

## Bright Spots: Promising Practices and Collaborations in Early Childhood

### HOMEVISITING

From prevention to intervention and treatment, there is a continuum of home visiting services in Santa Fe. Programs target different populations and services including: first time parents, substance-addicted prenatal mothers, children with development delays, infant mental health and postpartum services.

**Partners:**  
 United Way First Born,  
 Las Cumbres,  
 New Vistas,  
 PMS, La Familia Medical Clinic,  
 Many Mothers



### EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Establishing a love of reading early in life sets a foundation for a lifetime. The *Books for Babies* program celebrates the importance of reading to your child everyday, from nearly day one. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library helps build a child's own library by sending a book a month until age 5. *Books and Babies* is offered at Santa Fe public libraries, and *Reach Out and Read* provides books at participating pediatric clinics.

**Partners:**  
 SF County Community Services Division,  
 United Way, Brindle Foundation,  
 CHRISTUS St Vincent Regional Medical Center. Libraries



### SANTA FE EARLY LEARNING CAMPUS AT AGUA FRIA

The comprehensive campus will welcome more than 1,000 children and adults through its doors each year. Teachers and caregivers will gain useful tools to help families succeed and each child who completes the program will be ready to succeed in kindergarten. The integrated stream of culturally appropriate, two-generation, wrap-around support services will be a demonstration model for the entire state of New Mexico.

**Partners:**  
 United Way of Santa Fe County,  
 Santa Fe Public Schools,  
 PMS and PMS Head Start,  
 CHRISTUS St Vincent Regional Medical Center, Santa Fe Community College,  
 Santa Fe Community Foundation



### EARLY PRENATAL CARE & DRUG TREATMENT

The CHRISTUS St Vincent hospital launched its *Healthy Babies* campaign to ensure that all pregnant Moms get early prenatal care. At La Familia pregnant Moms struggling with addiction can receive specialized drug replacement therapy and prenatal care. A public awareness campaign is underway to get more Moms enrolled.

**Partners:** CHRISTUS St Vincent Regional Medical Center, La Familia Medical Center, SF County, SF Baby Fund



### INCREASING PREK AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Santa Fe Public Schools recently increased its PreK slots with increased state funding, ensuring that more children are ready to succeed at the beginning of kindergarten. Innovative models of professional development are working with early care teachers across many programs in Santa Fe to increase the quality of learning for children and teachers.

**Partners:** Santa Fe Public Schools, Santa Fe Community College, Collaborative Teachers Institute

