

Community Innovations for Aging in Place

Project Summary

Grantee Organization: Jewish Family Service of Greater Albuquerque

State: New Mexico

Project Title: Jewish Family Service of New Mexico's Aging In Place Project

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Jewish Family Service New Mexico (JFS) proposes a three-year Community Innovations for Aging in Place (CIAIP) project in collaboration with the NM Aging & Long Term Services Department, the Metro (Bernalillo County), Non-Metro (all other counties excluding pueblos and Navajo areas), and Indian Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), NM Department of Health (DoH), Fort Sumner Community Development Corporation, and other service providers.

Goals and Objectives:

The goal of the project is to implement a culturally diverse, innovative, and cost-effective aging in place program for the delivery and coordination of community-based health and social services in Native American, rural, urban, and suburban communities that supports seniors and their caregivers. The objectives are: 1) develop and maintain collaborative partnerships with housing facilities, for and not-for-profit organizations, and local, state, and tribal government agencies; 2) develop Partners Advisory Groups (PAGs); 3) empower participants to engage in volunteerism; 4) expand the project to include HUD-based housing and a Native American pueblo; 5) expand wellness interventions that support aging in place; 6) provide transportation activities; 7) promote ADRC resources and expand access to programs for participants and their caregivers; 8) promote long-term project sustainability; 9) evaluate impact of services; 10) and disseminate project information.

Outcomes and Products:

The expected outcomes of the project are: 1) a cost-effective, innovative, and culturally diverse program that increases emotional and physical wellbeing for seniors; 2) caregivers are supported through access to respite resources and programs; 3) multiple-design evaluations reflecting positive results due to participant-driven programming and integrated service provision. The products from the project are: a Brain Fitness program; culturally-based training CDs; a marketing toolkit; a final report and evaluation results.