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## **Human Services Department Seeks Public Input for Next TANF New Mexico Works Contracts**

### **Six Public Meetings Scheduled plus Online Input Available**

*Santa Fe, New Mexico* – The New Mexico Human Services Department has scheduled six public meetings across the state to gather input about potential changes in next year’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) New Mexico Works contracts.

“The public meetings will serve as a sounding board from those who have experienced the program first hand,” said Katie Falls, Human Services Department Deputy Secretary. “We want to hear what has worked in the past and what improvements can be made as we begin to build a scope of work for the next Request for Proposal (RFP) for New Mexico Works contracts.”

There are currently three TANF New Mexico Works contractors across the state that assists TANF recipients with work programs and referrals to support services to help them improve their lives and eventually achieve self-sufficiency through employment.

“The services can include everything from job development, assessments for barriers to employment, and referrals to training or education,” said Falls. “We want to know if the public feels these services are working or what improvements the public might make or recommend, given the opportunity.”

The meetings are being held at six different locations across the state.

- **September 23, 2009 10:00a .m. to 12:00 p.m.** – **Albuquerque**, Northeast Bernalillo County Income Support Division Office, 4330 Cutler Ave., NE
- **September 24, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** – **Santa Fe**, Santa Fe County Income Support Division Office, 39 Plaza la Prensa
- **September 28, 2009 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** - **Las Cruces**, East Dona Ana County Income Support Division Office, 2121 Summit Ct.
- **September 29, 2009 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** – **Carlsbad**, Eddy County Income Support Division Office, 3604 San Jose Blvd.

- **September 30, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Roswell**, Chaves County Income Support Division Office, 1701 S. Sunset
- **October 2, 2009 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Las Vegas**, San Miguel County Income Support Division Office, 2536 Ridge Runner Road

People who would like to submit their input electronically can visit the Human Services Department website at [www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd](http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd) and find a survey that can be downloaded, filled out and then sent to the Income Support Division by e-mail at [nmworks.input@state.nm.us](mailto:nmworks.input@state.nm.us) or can be mailed to Income Support Division, New Mexico Works Input, PO Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.

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