



Katie Dry, Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Dry,

October 31, 2017

The Community Wellness Council (CWC) is a non-profit in Valencia County whose mission is, "to promote community collaboration through framework of coordination, assessment and solutions." Over the last year, the CWC has worked in collaboration with agencies who offer home visiting services in Valencia County and has hosted one Home Visiting Crunch opened to all members of the public. The CWC would like to continue working in this direction by reaching out to teen, single, and Spanish speaking parents, and grandparents who are raising grandchildren.

The CWC is requesting a total of \$7,910.00 which would cover the four targeted meetings to the above identified groups, one meeting with state representatives with regular follow up through email or phone calls, weekly social media outreach over the course of the grant, printed rack cards in English and Spanish, and one op-ed for the local paper. Home visiting is essential to Valencia County where, according to the Census Bureau, approximately 20% of the population lives below poverty. According to IBIS, 9.1% of births in Valencia County are considered low birthweights and infant mortality is at 6.2%; higher than the state and national average. Transportation is also a struggle for many Valencia County families, especially those who live in the rural outskirts.

The CWC looks forward to the opportunity to work with the New Mexico Early Childhood Funders Group and to bring more attention to the importance of home visiting in Valencia County. We are always welcome to a site visit and are available to answer any questions. I can be reached at (505) 352-7723 or you can contact our Coordinator, Noelle Chavez at (505) 388-3547.

Sincerely,

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Ginny Adame
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