

1. Your name and district number:

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2. The overall goals of welfare reform are to move people from welfare to work, reduce the incidence of teen pregnancy and encourage healthy marriages and family formation. TANF allows funds to be spent for marriage and couple relationship education, responsible fatherhood programs, financial education, and parenting programs. What benefits do you see for allocating 1-2% of the TANF budget in New Mexico for services to strengthen families?

I am supportive of the the TANF requirements to help support families and getting people to work.

3. Research has consistently shown that the social, educational, health and economic outcomes of children in healthy, two-parent families are better than those living in single-parent households. New Mexico has among the highest rates in the nation for teen pregnancies, school drop-outs, juvenile crimes and women and children living in poverty. New Mexico spends \$225 million every year dealing with the outcomes of families in crisis. If you are elected, what would you do to strengthen families?

I would work to promote Parenting education, available voluntarily, or mandated by the judicial/CYFD. departments. But in those programs, they need to show outcome results not just numerical or "evidence based". I am supportive of TitleV funding and need for risk avoidance education.

4. The percentage of children in poverty in New Mexico is 26% higher than the national average. There are many factors contributing to this phenomenon including the fact that 45% of infants in New Mexico are born to teen parents. If you are elected, how would you reduce the number of teen pregnancies in New Mexico?

I have been working on this issue in Dona Ana County. What we need is a statewide media campaign for risk avoidance and making healthy choices. These choices will effect everyaspect of their life.

5. Studies show that couple relationship education (e.g., conflict resolution, communication skills, understanding of gender differences, etc.) results in happier and healthier marriages. What programs and services are available to couples and families in your district?

There are no major programs that help couple relationships that I know of, other than church groups.

6. How can the NM Coalition for Healthy Families help you strengthen families in New Mexico?

One area I would like to promote is a statewide campaign called "Read to Your Child". This would not only help children academically, but the time reading and the experiences will benefit parents and children emotionally and socially.

7. Do you have any additional ideas or comments regarding New Mexico's families?

My motto is "Healthy Families* Thriving Education= Strong Economy" . I am very much in favor of helping families succeed.