

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 114

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CREATION OF THE YOUTH
SERVICES DIVISION WITHIN THE SANTA FE COUNTY COMMUNITY
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a healthy community is a key goal for Santa Fe County (“County”); and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) approved the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan* recommended by the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission and the Santa Fe County Community Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan* establishes behavioral health as a priority, including reducing drug abuse, reducing alcohol abuse, and reducing suicides; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Community Service Department developed a Behavioral Health Strategic Plan that recommended the County develop behavioral health programming for youth; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, 41.6 percent of youth in Santa Fe County in grades 9-12 reported persistent feelings of sadness and hopelessness over the past year; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, 18.9 percent of youth in Santa Fe County reported seriously considering suicide;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Public Schools and other community organizations have observed increased feelings of alienation and depression in youth since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board has over the years prioritized and funded youth services, including a Teen Court program, substance abuse prevention programs, and youth education and recreation; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Santa Fe County Strategic Plan confirmed the need for a Youth Services Division within the Community Services Department, to streamline and create services for youth.

SFC CLERK RECORDED 12/15/2021

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County recognizes the:

- a. Consolidation of the youth-related services and funding streams, including those of the Teen Court and DWI programs, into a Youth Services Division within the Community Services Department. This had no budgetary impact.
- b. Partnering with entities of like interest and other community stakeholders to develop a strategic plan outlining the needs of youth in Santa Fe County and offer recommendations.
- c. Streamlining youth education, recreation and behavioral health funding to develop a comprehensive system of evidence-based services to meet the health and social welfare of youth in Santa Fe County.
- d. Reporting on the status of youth health, as well as on all Santa Fe County efforts to serve youth, on an annual basis to the Board.

SFC CLERK RECORDED 12/15/2021

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF *December* , 2021.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: *HR*
Henry P. Roybal, Chair



ATTEST:
Katharine E. Clark
Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 12/14/21

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer for
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COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 15TH Day Of December, 2021 at 08:56:45 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1974488 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Deputy *Destiny Romero* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM
Katharine E. Clark

