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## "Grow the Growers" Farm Training and Business Incubator Program

Primarily an economic development initiative, the *Cultivating Bernalillo County Grow the Growers Program* is a comprehensive platform to prepare new and beginning farmers for professional food production careers. The program includes basic business development courses, farming production techniques, in-field practicums, apprenticeship opportunities and one to three years of business incubation field plots for program graduates. In addition to a robust community outreach effort, public-private partnerships provide a strong support system upon which the program is built.

Located in Albuquerque's South Valley, the *Grow the Growers Program* provides a cornucopia of opportunities to enhance the area's rich agricultural heritage, increase availability of local, fresh vegetables in South Valley food deserts, and provide meaningful training opportunities with paid stipends to at-risk populations such as minorities, youth, combat veterans, and formerly incarcerated individuals.

Visit our website: <https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/grow-the-growers.aspx>

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### Details

**Ages:** Adults

**Races:** All

**Genders:** All

**Intake Process:** Call Email Walk-In Online Application

**Waiting List:** Sometimes

**Minimum Age:** 18

**Maximum Age:** 99

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### Services

Food Community Economic Development Employment & Training Environmental Protection & Improvement

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### Locations

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## **Parent Organization**

### **Bernalillo County Open Space**

Bernalillo County Open Space strives to be a dynamic network of properties with important natural and cultural resources. The land is managed to benefit people, plants and wildlife by protecting and enhancing viewsheds, water resources, wildlife habitat, cultural and historical sites, and prime agricultural land; and to provide resource-based recreation and environmental education.

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