



2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

The Sky Center New Mexico Suicide Intervention Project

Santa Fe & Northern New Mexico

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to meet the challenge of youth suicide in Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico through lasting solutions that encourage resiliency, courage, connection and hope.



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New Mexico Suicide Intervention Project



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of The Sky Center,

As we share this year's Annual Report, thank you for your support as we work to instill hope in youth and families across Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico.

New Mexico has the second highest youth suicide rate in the country, and 25.4% of Santa Fe middle schoolers report having thought seriously about suicide. We believe suicide isn't an individual problem, solutions are found within relationships. That's why The Sky Center offers no cost, bilingual, low barrier family counseling that reconnects youth to family, school, and community, with short wait times and evening hours for working families.

It works: over 90% of families in our end of year survey said they'd recommend us to others in need. One parent shared that we give families "the opportunity to express your emotions to live a healthy life as a family." A young client who once felt "hopeless and unmotivated" told us: "It made me HOPE."

As one client put it, our work comes down to "teaching the importance of someone's life."

Thank you for making that possible, we're deeply grateful to our donors, staff, board, and community for standing with us.

With hope,

Marisol Peña

Executive Director, The Sky Center / NMSIP

Every year, more young people in northern New Mexico find their way *back to hope.*

The Sky Center / New Mexico Suicide Intervention Project meets the challenge of youth suicide in Santa Fe and northern New Mexico through counseling, training, and community programs built on resiliency, courage, connection, and hope.

Serving youth and families since 1994.

1,450	Individuals served across all programs
25,010	Hours of direct service and training delivered
0	HUGS youth returned to the ER after counseling



Free counseling meets families where the risk is highest.



Photo: Minesh Bacrania. As seen on "How To Prevent Suicide Among Tweens" by Julie Scelfo

Two programs built for the moments that matter most: ongoing family counseling, and rapid response for youth in a behavioral health crisis.

FREE BILINGUAL FAMILY COUNSELING

Referred by schools for depression, substance use, school failure, family conflict, and other risk factors, free to every family.

386 youth counseled

432 adults counseled

818

A total off individuals served

2,532

Hours of no-cost family counseling delivered

227

Families received no-cost counseling sessions

ADOLESCENT HUGS — HIGHER UTILIZER GROUP SERVICES

A 24/7 intensive outpatient response for children and teens referred directly from CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center and its clinics, support that starts the moment a young person leaves the ER.

Youth referred from CHRISTUS St. Vincent

61

Returned to the Emergency Room during treatment

0

Skills that travel with a young person, and a workforce built to carry the work forward.



An 8-week resiliency curriculum in schools, alongside the graduate clinicians training to sustain this work across New Mexico.

INNER AND OUTER LIFE SKILLS SCHOOL GROUPS

Principals and wellness counselors identify students for an 8-week curriculum built around six components: social connection, self-regulation, mindful awareness, hope, physiological wellbeing, and nature.

119

Youth served

8 hrs

of group counseling per youth served, on average, across the 8-week curriculum

6

Toolkit for Wellbeing components taught

932

Hours of school group counseling

GRADUATE & ADVANCED STUDIES TRAINING

Enhancing New Mexico's behavioral health workforce: interns build hands-on skill in family counseling, suicide risk assessment, and crisis care, training that stays in the state long after graduation.

14

Graduate interns trained

6,254

Hours of hands-on clinical supervision

Every intern trained here is a clinician New Mexico keeps.





Prevention lives in the whole community, students, schools, and the adults around them.

Peer-to-peer support in classrooms, awareness training for the adults young people turn to first, and when a community is hit hardest, a trained circle shows up.

NATURAL HELPERS

A peer-helping program training a diverse cross-section of middle and high schoolers to respond effectively when they, or a friend, are struggling, building a caring community from the inside out.

174

Students trained

7

Middle & high schools trained

15,000

Hours of training & peer programming

GATEKEEPER TRAINING

Suicide Awareness & Prevention, Toolkit for Wellbeing — three decades of teaching the adults and youth around a struggling teen, teachers, staff, faith leaders, and parents, to recognize warning signs and respond with real tools for wellbeing.

Adults trained

115

Youth trained

10

125 people trained in total, across 180 training hours.

POSTVENTION CRISIS RESPONSE

Postvention response brings clinical training and compassion to schools facing the aftermath of youth suicide.

28

Postvention team members trained in crisis response

150

Youth and adults served (118 youth · 32 adults)

6

Schools received a postvention response

112

Hours of postvention support

Where the dollars went, and where they came from.

83 cents of every dollar spent went directly to programs, counseling, training, and crisis response for youth and families.

EXPENSES

\$863,370

Total expenses, FY 2025–2026

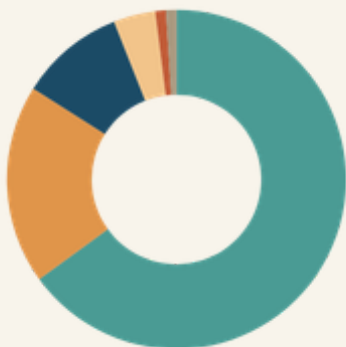


Program	83%
Management & General	14.7%
Fundraising	2%

REVENUE

\$1,076,275

Total revenue, FY 2025–2026

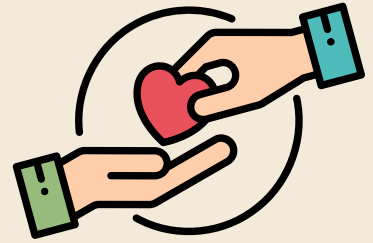


Private Foundation / Other Grant	65%
City, County & State Contracts	19%
Individual Donations	10%
Investment & Interest Income	4%
Business & Corporate Sponsorships	1%
Earned Income	1%

Revenue exceeded expenses by **\$212,905** this fiscal year, reinvested directly into program capacity for the families this report describes.

With gratitude to those who make this work possible.

The generosity of foundations, government partners, congregations, businesses, and individuals sustains every program in this report.



The Board of Directors and Staff of The Sky Center / New Mexico Suicide Intervention Project (NMSIP) expresses its gratitude to the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico Department of Health, the Santa Fe Public School District, Foundation Funders, Business and Corporate Sponsors, Faith Communities, and Individual Donors for their generous year-round support. Through your contributions, you make it possible for The Sky Center / NMSIP to fulfill its mission to meet the challenge of youth suicide in Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico through lasting solutions that encourage resiliency, courage, connection, and hope.

THE SKY CENTER'S CURRENT DONOR LIST: JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2026

The Santa Fe Public School District has been a significant partner, providing facility space for our programs since 2008.

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- Unity Santa Fe
- Walmart Sparks Foundation

Thank you to the schools, clinicians, graduate interns, families, and donors who made this year's work possible. Every number here is a young person who reached out, and someone who was there.



From the left: Marisol Peña, Valerie, Marc Forlenza, Renee Atkinson, Carlotta Saiz, Bob Kristy, Leah O'Shell, Farah Sultan, Claire Pfister, Dennis Bumgarner, Nancy Toscano, Paloma Sandoval, Caroline Siewert, and Annai Burrola-Estrada.

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**Thank you for standing with
youth and families across Santa Fe
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If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, available 24/7. The Sky Center is not an emergency hotline, for immediate assistance, call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room.