

**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?**

Strengthening families is the most beneficial way of getting young people on the right track to success and productive citizens and staying out of trouble or being a burden on society.

**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 plan to introduce legislation to make sure that every child born in NM has a recorded biological father and that that father is responsible for their child. I will introduce or support legislation to make sure that a parent or guardian know what medical procedure is performed on their children.

**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?**

Place more responsibility on both parents, whether they are adults or teenagers.

**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?**

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Very few that would strengthen the family for two parents. Both parents have to be responsible and work to make a better situation for the child.

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

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Educate people with statistical information on how much better it is for a child with two parents who take responsibility. Not be dependent on the government because that state taking the part of the child cycle has not worked.

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

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We need to show that families is the most effective way for a child to succeed in education, independence and a better life for the children.