



Enlace Comunitario

2023 Legislative Priorities

Enlace Comunitario is advocating for and tracking select House Bills and Senate Bills (HB/SB), as well as fiscal appropriations, that relate to our culturally specific work to support domestic violence (DV) survivors in Central New Mexico.

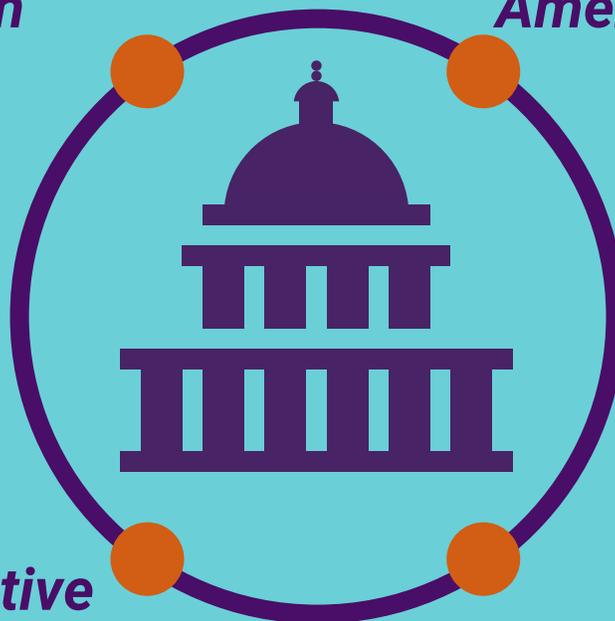


SB 18

*Family Violence
Prevention Act
Revision*

HB 76

*Judicial
Education Fund
Amendment*



HB 43

*Affirmative
Consent in
Schools*



*Fiscal
Appropriations*





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HB 43 & 76 Details

HB 43: Affirmative Consent in Schools

Overview: this would require public schools and private post-secondary educational institutions to adopt policies/procedures that set affirmative consent as the standard for sexual activity.

Why it Matters in Our Work

Affirmative consent—ongoing consent between partners to engage in sexual/physical activity—is a healthy relating behavior that helps ensure safety.

HB 76: Judicial Education Fund Amendment

Overview: this would shift administration of the Judicial Education Fund (JEF) from the Institute of Law at UNM Law School to the administrative office of the courts.

Why it Matters in Our Work

Having UNM serve as a third party administrator helps ensure that judges, commissioners, and court personnel undergo holistic, necessary training related to DV and other important matters and that said training is performed by subject matter experts.



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SB 18 & Appropriation Details

SB 18: Family Violence Prevention Act Revision

Overview: this would rename the FVPA to the Protection Against Abuse & Violence Act, and would amend parts of the act to be inclusive of appeals regarding abuse between household members (not just intimate partners).

Why it Matters in Our Work

Expanding the definition of abuse beyond intimate partners helps survivors of abuse, including DV survivors, to have legal recourse against their abuser.

Fiscal Appropriations

Enlace is advocating for the following appropriations during the legislative session:

- \$3.1M to restore DV service providers' funding to FY22 levels;
- \$350,000 to expand Coordinated Community Response teams in NM; and
- \$4M recurring increase to Civil Legal Services.

Why it Matters in Our Work

DV providers like Enlace are facing significant funding cuts this session despite a rise in service requests.