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Events

EPICS Behavioral Health & Mental Health Summit
"Healthy Minds = Healthy Families"
June 27, 2025, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Embassy Suites, Albuquerque, NM
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

EPICS 2025 Bi-weekly Workshops on Fridays in 2025, visit our website and register.

Parent Ambassador Leadership Training first cohort begins
July 1 – Sept. 30, 2025
To sign up, email
sbegay@epicsnm.org

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Education for Parents of Indigenous Children with Special Needs

Community Parent Resource Center



"All Children Will Flourish in Healthy Families, Schools, and Communities"

EPICS is a 501(c) (3) Non-Profit Organization serving Indigenous Families of Children with disabilities and/or special healthcare needs, ages Birth to 26, in New Mexico.

Mission: EPICS aims to assist families to influence change in their communities to maximize positive outcomes for children with disabilities and special healthcare needs.
Values: Cultural Responsiveness & Spirituality, Community Integration & Partnerships, Self-Determination & Self- Advocacy, and Integrity & Quality.
We achieve this by: Respecting each family's unique culture and experiences by providing a circle of support that includes partnerships, resources, training, awareness, individualized assistance, advocacy, and opportunities for family leadership.

Services

Advocacy

We provide ongoing advocacy support, helping families make informed and relevant decisions best for their children with special needs.

Training

We provide FREE training for families of children with disabilities and professionals working with Native American Communities. To request a training in your area, or for your school, please visit our website and fill out our Training Request Form: **www.epicsnm.org**

Individualized Assistance

We provide customized individualized assistance: IEP Process, Q&A Parent Sessions, Referrals, Parent Support depending on the parents' need concerning their child(ren) with disabilities.



Training

Training Sessions Available

See Website for a list of upcoming workshops!

Special Education – IDEA Part A & B:

- Understanding Your Rights Under Special Education Federal Law, IDEA 2004
- The Individualized Education Program (IEP) Process
- Transition - High School to College

Early Intervention – IDEA Part C:

- Parents Rights in Early Intervention
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) Process
- Child Development - Developmental Delays and your Child
- Transition from Part C to Part B
- Importance of Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

Parent Ambassador Leadership Training

-20 Hour Training
-Special Education Law: IDEA 2004
-Advocacy & Leadership Building
-Network with Parents

General Topics:

- EPICS Overview
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004
- Procedural Safeguards
- Record Keeping
- Self-Care
- Behavioral Health & Mental Health Awareness
- Collaborating with Native American Communities

Behavioral Health & Mental Health

EPICS staff aims to assist Indigenous families to influence change in their communities. We believe that all children will flourish in healthy families, schools, and communities by bringing behavioral health and mental health awareness and resources to our Native communities.



Please check our website for information and resources under the mental health tab.

Testimonials

"I am now able to advocate not only for my son but for other parents in my community"

"Thank you for all you do for our people."

"Special Education and support services are much needed, and who better to serve Native families than EPICS"





