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Transitional Living and Substance Abuse Recover Center for adolescents and young adults

Bernalillo County requests \$400,000 in additional capital outlay funds to continue to purchase, plan, design, remodel, renovate and equip the facility for the transitional living and substance abuse recover center for adolescents and young adults in Bernalillo County.

In the 2013 Legislative session, Bernalillo County partnered with the Heroin Awareness Committee (now Healing addiction in our community) to purchase a property to support this cause. In 2014 we located and purchased a property that would meet the substance abuse needs for adolescents around the state. The property is located at 3701 Condershire Drive SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121.

In 2013, at the direction and support of Governor Martinez, the Department of Health's Turquoise Lodge Hospital opened New Mexico's first adolescent medical detoxification and intensive rehabilitation program. This thirty-day addiction treatment program is a key component in the initial success for the treatment of adolescents. However, to date New Mexico has not developed a continuum of inpatient treatment service for youth.

Many adolescents afflicted with addictions are sent to Turquoise Lodge from the judicial system and/or homes where drug and alcohol abuse exists among generations, Adolescent transitional living would be the first of its kind in New Mexico, and is designed to provide extended treatment and stabilization for up to six months in a residential setting. The goal is to equip teens, ages fourteen to eighteen, with daily life skills, work toward successful education and vocational training, build an strengthen healthy relationships, and slowly reintegrate them back into the community. This transition is a critical component in maintaining sobriety and breaking the cycle of addiction for New Mexico's youth.

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