

June Newsletter



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June is Pride Month

June is Pride Month—a time to celebrate the resilience, joy, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. It's also a powerful reminder that affirming identity is essential to mental health. LGBTQ+ individuals often face unique challenges that can impact their well-being, but community, acceptance, and visibility make a difference. This month, let's uplift voices, promote inclusive support, and continue building safe spaces where everyone can thrive—exactly as they are.

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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Our Next Meeting

July 15th (Tuesday)
11:30AM-1PM
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June Highlights

FYI+ Back 2 School Event



On Saturday, June 21, FYI+ and The Juntos Project hosted the "Revving Up for School" Back 2 School Block Party & Backpack Giveaway at the new Family Success Center on Amador Ave. The event was a huge success, bringing together families, community partners, and local organizations for a fun-filled morning of connection and support. Hundreds of backpacks were distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and attendees enjoyed food, games, and access to valuable resources. Thank you to all who joined us and helped welcome the community to our new home!



United Way - Grand Opening



On Tuesday, June 24, FYI+ and LC3 joined community partners and supporters for the United Way of Southwest New Mexico's Ribbon Cutting and Open House. Attendees had the opportunity to tour the new space, connect with the United Way team, and learn more about their incredible work to strengthen families and communities across the region. From education and financial stability to health and basic needs, United Way continues to be a powerful force for impact in Doña Ana County. Congratulations to the team on this exciting new chapter!



MacArthur Food Distribution Event



LC3 joined 100% NM and the Doña Ana County Resilience Leaders at MacArthur's food distribution on Wednesday, June 26, from 11 AM - 1 PM. Our team tabled during the event, connecting with families as they picked up groceries and sharing resources on LC3 programs, substance-use disorder treatment options, leadership-development opportunities, and our broader outreach and advocacy work.



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Coming Up... Trainings & Events Sneak Peek!

Upcoming Trainings



Serna Solutions
EXCLUSIVE TRAINING

In-Person: Three Waves of the Opioid Epidemic (RSVP Limited)

Date: Wednesday, July 3, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: FYI+, 1320 S. Solano Dr., Las Cruces

Details: This in-person workshop explores the historical and current opioid crisis, with a focus on fentanyl and community-level responses.

CEUs: 6 | Cost: Free

RSVP: tinyurl.com/LC3TR25

New Virtual Training: Leadership Development for Behavioral Health & SUD Providers

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Trainer: Dr. J Rocky Romero, NLBHA

Details: This interactive training is designed to strengthen leadership capacity among behavioral health and substance use providers. Participants will explore effective communication, culturally responsive leadership, and strategies to lead system-level change.

CEUs: 3 | Cost: Free

National Latino Behavioral Health Association NLBHA

Partnerships

Village of Hatch Coalition

2nd Annual Back-to-School Event & Resource Fair



LC3 is excited to partner with Village of Hatch Coalition for their 2nd Annual Back to School Event and Resource Fair on Wednesday, July 31, 2025, from 11 AM to 3 PM at Hatch Valley High School Commons Area. This community celebration will feature free school supplies, immunizations, sports physicals, eye exams, and haircuts—all while supplies last! LC3 will be on-site, sharing resources and connecting families to supports in the areas of behavioral health, leadership development, and advocacy. Join us in helping students and families get ready for a strong start to the school year!

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TAKE OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT HERE:

Help Shape Behavioral Health Services in Doña Ana County!

We want to hear from you! Your feedback is essential in identifying the behavioral health needs, challenges, and opportunities in our community. By completing this survey, you'll help improve access, quality, and coordination of care for youth, veterans, and underserved populations. Your input will guide future programs and local initiatives.



**Take the survey today and make a
difference!**

All responses are confidential.

Survey Participants will be entered into a drawing for prizes (to be announced).

To take the survey, click or go to
<https://tinyurl.com/2025LC3CNS>



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JUNE LC3 GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS



Annabelle Martinez
(HCA)
HCA; Deputy Director -
Stakeholder
Collaboration,
HCA/BHSD



Annabelle Martinez has served with the New Mexico Health Care Authority's Medical Assistance Division for over 13 years and currently leads as the Deputy Director of the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) overseeing Stakeholder Collaboration. Her portfolio includes leadership of the Office of Peer Recovery and Engagement, Provider Support Team, Tribal Liaison, and the Collaboration Unit—which houses key coordination roles for planning councils, public relations, and local collaboratives. Under her leadership, BHSD remains focused on creating a high-quality behavioral health care system rooted in equity, quality, and access for all New Mexicans.

At a recent session, Annabelle presented the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (SB3)—a transformative initiative designed to enhance behavioral health across New Mexico through regional planning, strategic investment, and cross-sector collaboration. SB3 establishes a \$100 million fund, defines regional priorities, and sets new statewide service standards, with guidance from the newly formed Behavioral Health Executive Committee. Key milestones will continue through 2027.

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Sergeant John Signore
Doña Ana County
Sheriff's Office (DASO)
CIT/Wellness



Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, Sergeant John Signore has proudly served the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office (DASO) since 2007. With 16 years in law enforcement, his experience spans Patrol Operations, hostage negotiation, and field training. In 2023, he stepped into his current role as the CIT/Wellness Sergeant, where he leads DASO's Peer Support Team, Crisis Intervention Debrief Team, and other internal wellness initiatives. He is a certified Crisis Intervention Training Instructor and an active member of the Sequential Intercept Model Task Force.

Sgt. Signore presented at the recent 1st Responder Conference, a two-day event focused on the emotional, physical, and mental wellness of public safety professionals. This training brought together police, fire, EMS, dispatch, corrections, chaplains, clinicians, veterans, and their families to build awareness, resilience, and connection across the first responder community.

Event Flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/LC3GM1stRC>

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WELCOME - OUR NEWEST LC3 BOARD MEMBER



Wes Smith
Case Manager / Mobile
Integrated Health / Las
Cruces Fire
Department, Board
Member Admission

Wes Smith has worked with underserved populations in South Central New Mexico for 13 years including senior services, justice system involved programs, unhoused services, and behavioral and mental health services. He received his Master of Public Administration in 2010 at New Mexico State University. He has worked at Las Cruces Fire Department as a case manager for its Mobile Integrated Health Program and mobile crisis response team for two years.

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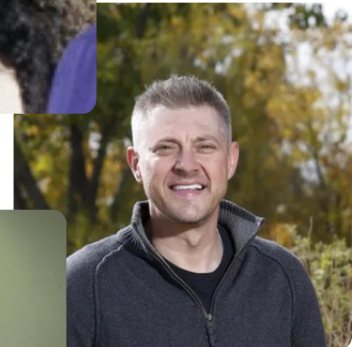
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A VERY SPECIAL THANKS



**From top to bottom:
Julie Molina, Paul Ford, Montevis Price**

LC3 sincerely thanks Julie Molina (FYI+), Paul Ford (Las Cruces Fire Department), and Montevis Price (Veterans Association) for their dedicated service as valued Board Members.

Julie's commitment to youth and families, Paul's focus on community health, and Montevis's advocacy for veterans and underserved communities have all strengthened LC3's mission in Doña Ana County.

As they step down, we thank them for their contributions and wish them all the best. Your impact will always be appreciated!