



### Short Summary / Goals and Vision

The Center for Social Policy (CSP) is a new initiative within the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Mexico (UNM) charged with integrating the work of multiple research Institutes at UNM whose work focuses on integrating applied policy research with the academic and training mission of the University of New Mexico. The CSP is a continuation of the work of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy (RWJF-CHP), a very successful entity that officially phased out this past summer with the closing of our ten year grant from RWJF. The UNM-CSP research and administrative staff will continue the RWJF-CHP mission of training graduate students from diverse backgrounds in policy oriented research by sustaining a health policy fellowship and helping to launch a Compassion focused PhD Fellowship this year as part of the Compassion Institute.

The following Institutes are formally housed at the Center for Social Policy:

- The UNM Cradle to Career Policy Institute (Formerly CEPR)
- The UNM Native American Budget and Policy Institute (NAPBI)
- The UNM Compassion Institute

By harnessing the research capacities of several institutes, CSP is able to address the needs of our clients and produce research products that combine the best practices of academic research and answer the leading social policy questions facing the state of New Mexico and the wider region. The CSP's staff has demonstrated experience conducting policy research in New Mexico from a racial/ethnic equity framework aimed at providing policy makers with independent and rigorous data to inform their decisions. We have a solid national and local reputation of not only conducting high quality research, but in connecting the knowledge and resources of UNM with the wider community.

The Center for Social Policy has had a soft launch this semester as part of the formal transition process from the prior RWJF brand, but has held off on an external outreach campaign until this process with the Faculty Senate concludes. We have worked with the appropriate offices on campus to establish our logos and templates for branding, created basic web-pages and the infrastructure for list-serves and newsletters, and have moved quickly on establishing external funding beyond the core funds we have in place already through proposal submissions.

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