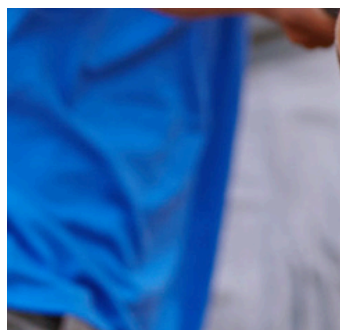
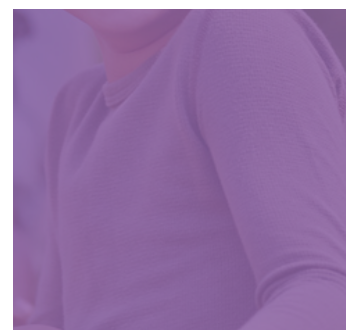
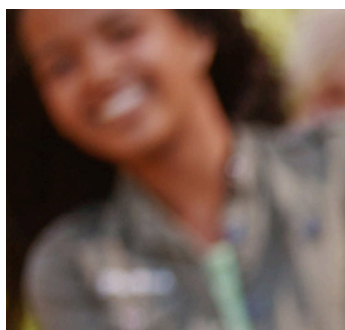


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Together, We Did A Lot!



2023
Annual Report



May Sagbakken

Executive Director

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together at the New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network (NMOST). 2023 was a year of incredible progress, resilience, and innovation as we continued to expand our impact across the state. This year, our network has reached new heights, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our team, partners, and supporters. One of our most significant achievements was **transitioning into our own 501(c)3 non-profit**. This milestone not only represents our commitment to advancing out-of-school time (OST) opportunities but also underscores the power of collaboration in making meaningful change.

In addition to this, we saw a historic investment in OST programming from our State Legislature that allocated **\$20 million** to the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) for the implementation/expansion of afterschool, summer learning, and tutoring. This has greatly enhanced the accessibility and quality of OST programs for children and families throughout New Mexico. The positive feedback and measurable outcomes from this work have been truly inspiring, motivating us to keep pushing forward.

NMOST has also continued to its deep relationship with NMPED, providing technical assistance to ESSER III-funded programs for more than **35 program sites** throughout the State!

With our **Youth Entrepreneurship mini-grants**, and our **Advancing Young Women in STEM Scholarships**, NMOST continues to invest in New Mexico's OST programs and youth. By collaborating and connecting, NMOST has been granted the opportunity to further our mission in ways we couldn't have imagined just a few short years ago. These accomplishments are a testament to the innovative spirit that drives our work and our unwavering commitment to the youth we serve. As we look ahead, we are more committed than ever to our vision of a future where every child and youth in New Mexico has access to high-quality, affordable out-of-school time programs. We know that there are still challenges to overcome, but we are confident that, together, we can continue to build on the strong foundation we have laid this year. I want to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who has contributed to our successes in 2023—our dedicated staff, our partners, our funders, and our community. Your support is what makes our work possible, and I am excited to continue this journey with you in the year to come.

With gratitude and hope for the future,

May Sagbakken

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

With your help, we worked with the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) to secure **\$20 million** in the SFY24 State Budget.

With expanded collaboration with NMPED, **22** ESSER III subgrantees & **38** program sites received Technical Assistance from NMOST.

\$41,500 in Women in STEM scholarships awarded to date!



What We Do:

The New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network (NMOST) is a nonprofit that supports collaboration of public and private organizations and community members seeking to improve access to and quality of out-of-school extended learning programs – before and afterschool, summer learning, and youth development.



The Network Expands Access for ALL Youth

NMOST works to create a sustainable structure of statewide, regional, and local partnerships to support the development and growth of statewide policies to secure resources needed to sustain new and existing school-based/school-linked OST programs. After more than 7 years of advocacy, the NM Public Education Department (PED) allocated **\$20 million for**

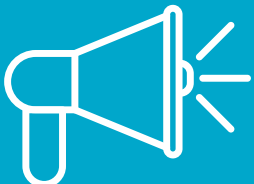
after-school, summer learning, and tutoring in HB2 – the state budget bill. To announce this big win for OST in our state, NMOST’s Executive Director collaborated with Lt Gov. Morales in an Op-Ed published in all major regional newspapers, celebrating the educational wins from the state’s legislative session, including the new OST funding in the state budget.



Influencing

Policy. By raising public awareness, NMOST encourages agencies and policymakers to consider policies that support high-quality OST in NM.

NMOST Advocacy



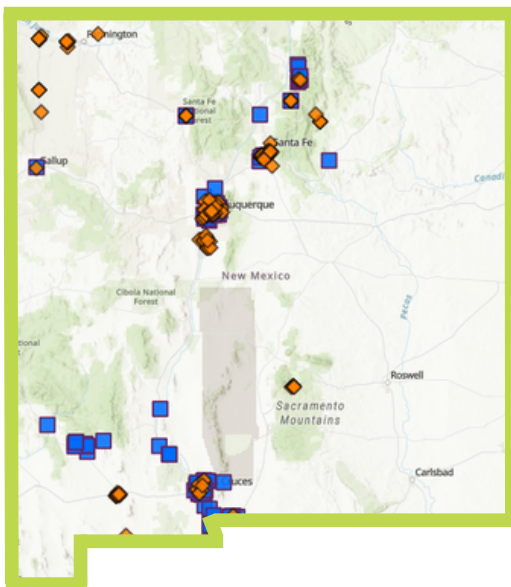
Toolkit

In 2023, we introduced *Policy Site Visits: Tips for Afterschool and Summer Learning Providers*. Our comprehensive 28-page advocacy tool kit equips program leaders with the knowledge and strategies needed to effectively advocate for expanded funding and resources. Through targeted tips and thorough templates, our advocacy toolkit empowers afterschool and summer learning providers to articulate the critical impact of their programs on youth development.



250+

The \$20M secured in 2023 substantially expanded access to OST for children and youth across New Mexico, funding more than 250 OST programs!



The Club Teen Center

The Club Teen Center in Santa Fe Place Mall operated by Boys & Girls Club of Santa Fe/Del Norte was a standout among the ESSER III-funded programs NMOST visited this year. This unique space provides a variety of opportunities for teens to explore their interests, connect with others, or just relax. There is a podcast studio that has been used to produce “ALL IN: United Voices,” a podcast by Zia Keystone Club that “explores the history, progress, and social issues of inclusivity, diversity, justice, and equity” and is available on



Spotify. The Club also provides access to video game consoles, a café with free snacks and meals, on-demand tutoring, and opportunities like VR job training. Youth lead the way at The Club; Keystone Club members set the rules, schedule, and activities. Impressively, the Keystone members have completed 600 hours of service!

The Network Provides Learning Opportunities



Providing

Resources. NMOST offers and shares opportunities for professional development along with curricula, research, tools, and data with parents and programs



NMOST hosted its 13th annual Fall into Place conference virtually October 26-27, 2023, in partnership with NM PED and with support from the Mott Foundation, Collaborative Communications, and the DCPV360 virtual platform. The conference was a great success with **310** registrants representing the OST field, education, government, community-based organizations, and youth. State policy leaders spoke during plenaries including Amanda DeBell, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation for NM PED and **NM Lt. Gov. Howie Morales**.

Building

Community. By bringing together policymakers, educators, childcare providers, youth development workers, and other stakeholders.

Star Speakers:



Matthew Emerzian,
Founder & CEO
Every Monday Matters



Howie Morales,
Lt. Governor
State of New Mexico



"Being new to OST, this conference really has opened up my eyes to the many different opportunities I can create for my students."

The Network Works to Bridge the STEM Gap



Advocating

for Out-of-School Time.

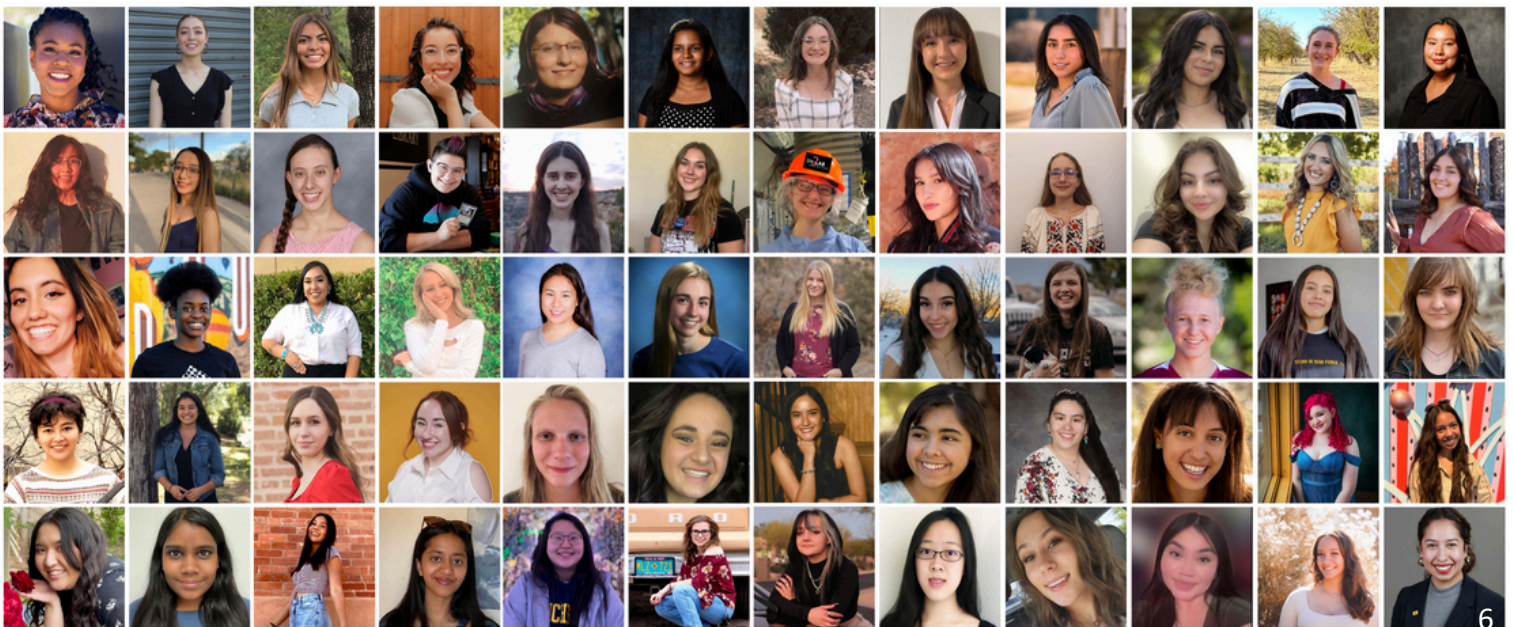
By sharing maps, data, and testimonial success stories, NMOST raises public awareness and support for programs.



\$ **\$41,500** in scholarships have been awarded to high school and college-aged young women across NM since 2018.



To date, **57** scholarships have been funded through our work, closing the gender gap and inspiring the next generation of female innovators and leaders!



The Network Advances Youth Entrepreneurship

NMOST works to advance Youth Entrepreneurship (YE) in out-of-school time (OST) programs in under-resourced communities across New Mexico. This effort has:

- 1 Provided mini-grants to help expand youth entrepreneurship in OST programs.
- 2 Cultivated new partnerships and professional development opportunities with organizations including technical assistance from VentureLab and Young Entrepreneur Institute.
- 3 Developed a new OST Story Map focused on entrepreneurship programs across New Mexico.



Image Courtesy of Kids Can Youth Entrepreneur Program

Kids Can Youth Entrepreneur Program

Kids Can Youth Entrepreneur Program, a project of the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico (CAASNМ), utilized mini-grant funds from NMOST to offer an out-of-school-time experience for 304 youth, including 198 returning and 106 new students, through ongoing programming in Las Cruces, Hatch, Gadsden, Deming, and Alamogordo. The program included 19 summer camps and formed new partnerships while strengthening

existing ones. Highlights include afterschool programs in Hagerman and Las Cruces, with youth market events and a Jr. Vendors Program. Expansion plans aim to grow programming in Luna, Otero, Chavez, Hidalgo, Sierra, Grant, and Lincoln counties, and outreach efforts are ongoing to establish new program sites.



THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS!



**You can help ensure equitable access
to high-quality OST programming for
ALL NM children and youth!**

NMOST believes all children in New Mexico
deserve the opportunity to attend high-quality
out-of-school time programs.

By **donating**, you are helping NMOST make our
vision a reality for New Mexico youth!

DONATE TODAY!

