

Child Crisis Center



Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico

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Las Cruces City Council,

As a response to the death of Baby Brianna and other children dying at the hands of people who claim to love them, three programs were identified to help reduce the deaths due to child abuse and neglect. One of the programs identified was a Child Crisis Center (CCC). La Piñon SARS picked up that idea and began the process of opening the CCC on December 7, 2008. La Piñon is a 501 (c) 3 and is currently the fiscal agent for the CCC.

The mission of the CCC is "To provide a temporary, safe emergency home for children of parents who are in crisis in order to prevent child abuse and neglect."

The CCC provides emergency shelter for children of parents who are in crisis in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. The CCC is a place where parents can reach out and seek help they need in order to keep their children safe. The service offered to the at-risk children newborn- 12 years of age is a safe place to stay while giving parents the time they need to regain stability and overcome the stressors of raising children. A crisis could range from the family being homeless, substance abuse, incarceration, domestic violence, depression, medical emergencies and job loss.

Child Crisis Center of SNM received from the State of New Mexico our operating license December 7, 2010. The CCC provided shelter care to the first children on December 31, 2010, and to date of February 28, 2012 the CCC has sheltered 137 children from 57 families with 751 bed nights. The CCC is seeking \$20,000 from the City of Las Cruces to help with the operations of the Center. Currently we are writing grants to private & public foundations along with seeking grants on the state and federal level for ongoing funding. Beginning July 1, 2012 we will be receiving \$60,000 from Children's Trust Fund of New Mexico for fiscal year 2013.

Questions—

Thank you for your time and consideration of our funding need.

Bernadine Dallago, Child Crisis Center-Coordinator

Donna Richmond, Executive Director, La Piñon

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Protecting those who can't!

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LOCATION:

**Child Crisis Center
of Southern New Mexico**

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Las Cruces, NM 88005
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**On the campus:
Mesilla Valley
Community of Hope.**





What is the Child Crisis Center?

- Child Crisis Centers around the country provide parents in crisis with a break from the stresses of childrearing and provide at-risk children with a safe environment.
- In a collaborative effort with existing agencies, the Child Crisis Center will provide:
 - * Safe, protected and structured environment.
 - * Emergency Shelter for Children ages birth to 11 years.
 - * Balanced, Nutritious Meals and Snacks.
 - * Crisis Intervention, Counseling, Case Management, and referrals as necessary.



Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico...

- Is a non profit agency.
- Received our Operators License December 7, 2010.
- As of February 29, 2012 we have provided shelter care for 134 children with 751 bed nights.
- Ages range from 2 weeks – 11yrs of age.
- Length of stay range from 2 days to 30 days.
- Average stay 2 weeks.
- We are licensed to provide shelter care for 90 days.
- We provide 24 hour trained staff care with volunteer assistance.
- Anyone can call for assistance, Law enforcement, doctor, counselor, self (parent).... etc.



Question ...

What are some examples of a crisis?

- * **Attending substance abuse treatment.**
- * **Mental Health Crisis**
- * **Homeless**
- * **Dealing with legal issues**
- * **Have an illness**
- * **Incarceration**
- * **If you think you need us call us!**
(575) 636-3133





Questions ...

- 1. Who can use the Child Crisis Center?**
 - * Newborns to 11 years of age.. (0-11)**

- 2. If I leave my child(ren) at the Child Crisis Center are they still in my custody?**
 - * YES!**

- 3. Who will be taking care of my child(ren) at the Child Crisis Center?**
 - * Center Staff and volunteers have successfully completed and passed a background check and trained to insure that your child(ren) get the best of care.**

- 4. How long can my child(ren) stay at the Child Crisis Center?**
 - * Children can stay at the Center up to 30 days if needed. Each stay is on a case-by-case basis.**

- 5. What does the Child Crisis Center have to do with Child Protective Service?**
 - * The Center is a non-profit agency and is NOT a part of Child Protective Services**



In August 2009, a mother arrested by local law enforcement on unrelated charges, entrusted her baby in a neighbors' care during her incarceration, as she had no one else to ask, only to have the baby murdered by her designated care giver.

This is one of the target populations of the ...

Child Crisis Center.





- Our World...





- Our World...

Infant room





- Our World...

Toddler Room





- Our World...

Living Room



Laundry Room



- Our World...

Kitchen



Dining Room



- Our Outdoor World...





How to access the Child Crisis Center...

Call 525-1277 (Office)

Call Parent Talk 636-3133



Volunteers:

Call Bernadine Dallago 525-1277

Fundraising

THANK YOU