

Senior Companion Program Newsletter





Hello Summer!

As we welcome the start of summer, I'm filled with excitement for the months ahead and all that they hold for our community. This season is a time of renewal and opportunity, and here at the Department of Senior Affairs, we're embracing it with enthusiasm and forward-thinking as we continue to evolve to meet the growing demand for services. First, we're kicking off a new campaign for the Department, entitled "Engage", to reflect all of our core initiatives committed to community, wellness, and advocacy for our city's older adults. Through "Engage," we aim to highlight the importance of staying active and involved in every stage of life. You'll start to see this messaging across our centers, programs, and events, and we invite you share this movement with the greater community.

Speaking of events, this month kicks off some new Engage offerings, such as Self-Check Health Days at our centers, providing easy access to tools that will help you Engage with Wellness. Then, on June 11th, we invite you to Engage with Community at the 1-Year Anniversary Celebration of the Santa Barbara Martineztown Multigenerational Center, a milestone we're proud to share with all of our DSA family. And don't miss the Pride Masquerade Ball at Highland Senior Center on June 26th, a day of joy, inclusion, and connection.

Our new fiscal year begins July 1st, and as a department, we are continuing to take a deep-dive on our budget, to continue our essential services and also evolve for the changing and growing constituency we serve. You may notice our efforts to ensure operational consistency across our centers, all in an effort to continue to manage costs, while focused on serving you with dignity and care. I encourage each of you to continue supporting the Department of Senior Affairs, reaching out to your elected officials and raising our collective voice for our older adults! Together, we can keep strengthening the programs and services that matter most.

Finally, thank you to all those who filled out our recent annual survey – we had more than 800 participants provide feedback. The raffle winners from the survey participants attend Highland Senior Center, Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, and one recipient receives our Home Delivered Meals. With your input and support, you will help us advance our services to meet the needs of the community in the coming year and I am grateful!

Sincerely, Anna M. Sanchez, Director



Program Hours

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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<u>Special Dates &</u> <u>Announcements</u>

6/12: In-Service Training, Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due
6/13: Extra Opportunity- Father's Day Celebration
6/19: Juneteenth: CLOSED, No Clients
6/26: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due, Extra Opportunity- Dance w/ Pride



The Senior Companion program focuses on providing assistance and companionship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers keep seniors independent longer and provide respite to family caregivers, while enhancing their own health and longevity as they serve their community.

In-service Training



Please join us for an informative **in-service training at Barelas Senior Center**. Ryan Sanders from Daniel's Funeral Home and Cremations will be presenting on the fundamentals of funeral pre-planning. SCP staff will be providing a training on the new electronic timesheets & mileage logs process.

Thursday, June 12th, 2025 Barelas Senior Center Lead/Coal Room 11:00am-1pm *



*Lunch will be provided

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Extra Opportunities WITH THURSDAY JUNE 26TH 2:00PM-4:00PM **Highland Senior Center** LIVE MUSIC / PHOTO BOOTH / TABLING Celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month-All Are Welcome BARELAS SENIOR EBRATION Come celebrate dads with us! Join us for some yummy treats and great music by guitarist Johnny Chacon. Barelas Senior Center Friday, June 13th ALBUQUE 10 am - 11:15 am

These are free events! Please notify the SCP office if you will attend the event to receive program benefits.

Surveys



Volunteer and client participant surveys were mailed during the month of May. We ask that you complete your survey and return it to the office. Please assist your client(s) with returning their survey(s). **There were be pre-addressed and stamped envelopes enclosed. Return all surveys no later than June 6, 2025.**

Timesheets & Mileage Logs

Friendly reminder to submit timesheets and mileage logs **before 2:00pm** to get processed in a timely manner.

Thursday June 12, 2025 Thursday, June 26, 2025

It is very important that your timesheet is signed by you and the station supervisor (if applicable).

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Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Pinning Ceremony 2025



















Here's a heartfelt recap of the Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Pinning Ceremony. Thank you to all of our volunteers for serving and dedicating so many years to our programs! A special thank you to our sponsor, Scan Health Plan New Mexico, for their generous support in making this event possible. A huge shout out to the students of the Gecko Folklorico de East San Jose Elementary School, ABQ ~ A Barbershop Quartet, and the American Legion Post 13 Honor Guard for their wonderful performances and assistance during the event. We hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating together!



As part of the New Mexico Grown state initiative, every Thursday, the Department of Senior Affairs will feature a vegetarian meal that

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Baked Ham Pineapple Sauce Rice Pilaf Sliced Carrots Yogurt 1% Milk		0	ich 4oz 4oz 4oz 4oz 8oz		1oz 4oz 4oz 4oz	Spinach/Onions		Brown Rice	4oz 4oz 4oz 4oz 8oz
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Spanish Rice Yogurt	4oz 4oz 4oz 4oz 8oz	Chicken Salad "May Contain Nuts Coleslaw Dinner Roll Margarine Mixed Berries 1% Milk	4oz 4oz 1ea 1pc 4oz 8oz	Baked Pollok Roasted Peppers Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll Margarine Chocolate Puddin 1% Milk	4oz 4oz 1ea 1pc	Diced Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Applesauce	3oz 4oz	Calabacitas Green Beans Flour Tortilla Jell-O	4oz 4oz 4oz 2ea 4oz 8oz