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Española YMCA Teen Center 2013 Facts

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2013 Española YMCA Teen Center Fact Sheet

Demographics

The YMCA's Española Teen Center is open to all youth ages 12 to 19. The Center offers educational and recreational resources to the entire sixth grade, middle and high school population, a target audience of 1,899 according to 2012-13 state enrollment reports. However, as known through Center registration and attendance records, we primarily serve 6th-10th grade students in traditional and/or charter, non-private school for a potential reach of 1,442.

In 2013, the Center served 212 members and an additional 432 youth who attended as visitors, for a total reach of 644 youth served, or 45% of the 6th -10th grade population. Approximately 25% were in high school, 59% were in middle school and 16% were in sixth grade. Membership is at a ratio of 55 percent male and 45 percent female.

Breakdowns in ethnicity of members and visitors are: 75 percent native Hispanic only; 15 percent Mexican immigrant, 5 percent Native Americans; and 5 percent mixed race/other/Caucasian.

The **mission** of the Center is to strengthen community teens through educational support and character development programming.

Service Delivery Highlights

Non-Profit of the Year: Being awarded the Española Chamber of Commerce, Non-Profit of the Year was an amazing way to start 2013. It set the pace for a year filled with many wonderful accomplishments and milestones. Teens and staff represented proudly at the award banquet. We feel truly honored.

Teen Center Members Demeanor Change: Teens continue to engage in community projects and advocate for the Teen Center when asked if it has made a difference in their lives. Staff members are welcoming and take sincere interest in the lives of members and visitors alike. New teen members quickly find their place within the Y family, and veteran members continue to grow and mentor new members.

2013 Teen Center Program Delivery:

- 644 youth served in 2013
- Revealed a satisfaction survey of 40 students grading the Center a 3.7 on a 4.0 scale
- Recorded visits by members and guests totaling 11,994 in 247 open operating days
- Averaged 49 teens per day with peak days of 88 youth attending
- Held classes in 22 program categories delivering 1,501.50 hours of life skills instruction to our youth
- Our van transported an average of 21 teens daily, from Carlos Vigil Middle School and the Española Valley High School.

2013 Breakdown of classes with non-duplicate youth on first line:

- 164 hours of Tutoring/Study Hour utilized by 91 non-duplicate youth
- 19 Woodworking classes: 39 non-duplicate youth participated
- 9 Baking/Cooking Classes: 68 non-duplicate youth participated
- 7 Holiday/Special Meals: 245 non-duplicated youth attended
- 43 Movie Afternoons: 84 non-duplicated youth participated
- 12 Field Trips: 49 non-duplicate youth attended
- 3 Informative talk/presentation: 64 non-duplicate youth
 - Visit from New Mexico National Guard (13 youth)
 - University of New Mexico School of Medicine Sex Education class (35 youth)
 - Rio Grande SUN presentation (18 youth)
- 14 Community Participation events: 552 non-duplicate youth
 - Call to Men presentation at Northern New Mexico College (10 youth)
 - City of Española Council meeting (8 youth)
 - City of Española's Police Department versus Fire Department Basketball Game (8 youth)
 - Lowrider Supershow at Buffalo Thunder (8 youth)
 - RoboRAVE International (6 youth)
 - Fourth Annual Str8 Ballin' 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (13 youth)
 - Mainstreet Showdown Car Show (5 youth)
 - Born 2 Cruise Lowrider Bike Show (8 youth)
 - New Mexico State Fair Artist reception (12 youth)
 - Española YMCA Teen Center/Stop Teen Dating Violence Second Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (29 youth)
 - City of Española Mission Convento Gallery reception (4 youth)
 - Third Annual Harvest Youth Parade (20 youth members; 407 parade participants)
 - Plaza de Española Christmas Tree decorating (18 youth)
 - Española Christmas Light Parade (18 youth)
- 3 Community Service events: 53 non-duplicate youth
 - Volunteering at Española Food Co-Op (21 youth)
 - Assisted Valley View United Methodist Church unload 750 pumpkins for fundraising event (8 youth)
 - "Warming Young Hearts" Christmas giving project (27 youth)
- 7 Impact of Drugs presentations: 49 non-duplicated youth
- 36 Teen Narcotics Anonymous Meetings: 13 non-duplicated youth
- 79 Indoor/Outdoor Sports and Recreation classes: 200 non-duplicated youth
- 2 separate themed Art classes: 25 non-duplicated youth
 - Easter Making Decorations (11 youth)
 - Christmas Ornament Making (14 youth)
- 1 lock-in/sleepover: 33 non-duplicated youth
- 18 Green Thumbs classes: 55 non-duplicated youth
- 47 Summer Food Program: 127 non-duplicated youth
- 57 Audio/Recording Studio classes: 71 non-duplicated youth
- 20 Intro to Chess: 48 non-duplicated youth
- 1 Y Government presentation: 5 non-duplicated youth
- 59 Diorama, Car Model, Lowrider Bike class: 34 non-duplicated youth
- 1 Y Fundraising event: 6 non-duplicated youth
- 3 Science based classes: 44 non-duplicated youth
 - Introduction to Microorganisms (3 youth)
 - Robotics class (27 youth)
 - Electricity class (8 youth)

Goals and Activities

The Center uses educational and recreational offerings and its computer center with 21 state-of-the-art computers to further our goals: 1) to create a vibrant, safe, attractive, viable youth outreach center, serving as a point of gang intervention and substance abuse prevention, that is heavily used and considered a model program that can eventually be funded by local government; 2) to support mastery of educational benchmarks (math and literacy are identified areas of focus) through tutoring and supplemental educational programs; 3) to mentor and assist the teen population of Española and surrounding areas for continuing and higher education; 4) to mentor and encourage compassion, caring, respect and responsibility in the teen population; and 5) to foster healthy lifestyle choices.

The Center pursues three specific activities for these goals. The first service is that of educational support. We provide a tutor for homework assistance and have supported youth in reaching their educational benchmarks. Multi-year funding is needed to continue this service and to fund outreach/mentoring staff. Our Robotics Class has been a great hit. Teens competed for the first time at RoboRAVE International held in Albuquerque in May of 2013. "Team Intergalactic" is busy in preparation of two competitions which will be held in 2014. We appreciate all the amazing support we have received for us of the purchase of robots, traveling and competition expenses. A Youth in Government grant has been awarded for the start of a government program at the Teen Center. Introduction meetings have taken place and more is planned for 2014.

The second activity provided is that of service learning, community engagement and career advisement. Teens are encouraged to engage in diverse dialogue and participate in activities that challenge their thinking and various thought processes. Many are advocates for the Center, and have also become involved in community projects to include, our Third Annual Harvest Youth Parade, volunteering at the Española Food Co-op to bag food for community members, assisting Valley View Methodist Church unload 750 pumpkins for their annual fundraiser and our first ever "Warming Young Hearts" giving project. For our first year we adopted the Pajarito Housing Community and gifted eighty-eight children hats, gloves, socks, cup of soup, hot chocolate and a candy cane, to help keep little bodies and tummies warm. Teens, staff and Santa hand-delivered the stockings while Christmas music played from our Christmas Parade float. We hosted two 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, our Fourth Annual Str8 Ballin' 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament continues to be one of the summer's highlights and our Second Annual Española YMCA Teen Center/ Stop Teen Dating Violence Coalition is gaining popularity. Our teens from the Diorama, Model Car and Lowrider Bike class had a chance to showcase their creations at a few large-scale shows. For the second consecutive year we hosted and participated in the Born 2 Cruise, Lowrider Bike and Model Car Show; participated in the Española Mainstreet Showdown Lowrider Supershow; participated in the Buffalo Thunder Lowrider Supershow and were even privileged to showcase their Lowrider Bikes at the Mission Convento as part of an art exhibit. The diorama built this year was showcased at the Rio Arriba and Los Alamos County Fairs, it placed First Place at both. It also received Second Place at the New Mexico State Fair. We were honored to have been able to create the ornaments for the Plaza de Española Christmas tree. Teens decorated the tree with over 200 handmade ornaments, we concluded the day's activities by participating in the City of Española's Christmas Light Parade.

The third activity that the YMCA provides in pursuit of our goals is that of character development. The Family YMCA exists to build the whole individual, including his/her character. Staff role model and stress our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility in all programming and interactions. We uphold this standard and expect the same from participants. Studies have shown that people are hard-wired to connect, that we need to associate with others. The Center provides this opportunity in a positive environment. All programming is aimed at developing a sense of purpose and hopefulness in youth in regards to their own skills and their ability to positively impact change.

Methodologies used to deliver these services are positive role modeling, community service and field trip incentives. Teens have responded favorably to requests for participation because of the positive relationships they have with staff.

Collaborations/Networking

City of Española: 2007-present, operating contract to run center, now providing \$60K/year toward support.

Con Alma Health Foundation: \$15K for health activities 2013-2014; \$20K for 2012-13, multiple year past support.

Rio Arriba County: In 2014, providing \$37K toward target programs under contract for services. Since 2012 onward, RAC has provided \$15K for operations; in 2011, gave \$10K targeted to programs in partnership with RAJJAB and DWI Council.

Santa Fe County: \$7K in 2013 for summer enrichment programs for Santa Fe County youth.

United Way of Northern New Mexico: 2012-2013 provided \$25K; 2011-2012 provided \$30K; 2007-2011 multi-year supporter for targeted programs such as \$5K for Y Earth Service Corps.

State Farm Good Citizen Award: 2013 funding of \$20K for healthy activities for youth.

The Frost Foundation, LTD.: 2013-2014 funding of \$10K for youth programs.

Hatton Sumners Foundation: 2012-2013, \$15K for Youth and Government.

Lowe's Foundation: 2012-2013, \$10K support for carpentry classes.

Los Alamos National Laboratory, Community Programs Office: 2013-2014, providing \$2,250 for tutoring and robotics. In 2012, awarded \$5,000 for tutor services, greenhouse and microbiology programs. In 2010 awarded \$6,500 for court improvements. LANL originally provided facility structure to city in 2000.

Santa Fe Presbytery, Mission in The North: In 2013, awarded \$5K for sculptural welding, in 2012 awarded \$5k for audio engineering program.

New Mexico Community Foundation, Pojoaque Valley Fund: \$1.5K in 2013 from PVF, \$1.5 from NMCF for operational support.

Santa Fe Community Foundation: Jack and Mary Gilliam Endowment Fund, \$500 in 2013; Wallen-Eloisa Family Fund, \$250; SFCF provided \$5K in 2011 for operational support.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico: \$2.5K in 2012 for life skills classes.

URS Washington Division: \$2K in 2012 for tutorial support.

SOC-Los Alamos: \$2,500 in 2013 towards operational support, multiple year partner in this amount.

Los Alamos Medical Center: \$1000 annual, multiple year partner towards operational support.

Española Public Schools: Ongoing partner for Summer Food Service Program. Annually assists with book sharing, 2012 provided computer tables.

First Judicial District Court of New Mexico: 2010 onward, providing coordinators and juvenile narcotics prevention resources for a weekly meeting held at the Teen Center.

New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Commission: 2009 to present, grant of \$140-\$170K to fund a pilot program awarded to the YMCA to provide jobs to teens in Española and Los Alamos for conservation programs and collaborative opportunities so youth may get to work alongside of each other. Award is separate from Teen Center operations, but Center serves as a base camp. This required partnerships with **Los Alamos County; Santa Fe National Forest; Los Alamos Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.**

The Delle Foundation: 2012 support of \$20K for Summer YES Corps program in Los Alamos and Española, long term annual donor (\$10K).

Collaborate with and/or received donations: **City of Española; Rio Arriba Youth Service Providers** (director is a council member); **Rio Arriba Community Health Council** (director is council member); **Stop Teen Dating Violence Coalition; Northern New Mexico College; El Centro Family Health; Valle del Sol Behavioral Health**, formerly known as Casa de Corazon; **Agave Behavioral Health**, formerly known as Team Builders; **La Vision del Valle Coalition-Hands Across Cultures; Rio Arriba County Teen Drug Court; R.A.C.S.T.O.P.** formerly known as Rio Arriba County DWI Program (director is a council member); **Rio Arriba County Juvenile Community Corrections; Rio Arriba Drug Free Communities Programs; State of New Mexico Juvenile Probation Services; Española Public Schools; Northern Youth Project; Remnant Youth Group, Templo Sion Assembly of God; Northern New Mexico Regional Arts Center; Region III Drug Implementation Team** (director is a team committee member); **Rio Arriba County Joint Task Force** (director is a council member); **Pojoaque Valley Fund; New Mexico Community Foundation; Lovin' Oven Bakery; Northern New Mexico Walk Against Drugs; Stop & Eat Restaurant; Cultura Promotions; City of Española Teen Court; Lowe's Home Improvement; Coca-Cola Company; Big Rock Bowling Center; Valley View United Methodist Church; Joe B's Restaurant; El Paragua Restaurant; Angelina's Restaurant; McDonald's Restaurant, Española, NM; Downtown Action Team; PMI; Santa Fe Mountain Center; Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority; Española Food Co-op; Lighthouse Church; Amantes de Flores; NYSP; New Mexico National Guard; Española Tire Factory.**