The Status of Children in New Mexico

The Impact of Racism on Health

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Call to Action: Children at the Center (Health Care Reform in New Mexico)

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The Good News

• Just 5% of our kids lack health insurance
• NM ranks best in the nation in reducing the rate of women of childbearing age who lack insurance
• Our teen birth rate has fallen:
  • 2010: 64 per 1,000 female teens (ages 15-19)
  • 2017: 28 per 1,000 female teens (ages 15-19)
Racism and Health
American Academy of Pediatrics Report

• Racism is a core social determinant of health and is a driver of health inequities.
• Racial abuse that is repetitive causes stress levels to increase in anticipation of future events.
• Strong racial or ethnic identity and parental engagement are protective factors.
Racism has an Outsized Impact in New Mexico

Children of color make up the majority of New Mexico’s child population
Child population (ages 0-19) by race/ethnicity (2017)

- Hispanic: 60%
- Non-Hispanic white: 24%
- Native American: 11%
- Asian: 1%
- Black: 2%
Criminal Justice

12% of NM kids have a parent who has been incarcerated
### Expulsion rates by race in New Mexico (per 10,000 students) (2013-14)

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Health Care

New Mexico women receiving no prenatal care by race/ethnicity (2017)

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Policy Solutions

- Banned solitary confinement for youth
- Enacted “ban the box” legislation
- Increased the College Affordability Fund awards
- Enabled the creation of dental therapists
- Raised the state minimum wage
- Increased the Working Families Tax Credit
- Creation of the early education department
“We are either moving towards equity or away from equity; there is no neutral.”

-Glenn Harris
President, Race Forward
Our Anti-racism Work

- Both internal and external
- Blog series: “Advancing Equity in New Mexico”
- Race Matters Institute
- Internal staff-led discussions
- Work with partner organizations across the nation
Thank you!

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