health First Aid classes for staff, families of Girls Inc. participants and community members. Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach adults how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a five-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

Plus \$10,000 in navigation funds

A mother of 3 foster children, who has since adopted two of them, one of whom is in our program used navigation funds to pay off a large utility bill so they could get caught up and provide a Christmas to the kids. She was incredibly grateful.

Successes

- Each participant who completed the 8-hour training went home and finished the process to receive their 3-year certification in YMHFA.
- Participants included staff, parents, volunteers, members of SFPS, and community members - as well as the Assistant District Attorney.
- Reached 32 families with a total of 66 children and youth served. Emergency funding provided for groceries, utilities, rent, clothing, gas, car repairs, medical expenses etc.

Challenges

- We had interest from a number of parents who wanted to attend YMHFA, but could not do so due to timing constraints and a need for childcare.
- If we are to continue this program in the most effective manner, we will need rent a larger venue and increase the budget to include the cost of certification as well as staff time for childcare as well as snacks/meals for the children and participants.



Thank
You!

- ❖ Kitchen Angels provided free, medically tailored meal delivery services to homebound Santa Fe residents living with chronic or terminal illness, disability, and age-related health challenges. Services included the preparation and weekday delivery of freshly prepared meals tailored to clients' medical and dietary needs, with frozen meals provided for weekends and holidays.
- ❖ In addition to nutritional support, daily volunteer deliveries provided critical wellness checks and social connection for medically vulnerable individuals experiencing food insecurity and isolation. Through this program, Kitchen Angels helped clients maintain health, independence, and dignity while aging safely in place.

Successes

The program strengthened Kitchen Angels' ability to respond to growing community demand while advancing adult health, equitable access, and community safety outcomes in Santa Fe.

- ❖ Served 9 unduplicated clients
- ❖ Delivered 90,220 meals
- ❖ Exceeded projected service target of 9 participants by 98%
- ❖ Maintained zero waitlist / reduced response time / increased intake capacity



Challenges

- ❖ Rising demand for medically tailored meal services during the grant period
- ❖ Increased food and supply costs impacting meal production and delivery operations
- ❖ Greater service complexity driven by short-term and emergency client referrals
- ❖ **Emergency Meal Service launched in November** in response to SNAP benefit reductions
- ❖ Rapid increase in food insecurity among low-income, homebound older adults
- ❖ Need for expanded intake coordination and accelerated service response
- ❖ Operational adjustments required to balance emergent demand with existing client commitments
- ❖ Strategic resource allocation to maintain meal quality and continuity of care
- ❖ Strengthened internal coordination and operational efficiencies

Outcome: *Kitchen Angels successfully adapted to increased community need while preserving service continuity, quality, and responsiveness for medically vulnerable Santa Fe residents.*



Client Story

- One gentleman was struggling to provide for his family when SNAP benefits were cut. We helped the small family with food, and our resource navigator was able to provide resources in Spanish. He was connected with legal assistance as well and is now out of crisis.
- Another client came to us post-surgery. He was at risk of losing his job and apartment because of a back injury. When we put him on short-term meal service, he was in a lot of pain and could barely walk. Thanks to our meals, he was able to rest up and recover. Our resource navigator connected him with the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness who paid back rent, preventing his eviction. He has recovered enough to go back to work and is no longer on service.
- *“After I was hit by a drunk driver, I had my independence taken from me. I was at an all-time low. Kitchen Angels was there for me when I couldn't feed myself. Thanks to your meal delivery, I have been able to recover safely.”*
- *“Before Kitchen Angels meals, I would simply not eat or only eat a snack. I'm in chronic pain and it's very difficult to make a healthy meal. I couldn't get through the cooking process without having to sit down many times or fall asleep and ruin the meal. I don't have that problem now that meals are delivered. The volunteers are amazing and are much appreciated!”*

New Mexico Eviction Prevention & Diversion(NMEPD)



Number of Qualifying Individuals Served: 26 out of 24 in application

- ≈ 19 qualifying individuals served w/ rental assistance
- ≈ 7 qualifying individuals served ONLY with Community Justice Worker service
- ≈ ADD'L 7 non-qualifying individuals served

Services Provided

- ≈ Prevented homelessness / eviction of Older Adult households (62 & older)
- ≈ Provided \$15K in rental assistance
- ≈ Provided Access to Justice to Older Adult Households via groundbreaking Community Justice Worker services
- ≈ Jointly developed Housing Stabilization Plans

69-Year-Old, Single African American Woman Positively Impacted:

"It is so important to help. I see how hard it is when something happens. What happened to me was that I was a caretaker and had 4 clients; 2 left the area, and 2 died within a month. There went my money to pay bills. Then my car blew up, and now I have a car payment. You helped me tremendously. It scared me. I was crying and praying. You are angels. You are there for people"

Successes



- Stabilized housing for **15 Older Adult Households**
- **Significantly less cost** to City, courts, owners / landlords, & community than if these individuals became unhoused
- Generally **lower per household rent support** needed than anticipated
- **Leveraged Santa Fe County Resources** to better assist (more) households
- **Housing Stabilization Plans set goals & Community Justice Workers provided accountability** to pave a smoother course going forward
- In-depth knowledge of **cases identified / confirmed most-at-risk Older Adult households in City of Santa Fe**

Challenges



- Targeting Older Adult Households demonstrated that those **most in need are single-person households, especially older women**
 - NMEPD set grant goals based on more 2-person households
- Several referrals did not to meet **NMEPD's self-established City grant guidelines**
 - Lived in the County or not quite age 62 (recommend age 60)
- **Acts of other institutions** are sometimes the first domino to fall, triggering a path to housing instability
- **A few uncooperative landlords**
- **Financial numbers for some Older Adult households simply no longer work with today's increased costs**
 - SSI at one time allowed for rent payment & other expenses – no longer
 - Health conditions mean that working part-time to supplement income is not always realistic

Santa Fe Public Schools

Parent Academy

Educación Gratuita Para Adultos



G.E.D. in Spanish	Computer Basics	Spanish for Beginners
<p><u>Overview of Services provided:</u></p> <p>GED academic tutoring hybrid support (in person with online option), and in Spanish for low-socioeconomic adults who struggle to navigate the online processes of registering, accessing materials, studying the content, and signing up for four G.E.D. assessments</p>	<p><u>Overview of Services provided:</u></p> <p>Computer classes for low-socioeconomic adults/parents so that they can have equal access to the workforce. Some skills the adults learned are the following: Google Suite, Word documents, and Spreadsheets, building their resumes and accessing websites to post them, using emails and attachments, etc.</p>	<p><u>Overview of Services provided:</u></p> <p>Spanish for Beginners help parents and adults connect with other Spanish-speaking parents and students in their children's schools, improve school climates, foster acceptance of diversity within the school district, and assist with jobs and employment opportunities where Spanish is needed, including at hospitals, grocery stores, courts, restaurants and many other organizations and companies.</p>
<p><u># adults (18+ living in Santa Fe)</u> Fall registration: 28 Fall Attendance: 21 Spring Registration: 38 Spring Attendance: 20 Total: 41</p>	<p><u># adults (18+ living in Santa Fe)</u> Fall registration: 24 Fall Attendance: 13 Spring Registration: 13 Spring Attendance: 4 Total: 17</p>	<p><u># adults (18+ living in Santa Fe)</u> Fall registration: 27 (10 in waiting list) Fall Attendance: 14 Spring Registration: 23 Spring Attendance: 12 Total: 26</p>
<p><u>Impact of services provided:</u></p> <p>Six adults have completed their GED between January and May. This is the highest number in the last few years for the Spanish GED program in our White Tigers elementary (formerly known as Cesar Chavez) in collaboration with SFCC. The adults will be recognized at our SFPS Board of Education Meeting in June 11. GED offers better job opportunities, which impact the adults and their families.</p>	<p><u>Impact of services provided:</u></p> <p>Adults via surveys reported learning how to use a computer for the first time, which is a big accomplishment, the opportunity to apply new skills at their job (ex. insurance industry and hospitality), and skills to help their children.</p>	<p><u>Impact of services provided:</u></p> <p>Adults via surveys reported more confidence in their conversational Spanish, working with Spanish speakers, learning important phrases and vocabulary, being able to connect more with their students at the school by reading books and singing songs, ability to learn to read Spanish signs around town, ability to communicate with clients,</p>

Successes



- **Positive Feedback for Instructors:** Adult learners shared that the instructors are incredibly knowledgeable and patient, which kept the classes both engaging and productive.
- **G.E.D. Completion:** A total of **10 adults** successfully completed their G.E.D. between October and May 2026. These graduates are being formally recognized and celebrated at the SFPS Board of Education Meeting on June 11.
- **Community Building:** The classes helped adults build meaningful relationships around town. Several learners exchanged phone numbers to stay in touch—either because they formed a personal connection or wanted to continue practicing together (especially for the Spanish class).
- **Family Impact:** All the free classes received by the adults offer significantly better employment opportunities, creating a direct, positive ripple effect for the adults and their entire families.

Challenges



1. Fall Semester Scheduling Constraints

- **Delayed Timeline:** The Purchase Order (P.O.) from the HSC grant was received on September 9, 2025. However, the Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) fall orientation had already taken place during the week of August 10, with classes scheduled to begin on August 17, 2025.
- **Internal Approval Delays:** Because the internal SFPS Facilities Agreement must be finalized three weeks prior to the start of any classes, the district had to wait for the subsequent SFCC cycle. Consequently, the G.E.D. classes—which rely on instructors and materials provided by SFCC—could not begin until October 14, 2025.
- **Staggered Start Dates:** While the *Spanish for Beginners* class launched on September 23, the *Computer Basics* class was the only session to start on time (September 10). This punctual start was possible because the independent contractor has a long-standing partnership with the district, meaning all necessary prerequisites were already on file.
- **Future Recommendation:** Ideally, adult education classes should begin in mid-to-late August. This timeline allows programs to maximize the full semester and conclude before the Thanksgiving and winter breaks, which are traditionally hectic periods for families.

2. Registration and Attendance Consistency

- **Enrollment vs. Retention:** Initial registration numbers showed maximum capacity across classes. For instance, the *Computer Basics* class was fully capped at 22 students to match the number of available workstations. However, a noticeable trend emerged after January, where registered adults either dropped out or stopped attending regularly, despite multiple reminders sent via email and flyers.
- **Community Factors Affecting Attendance:** Feedback from adult learners who completed the spring *Computer Basics* course indicated that heightened anxieties regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) significantly impacted attendance. Many community members actively avoided public spaces, opting to shop online and, in some cases, bypassing workplace attendance—particularly within the hospitality industry. This trend mirrors broader patterns observed across other local industries.
- **Impact of Delivery Formats:** G.E.D. course attendance remained consistently stable because it utilized a hybrid model (offering both in-person and online options). Conversely, this flexibility could not be extended to the *Computer Basics* course, as hands-on, in-person instruction is essential for mastering foundational skills like logging in and typing.
- **Future Recommendation:** Offer, when possible, hybrid options for adult learners who cannot attend for various reasons, and continue with the incentive to offer certificates for adults with 80% or plus attendance during the semester.



Computers
Fall 2025

Spanish
Spring 2026

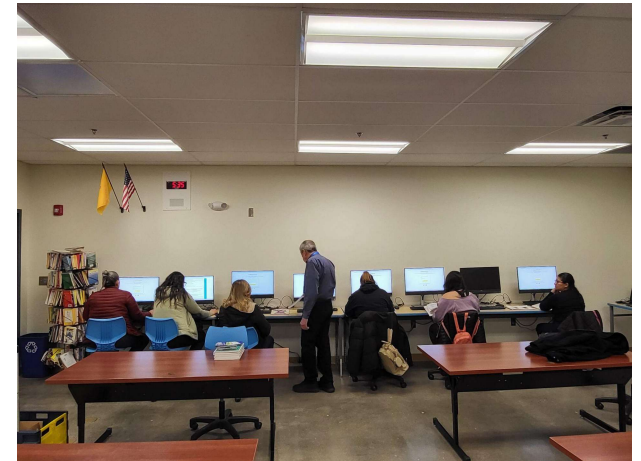


Computers
Spring 2026



Spanish
Fall 2026

G.E.D.
Fall 2025



Solace Sexual Assault Services

Our Services

- In the fiscal year 2026, at least 50 individual adult clients have been served
- Solace provides individual therapy, crisis stabilizations, and trauma-informed group therapy to survivors of sexual assault. We currently offer two groups, Trauma-informed Yoga and Trauma-informed Expressive Arts to existing clients and to clients currently on the waitlist to receive therapeutic services after a qualifying assessment process.

Positive Impact Story

- A 66-year-old gay white male client has been coming to weekly individual therapy since August 2025. This client came into Solace seeking treatment for high levels of depression and impairment to daily functioning due to extensive childhood trauma history, of which hypervigilance, nightmares, low-self worth, and depression were bothering the client daily. Currently, client reports that he has been able to see his trauma from a different perspective, where he “can see it’s not really my fault. I was just a kid and couldn’t escape my fate as a child, but I left as soon as I could”. Client has been learning numerous coping skills to regulate himself and expand his window of tolerance. He attends the weekly Trauma-Informed Expressive Arts group processing session that has aided in his emotional expression and trauma processing. Client has also been actively participating in EMDR therapy to reprocess traumatic memories of childhood sexual assault, of which client reports being “much less bothered by those memories now, like they’re foggier and not as sharp”.

Successes

- We are pleased to announce the addition of a new bilingual therapist to our team, bringing our total number of bilingual practitioners to four. This expansion has contributed to a reduction in our individual therapy waitlist, particularly for Spanish-speaking clients. In addition to carrying an individual caseload, our new therapist has been proactively reaching out to individuals on the waitlist to provide check-ins and interim support while they await services. This effort reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that all clients feel supported throughout every stage of their care.
- We are currently offering two trauma-informed group services available to survivors currently enrolled in individual therapy, survivors who have “graduated” from therapy, as well as those on the waitlist: Trauma-Informed Expressive Arts Group and Trauma-informed Yoga. We encourage all eligible participants to consider these groups as a meaningful resource to their healing journey.

Challenges

- We continue to maintain a waitlist, as we are currently at capacity across our therapeutic practitioner team. Several contributing factors have led to a notable increase in survivors seeking services:
- A rise in requests for individual therapy and crisis stabilization services, including an influx of calls from community members affected by the recent release of the Epstein files and related coverage of the Zorro Ranch.
- Increasing rates of poverty and limited community resources, which intensify stress and can activate past trauma for many individuals.



June 16, 2016

HSC Funding

- Outreach has currently served 128 clients
 - Backpacks with sleeping mats
 - lighters
 - body wipes
 - socks
 - beanies/gloves
 - hygiene packs
 - emergency blankets/fire-retardant blankets
 - tarps
 - Move In Costs for special circumstances (i.e., voucher not covering the costs or emergency relocation)
 - Basic essentials like groceries, clothing and cleaning supplies for those who are experiencing homelessness or are currently housed but with little to no income.
 - Costs related to family reunification (i.e., train tickets and bus tickets)

Successes

- ARC
 - experienced homelessness for over 4 years, was pregnant on the streets.
 - housed through Linkages - now lives with her partner and baby.
 - currently sober
 - HSC paid move-in costs
- RG
 - Senior (73yo) who was facing homelessness after an eviction
 - HSC paid for move-in costs at a new apartment complex within
- New Mexico Community Survey
 - HSC Funding funded the backpacks and essentials for those unhoused in our community
 - With the backpacks as compensation, we were able to complete 91 surveys from the unhoused community where their opinion is typically unrepresented.

Challenges

- lack of resources for immediate emergency shelter for the continuum of care for those on the streets
- lack of beds for detox/medical detox for when an individual is *ready* for recovery.
- Exit resources for men and women coming out of recovery and incarceration
- Limited access to ongoing supportive services for maintaining housing (when obtained) due to provider turnover rates
- Lack of affordable housing (especially when an individual is on a fixed income).