



New Mexico Joint Information Center

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State Offers Resources to Help Community Cope with School Shooting

(Roswell) – Today, Governor Susana Martinez announced resources are available for children, parents, and community members impacted by the shooting at Berrendo Middle School in Roswell, NM.

A local behavioral health agency has been on the ground, serving people throughout the day. Turquoise Health and Wellness will remain available throughout the next few days and weeks to continue providing behavioral health assistance to those in need. In Roswell, they can be reached at: (575) 623-1480

The New Mexico Crisis and Access Line's toll-free help line, run by a contractor through the Human Services Department (HSD), is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number is (855) 662-7474. The help line offers specially trained mental health specialists who are bilingual.

HSD has compiled a fact sheet with additional resources to help children and families cope with this situation. The fact sheet can be found at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/> on the top of the page.

Some recommendations for talking to children include:

- **Be available.** Make yourself available to your child in their time of need, without interruption.
- **Cancel other activities.** If you had other scheduled tasks or duties during the time of your child's crisis, postpone them to address the child's immediate needs.
- **Use of open communication.** It is important that you talk with your child openly and honestly. Use of support and positive reinforcement so your children know that they can ask any question on any topic freely and without fear of consequences is important. The New Mexico Department of Health's Regional School Mental Health advocates are available in their communities to discuss the role and response of behavior health prevention and response and recovery in school safety plans.

The New Mexico Joint Information Center is the combined effort of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, New Mexico State Police, Human Services Department, Department of Public Safety, Children, Youth and Families Department and the Public Education Department for emergency response

The Department of Health Office of School and Adolescent Health has 54 school-based health centers statewide. The school-based health centers provide access to a broad range of behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, one-on-one counseling, support groups, and family counseling.

As other resources become available, they will be released via press release and various other social media channels.

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