

ARTICLE 2D
Family and Youth Resources

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22-2D-1. Short title.

Sections 64 through 68 [22-2D-1 to 22-2D-5 NMSA 1978] of this act may be cited as the "Family and Youth Resource Act".

History: Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 64.

Emergency clauses. — Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 74 contained an emergency clause and was approved April 4, 2003.

22-2D-2. Advisory committee; members; meetings; duties.

A. The "family and youth resource advisory committee" is created. Members of the committee are:

- (1) the state superintendent [secretary] or his designee;
- (2) the secretary of health or his designee;
- (3) the secretary of human services or his designee;
- (4) the secretary of children, youth and families or his designee; and
- (5) the following members appointed by the state board [department]:

(a) one representative each from four different local community-based organizations, including faith-based providers, involved with the provision of health or social services to families; and

(b) one local superintendent or his designee from a school district in which there are more than two schools eligible to participate in the family and youth resources program.

B. The members of the committee shall appoint the chairman and such other officers as they deem necessary.

C. The committee shall meet as frequently as it deems appropriate or necessary, but at least once a year. The chairman may call special meetings as he deems necessary and shall convene special meetings at the request of a majority of the members.

D. A majority of the committee constitutes a quorum.

E. Members who are not state officers may be reimbursed for per diem and mileage

expenses as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act [10-8-1 NMSA 1978].

F. The department shall staff the committee.

G. The committee shall:

(1) recommend to the department guidelines for the creation, implementation and operation of programs;

(2) recommend to the department standards and criteria for awarding grants and the form and content of grant applications; and

(3) review applications for grants and make recommendations to the department within ninety days of receipt of the grant applications.

History: Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 65.

Cross references. — For references to the former state superintendent, see 9-24-15 NMSA 1978.

Emergency clauses. — Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 74 contained an emergency clause and was approved April 4, 2003.

22-2D-3. Programs; purpose; functions.

A. A "family and youth resources program" may be created in any public school in the state. Except as provided in Subsection D of this section, the department shall accept applications for grants from public schools in which eighty percent of the students are eligible for the free or reduced-fee lunch program to fund their program.

B. The purpose of the program is to provide an intermediary for students and their families at public schools to access social and health care services. The goal of the program is to forge mutual long-term relationships with public and private agencies and community-based, civic and corporate organizations to help students attain high academic achievement by meeting certain nonacademic needs of students and their families.

C. A program shall include the employment of a resource liaison, who shall:

(1) assess student and family needs and match those needs with appropriate public or private providers, including civic and corporate sponsors;

(2) make referrals to health care and social service providers;

(3) collaborate and coordinate with health and social service agencies and organizations through school-based and off-site delivery systems;

(4) recruit service providers and business, community and civic organizations to provide needed services and goods that are not otherwise available to a student or the student's family;

(5) establish partnerships between the school and community organizations such as civic, business and professional groups and organizations; and recreational, social and after-school programs such as boys' and girls' clubs and boy and girl scouts;

- (6) identify and coordinate age-appropriate resources for students in need of:
 - (a) counseling, training and placement for employment;
 - (b) drug and alcohol abuse counseling;
 - (c) family crisis counseling; and
 - (d) mental health counseling;
- (7) promote family support and parent education programs; and
- (8) seek out other services or goods a student or the student's family needs to assist the student to stay in school and succeed.

D. A public school or group of public schools that has received a grant to establish a family and youth resources program may continue to be eligible for funding if its percentage of students eligible for the free or reduced-fee price lunch program drops below eighty percent, so long as it maintains an average of eighty percent or more for any three-year period.

History: Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 66; 2009, ch. 118, § 1.

Emergency clauses. — Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 74 contained an emergency clause and was approved April 4, 2003.

The 2009 amendment, effective June 19, 2009, in Subsection A, at the beginning of the second sentence, added "Except as provided in Subsection D of this section"; and added Subsection D.

22-2D-4. Family and youth resource programs; grants; department duties.

A. Subject to the availability of funding, grants are available to a public school or group of public schools that meets department eligibility requirements.

B. Applications for grants shall be in the form prescribed by the department and shall include the following information:

- (1) a statement of need, including demographic and socioeconomic information about the area to be served by the program;
- (2) goals and expected outcomes of the program;
- (3) services and activities to be provided by the program;
- (4) written agreements for the provision of services by public and private agencies, community groups and other parties;
- (5) a work plan and budget for the program, including staffing requirements and the expected availability of staff;
- (6) hours of operation;
- (7) strategies for dissemination of information about the program to potential users;
- (8) training and professional development plans;
- (9) plans to ensure that program participants are not stigmatized for their use of the

program;

(10) a physical description of the place in the school or adjacent to the school in which the program will be located;

(11) letters of endorsement and commitment from community agencies and organizations and local governments; and

(12) any other information the department requires.

C. Grants shall not be awarded for applications submitted that supplant funding and other resources that have been used for purposes similar to the program.

History: Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 67.

Emergency clauses. — Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 74 contained an emergency clause and was approved April 4, 2003.

22-2D-5. Family and youth resource fund.

The "family and youth resource fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and earnings from investment of the fund. The fund shall not be transferred to any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The fund shall be administered by the department, and money in the fund is appropriated to the department to carry out the purposes of the Family and Youth Resource Act [22-2D-1 NMSA 1978]. Money in the fund shall be disbursed on warrants issued by the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the state superintendent [secretary] or his authorized representative.

History: Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 68.

Emergency clauses. — Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 74 contained an emerge