Thriving Kids Home Visiting

“Thriving Kids” is the term CAASNM uses to describe its comprehensive State of New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) home visiting program. The program’s CAASNM Home Visitors work with expectant families and families with children who have not yet turned 5 years of age using the PAT (Parents as Teachers) evidence-based curriculum, an internationally recognized family wellness curriculum aimed at achieving whole-family wellness and child-school readiness. Thriving Kids recognizes that parents are their child's first teacher. It builds upon strengths to partner with parents/caregivers so children can reach their full potential and live in an environment where they can thrive.

During monthly visits with families, Thriving Kids provides free age- and abilities-appropriate books, activities, and materials that are individualized with the family’s values, culture, and child's development and milestones. The long-term outcomes according to the Scope of Work with the New Mexico ECECD are:

- To improve the maternal and child health outcomes
- To promote child development
- To promote school readiness in children served
- To encourage positive parenting
- To connect families to formal and informal support in their communities

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Details

Ages: Prenatal Infants and toddlers Children and Youth Adults
Races: All
Genders: All
Intake Process: Call Email
Documentation: No identification needed
Payment Options: Free
Special Needs: Abused or neglected Behavioral health or substance abuse Immigrants/refugees Persons

involved in judicial system Physical or cognitive disabilities Veterans
Waiting List: Limited Slots
Contact: Julie Ballard-Soto
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Restrictions: Must live in Doña Ana or Otero Counties

Services

Early Childhood Care & Education Parenting Education

Locations

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico--Thriving Kids

780 Landers Rd.
Anthony, NM 88021

Phone: (575) 621-5415
Languages Spoken: English Spanish
Services Limited By Geography: Doña Ana & Southern Otero Counties
Geographic Area Served: Dona Ana County Otero County

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Las Cruces, NM 88011
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Phone: (575) 201-5257
Languages Spoken: English Spanish
Services Limited By Geography: Doña Ana & Otero Counties
Geographic Area Served: Dona Ana County Otero County

Parent Organization

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico (CAASNM)

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico (CAASNM) is a 501c(3) non-profit organization founded in 1965 serving the communities of southern New Mexico, helping low-income individuals build a better future for themselves and their families through innovative services that focus on whole-family success. Headquartered in Las Cruces, NM, CAASNM has offices in Anthony and Albuquerque, and it primarily serves Doña Ana, Luna, Hidalgo, Grant and Sierra counties, with limited services statewide

CAASNM provides resources and programming to people facing adversity. The goal is to help increase their resiliency and overall family wellbeing. It does this through programs that build on family strengths, self-empowerment, and resilience. Among the many services CAASNM provides are youth entrepreneurship and development, nutrition programs for children, family financial programs, housing stability, and community empowerment and advocacy. Last year, CAASNM served over 14,000 families.

CAASNM's **board-approved mission is to partner with New Mexicans to overcome adversity by connecting communities, encouraging family wellness, empowering families and bridging resources**

. One of the agency’s strengths is this innovative, unified network of programs that helps people face and rise above the many economic, family, and life challenges they may encounter.

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