



## **“Start Here: Community-Centered Action to Prevent Violence”**

**Friday, November 16, 2018 - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm**

**Albuquerque Convention Center/West Wing**

**401 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW \* Albuquerque, NM**

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November 29, 2018

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Violence in our community takes many forms and is a major concern for everyone today. The Bernalillo County Community Health Council has spent several months with multiple partners planning a convening for organizations and individuals concerned about and/or working on various aspects of violence. The purpose of this convening is to connect the causes and consequences of all forms of violence – from child abuse to intimate partner violence to gun violence – hopefully resulting in a multi-sector initiative that will address the prevention of violence from multiple angles as a public health issue.

Because of the importance and urgency of finding solutions to violence, we are making this event free of charge to the community and we are anticipating approximately 200 participants. In order to support that, the City of Albuquerque is generously sponsoring the venue costs at the Albuquerque Convention Center. **However, the cost of the lunch and breaks cannot be covered by any government funds, and for this reason we would like to invite you to participate as a financial sponsor of this day-long convening to help cover those costs.**

Our day will consist of a keynote presentation by District Attorney Raul Torrez, followed by a panel of experts in various forms of violence. There will then be two rounds of breakout sessions focusing on those different forms of violence, as well as community-based solutions for prevention. The day will conclude with small table-top discussions about opportunities for collaboration, the potential for an ongoing coalition or initiative, and next steps.

We hope you will join us in supporting this effort. A sponsorship form is attached. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [mcavila.bcchc@comcast.net](mailto:mcavila.bcchc@comcast.net) or 639-8109.

Together we can find solutions that address violence as a public health issue and help work toward a peaceful community for all.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Marsha McMurray-Avila, Executive Director  
Bernalillo County Community Health Council



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### **SPONSOR REPLY FORM**

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Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

*(as it should appear for event publicity)*

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*(EXAMPLE: \$1,000 would cover lunches/breaks for ~40-50 participants)*

**Your contribution is tax-deductible.**

**BCCHC Federal Tax ID # 47-3237659**

Please make Checks/P.O.s payable to BCCHC with “Violence Prevention Convening” in the memo line. Mail with this completed form to:

**Bernalillo County Community Health Council**

**P.O. Box 8157**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198**

**We will accept contributions at any time,  
but to have your logo included in the  
program, please commit by  
Monday, November 12, 2018  
(checks can arrive later)**

*If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Marsha McMurray-Avila at [mcavila.bcchc@comcast.net](mailto:mcavila.bcchc@comcast.net)*