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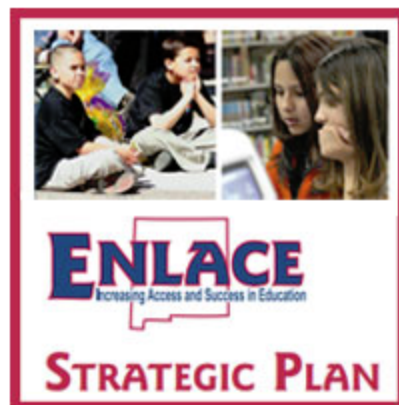
## ENgaging LATino Communities for Education Welcome!

At the very heart of ENLACE New Mexico are our students and families. They form the foundation for our vision, our passion, our work, our core values, and our future. Giving life to their voices is what ENLACE New Mexico is all about.

ENLACE is a statewide collaboration of "gente" who represent the voices of underrepresented children and families – people who have not traditionally had a say in policy initiatives that have had direct impact on their communities or their families. Programs centered on family and community engagement, student-to-student mentoring, establishment of sound policies, development of culturally relevant curricula, professional development for educators, encompass the essence of what ENLACE New Mexico fosters.

ENLACE New Mexico is a network of transformational leaders and programs as diverse as the state it serves. Building on the work of the three original and separate state partnerships, we now have established a unified collaborative comprised of five regions across the state to create an educational pathway for New Mexico's youth. Our collaborative touches every corner of the state and includes universities, community colleges, public school districts, businesses, non-profits, government agencies, students, parents, and families. Although each partner is unique, their commitment to responsibility, accountability, and purposefully empowering communities, students, families, and educators to transform our educational system, leading to increased student success not only for Latinos, but for all students is evident.

The nature in which ENLACE partners with particular organizations says much about the strength and integrity of community partnerships. Partnerships are formed with various organizations that have similar missions and values because there is a common understanding that the challenges are greater than our programs alone and united advocacy is necessary for constructive change. This is accomplished through civic engagement, family involvement, leadership development, and educational programs at all levels.



[2018 Legislative Agenda \(PDF\)](#)



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## Initiatives

The ENLACE Statewide Collaborative focuses on student access and success, family and community engagement, leadership and professional development, and policy development. We provide coaching, mentoring, and tutoring to increase retention and to promote graduation at elementary, middle, and high schools. We are also involved in a variety of student success initiatives to increase retention and to promote graduation in higher education. We currently have a 98% retention rate and a 96% graduation rate for participants in our initiatives. We also administer an ENLACE Legislative Internship, an ENLACE Ambassador Program, and are involved in a variety of other collaborative leadership and professional development initiatives involving students, families, and community leaders.



### 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.

## 2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- STUDENTS
- FAMILY
- COMMUNITY
- LEADERSHIP

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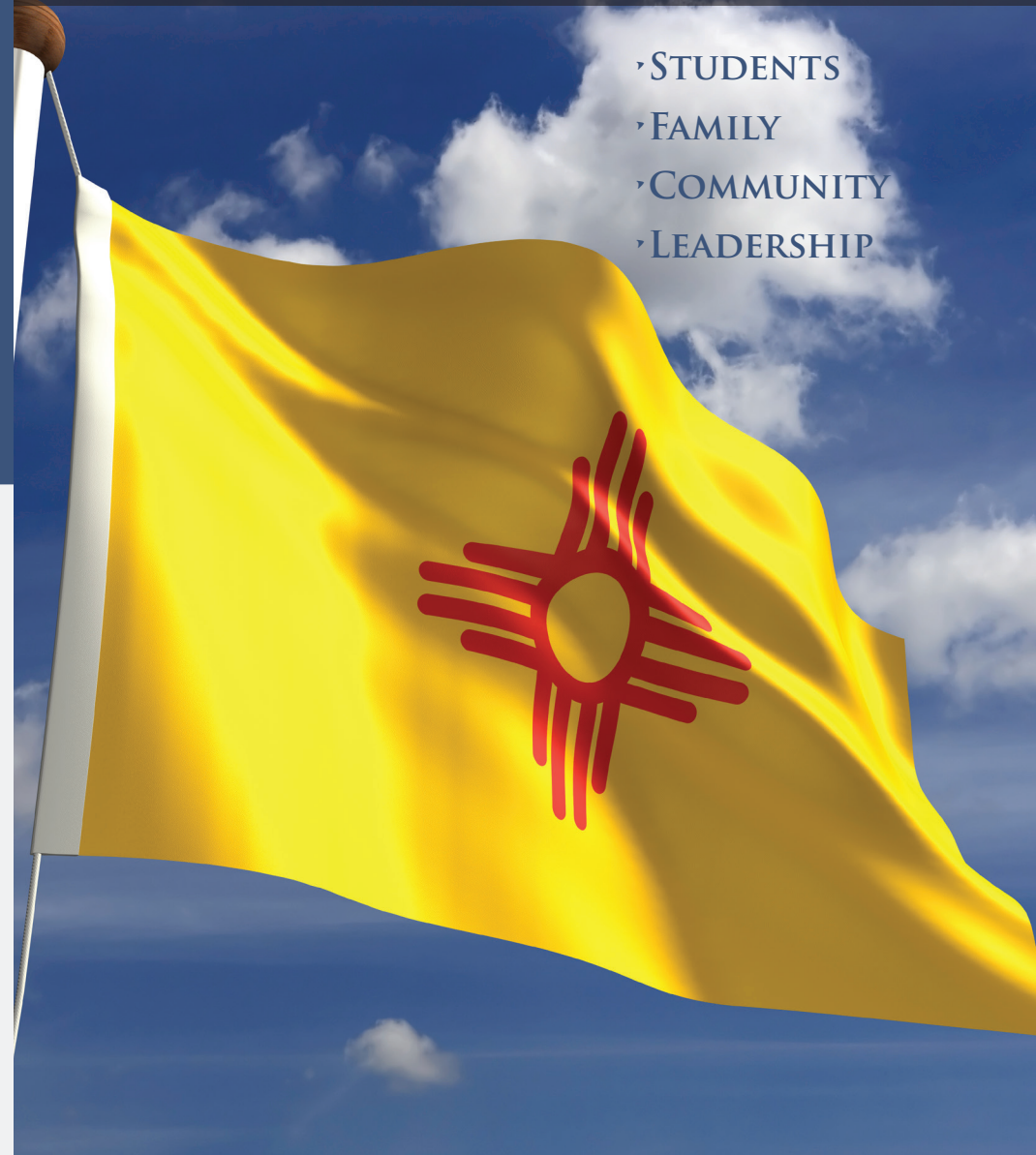
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# 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## 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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# 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

## ENLACE NEW MEXICO

- Served **55,000** students statewide
- Assisted **6,819** students in direct service programs
- Demonstrated a **96%** graduation rate
- Maintained a retention rate of **98%**
  - Facilitated **221** 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

