

2025 DOÑA ANA COUNTY DOÑA ANA WELLNESS INSTITUTE SERVING AS THE HEALTH COUNCIL

Mission:

To foster a community-centered, integrated health system to improve the health of Doña Ana County residents.

Vision:

For all Doña Ana County residents to live in physical, cultural, and social environments that support their health from cradle to grave.



Doña Ana County is the second largest county in the state of New Mexico. With a population of more than 219,500 residents, making it New Mexico's second largest county by population.

HEALTH COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

- Engaging in continuing education to enhance knowledge of the continuum of care for SUD
- Improve access to SUD treatment
- Developing plan to utilize the Structural Competency Framework for **SUD treatment**



19,934

Estimated # of people living with SUD in Doña Ana County

Health Literacy (HL)

- Increase knowledge of **HL** with partner organizations and the county's HHS department.
- Agencies will adopt **HL** standards to make communication more accessible
- Develop a plan to utilize the structural competency framework for **HL**



90%

of adults struggle to understand common health information found in healthcare facilities, retail outlets, media, and communities

Crisis Triage Center

- 24/7 Urgent Care for people experiencing mental health or substance use crisis.
- Re-opened with new operator, Summit Behavioral Health



100

Visitors in the first 6 weeks of opening

CONNECT Doña Ana

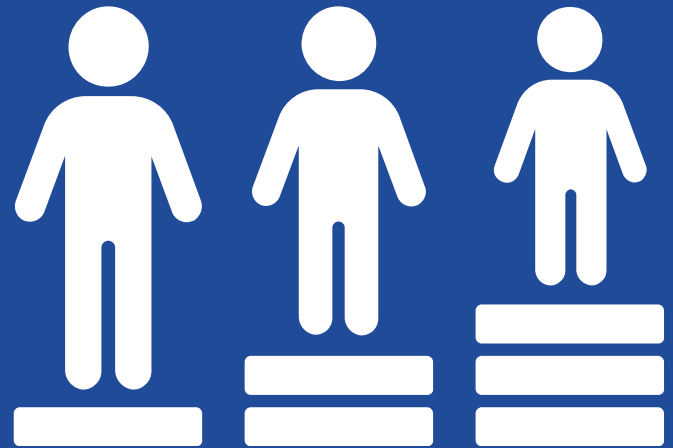
- Program to connect community members with essential health and social services
- 96 participating agencies
- 769 requests, from September 1, 2023 to January 31, 2025



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DOÑA ANA OVERALL EQUITY SCORE

- ✓ In 2024, the U.S. News & World Report rated Doña Ana County with an overall equity score of 64 out of 100 points, reflecting disparities impacting the population ²
- ✓ The Doña Ana Wellness Institute (DAWI), New Mexico State University (NMSU), and other stakeholders are collaborating to identify these inequities by researching environmental factors and social determinants of health (SDOH)
- ✓ The Doña Ana Colonias Windshield Survey (DACWS) is an observational research project designed to identify SDOH in these communities. The objective of the DACWS is to gather data on neighborhood characteristics, including landscape, transportation, education, housing, and access to services and resources



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Council meeting times: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month on ZOOM

If you are interested in joining please email us