

April Newsletter

A quick Look:

- 2025 LC3 Training Updates and RSVPs Open!
- This month's Highlight & Special Thanks!
- Save the Date - 2025 LC3 Annual Meeting
- LC3 Action Teams (Meetings in Progress)
- Farewells!



April - Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the signs of abuse and neglect, and promoting the safety and well-being of all children. It reminds us of the importance of supporting families, strengthening communities, and working together to prevent child abuse before it starts. It was amazing to see how many people wore blue ribbons and participated in Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention events. Thank you to those who continue to advocate for every child's right to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment!

Our Vision:

To build a behavioral health system that is inclusive, organized, centered on the individual and family, and is committed to advocating for and providing comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder services for people across Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

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2025 Training & Event Updates

RSVP for our upcoming trainings! The date of the LC3 Annual Meeting has been moved to May 20th with more details to come. See save the date below on page 3!

May



Trauma-Informed Care from a Hispanic Perspective - Gemas De Vida LLC
5/1/2025 [9AM-3:30PM]



The Process of Grief through a Hispanic Lens.- Gemas De Vida LLC
5/13/2025 [9AM-3:30PM in-person]



Cultural Humility - National Latino Behavioral Health Association
5/22/2025 [9AM-3:30PM in-person]



LC3 Annual Meeting - Details below on page 3!
5/20/2025

July Trainings Opening Soon!

RSVP

WWW.TINYURL.COM/LC3TR25

Our Next Meeting

May 20th (Tuesday)
LC3 Annual Meeting - 10AM-2PM
In-Person at the NM Farm and Ranch Museum (RSVP Required)

April Highlights

Every Child Matters Fiesta - Child Abuse Prevention 2025



Above: LC3 at the Every Child Matters Fiesta in Anthony, NM.

On April 12th FYI+, CYFD, and many other organizations came together to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month with a community celebration. LC3 was honored to attend and participate in this event held at the DACC Gadsden Campus in Anthony, New Mexico.



Special Thanks & Shoutout!



Mark Garnand (He, Him, His)
HCA - Office of Peer Recovery & Engagement
Program Manager of O.P.R.E.



Melisha Montano (She, Her, Hers)
HCA - Office of Peer Recovery & Engagement
Program Coordinator of O.P.R.E.

LC3 extends a huge thank you to this month's General Meeting speakers, Mark Garnand, Program Manager, and Melisha Montano, Program Coordinator with the Health Care Authority's Office of Peer Recovery & Engagement.

Your experiences and insights on the vital role of New Mexico's Certified Peer Support Initiative, peer support workers, and the incredible impact they have in our communities was inspiring. We truly appreciate the time and effort you put into sharing your knowledge with us.

See their presentation here: <https://tinyurl.com/LC3GMApril25>

Interested in speaking and/or presenting at an LC3 General Hybrid Meeting?



Reach out to: Javier Guerrero
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Note: General Meeting Agendas are Subject to approval from the LC3 Board Members. Submissions shall be made at least 1.5 - 2 Weeks before the upcoming general meeting for the month being applied for.

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2025 ANNUAL MEETING

LC3 Behavioral Health Collaborative Presents



05.20.2025

May is Mental Health Awareness Month—a time to come together, break the stigma, and build stronger systems of care. Join us for a powerful day of conversation, learning, reflection, and community engagement.

Featuring Panel Discussions

Youth Behavioral Health | Criminal Justice | Crisis Response

**10AM-2PM | NM FARM AND RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM
4100 DRIPPING SPRINGS RD, LAS CRUCES, NM 88011**

FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED | SPOTS LIMITED
RSVP AT WWW.TINYURL.COM/LC3AM25
(OR SCAN QR CODE)



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LC3 Action Teams - Get Involved

LC3 Action Teams are dedicated groups working to improve behavioral health in Doña Ana County. Each team focuses on key issues like youth advocacy, crisis response, housing support, policy, and specialty services. By joining, you'll collaborate with community leaders, share your expertise, and help create meaningful change.



Why Join?

LC3 Action Teams are the driving force behind building a stronger, more accessible behavioral health system in Doña Ana County. They bring together professionals, community members, and advocates to tackle critical issues like crisis response, housing support, and youth mental health. These teams ensure that local voices shape solutions, policies are community-driven, and resources are directed where they're needed most.

By joining an Action Team, you become part of a collective effort to make lasting, meaningful change—because better behavioral health starts with action.



Our Action Teams:



- **Youth Action Team** – Advocates for youth-focused behavioral health initiatives.
- **Housing Services Action Team** – Works to address housing needs and supports for those facing housing instability.
- **Supportive & Specialty Services Action Team** – Focuses on access to specialty behavioral health services.
- **Legislative & Sustainable Funding Action Team** – Engages in policy and funding efforts to sustain behavioral health programs.
- **Crisis Services Action Team** – Strengthens crisis response systems and support networks.

Time Commitment & Expectations:

- Meetings occur biweekly
- Opportunities to contribute based on your availability and interests
- Collaborative discussions with community leaders and professionals

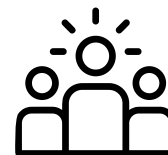


Next Meeting:

Week of April 24th @ 10 am via Zoom

If you are interested, or were already on an action team please email: jguerrero@fyinm.org or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/LC3AT2025> or scan QR Code to the right to join.

Learn more about our action teams by viewing our January General Meeting Slides Here: <https://healthypasodelnorte.org/resource-library/lc3jangmslides-25/>



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Goodbyes & Farewells

As the end of the academic year nears, we come closer to the end of our interns' time with LC3. Thank you to Maritza Montoya, Tearza Valencia, and Alexis Benavidez for the hard work you've done and for your dedication to LC3's mission this past year.

We know that you three will go on to do amazing things!



To the left (from left to right): Tearza Valencia, Maritza Montoya, and Alexis Benavidez after casting their vote in the 2024 Presidential Election.

A Special Thanks Our Partners & Funders

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