

1. Your name and district number:

Jimmie Hall District 28

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 do not support earmarking funds.

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?

Support continued funding of state programs.

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?

As a representative I have only one vote and would need a majority of the house and senate voting for a bill for it to pass and then hope the Governor would sign it.

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?

None, there are no state offices in my district. There are offices in the Albuquerque.

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

No Response

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

No Response