SERVING NEW MEXICO FOR 25 YEARS

ENLACE

Increasing Access and Success in Education

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

2000-2025

2025 Legislative Agenda



2025

Legislative Priorities

ENLACE Statewide Collaborative

ENLACE New Mexico represents the voices of children and families to develop educational and policy initiatives that directly impact them and their communities. We are a network of transformational leaders as diverse as the state we serve. Our collaborative includes students, families, universities, community colleges, school districts, businesses, government agencies, and community organizations. This network is based on a process that empowers communities to express their voices in the pursuit of educational access and success as well as social justice.

Student Success Initiatives

ENLACE's culturally relevant coaching and mentoring programs promote academic and personal success among elementary, middle and high school students as well as students in higher education. Programs focus particularly on students from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds.

Family & Community Engagement Initiatives

The ability for students to succeed in their education depends greatly on their families' level of involvement as well as support from their communities. ENLACE New Mexico remains dedicated to our mission of providing avenues for engagement, involvement, and growth for families and communities across New Mexico.

Leadership & Professional Development

We provide opportunities for participants to engage in a variety of leadership and professional development initiatives throughout each year. These include conferences, colloquia, symposia, workshops, and training sessions in collaboration with numerous state, national, and international partners.

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Highlights

ENLACE New Mexico

- Served **32,445** students statewide
- Assisted **2,589** students in direct service programs
- Demonstrated a **99%** graduation rate
- Maintained a program retention rate of **92%**
- Facilitated **107** student and family leadership workshops

Ongoing Priority Issues

- Adult Education
- Bilingual Education
- Counselor Task force
- Curriculum
- Financial Literacy
- Health & Law Career Pipeline Programs
- Immigration Reform
- Lottery Scholarship
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Initiatives
- Professional and Leadership Development Programs
- Public School Funding Formula
- Service Learning
- Small School Initiative
- Youth Entrepreneurship



Why is ENLACE interested in public policy?
Public policies, within the educational context, are the rules that shape how students and families are served by schools. Moving institutions to change their policies and practices is challenging work. With regard to policy change, ENLACE successes come from making connections between institutions, communities, and families and then problem-solving together. ENLACE seeks to be recognized as a leader in involving communities in the legislative process on issues relating to educational reform. As a collaborative we influence decisions concerning important issues by working with elected officials in our communities, our state capital and Washington, D.C.

How are legislative issues and priorities identified?
Our goal is a policy agenda which reflects the issues, concerns and priorities of ENLACE stakeholders, including students, families, and other community members in promoting educational equity for all students and to improve academic performance throughout the P-20 pathway in New Mexico. Defining policy issues and priorities is an evolving process which began in 2001; annual community forums allow us to update and polish our policy agenda.

How can I get involved?
It is your right and responsibility to connect with state legislators and members of congress. For information regarding specific legislation or to find out how to become more involved, please contact ENLACE New Mexico at (505) 277-5481.

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