

**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?**

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Hopefully, some of the programs mentioned will allow for the reduction of domestic violence, reduced divorce rate, and increase in families' only having children when they are ready and able to support them. These are all positives for any community.

**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?**

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First of all, we must work to increase economic opportunities in New Mexico. Studies consistently show that when people can obtain a higher standard of living, rates of poverty, teen pregnancy, and all manner of other problem areas drop. Second, we must support comprehensive sex education. This will be addressed more in the answer to Question 4.

**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?**

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Comprehensive Sex Education. Since both the Dona Ana County Commission and the Las Cruces/Gadsden Public Schools have begun comprehensive education programs and distributing condoms, teen births in Dona Ana County have dropped at a statistically significant level. We must continue to support these programs in the face of pressure to mount abstinence only policies.

**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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NMSU Healthy Family Initiative. Dona Ana County Convivio/Americorps Vista programs.

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

Provide support to strategies that are proven to work, like job creation, comprehensive sex education programs, and efforts to increase parental involvement in schools with their kids (an example of which can be seen here

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

**No Response**