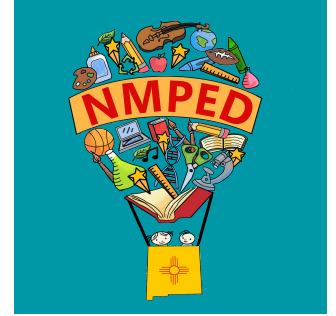


# At-Risk Intervention Response Team Newsletter



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## IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD: THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR VILLAGE

Welcome to the second issue of our AIR Team newsletter! We are dedicated to providing all LEA's with the resources and support they need in order to best support our students, teachers and learning community.

Our team has been busy conducting SITE (Supporting Innovation & Teaching Excellence) visits all over the state, and we look forward to visiting you and your amazing team in the very near future.

Our SITE visits allow our amazing leaders and support staff the opportunity to discuss evidence-based interventions and best practices when it comes to supporting our at-risk students, and we are happy to be able to spotlight several LEA's doing amazing work in this issue!

**Thank you for all that you do for our New Mexico youth!**

## WELCOMING OUR NEW AIR TEAM MEMBERS!

Our AIR team is growing! In order to provide you with the best quality resources and support, we feel it imperative to find the best experts.

Please welcome:

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Dana and Catalina bring decades of experience to our team, so please reach out for resources or assistance.

## COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS ESPECIALLY DURING CHALLENGING TIMES

Schools in New Mexico face a significant and unique challenge to supporting at-risk youth of every age. Understanding how to tackle these challenges and knowing that support and resources are available are a critical part to overcoming challenges. We are here to help!

The AIR team is hosting monthly Webinars on the last Wednesday of every month to address some of these challenges, and present you with the most current and up-to-date strategies for tackling them!

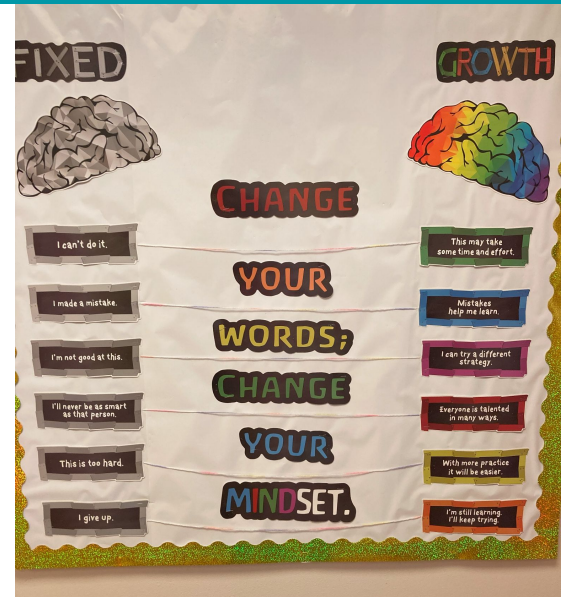


Photo from Desert View Elementary SEL

Contact your Program Manager for additional details and register on our website.

## SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT - LEA'S LEADING THE WAY

The following pages of this issue feature LEA's that have used FII funds to implement amazing programs, interventions and supports for our New Mexico students. This month, we are highlighting schools going above and beyond to provide wellness spaces for students, offering state-of-the-art tech educational access in technology, encouraging STEM and College and Career Readiness to a whole new level; and another representing student voice and community engagement with special Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebrations!

## AIR WEBINARS | SAVE THE DATES

- Creating Positive School Climate
- 90 Day Plan Guidance
- [FII - RfR, OBMS and BJN](#)
- [Aligning Ed Plans to School Budgets](#)
- [Spring Budget](#)
- [End of Year FII Reporting](#)
- [End of Fiscal Year Closeout](#)

Wed. November 29th  
Wed. December 13th  
Wed. January 23rd  
Wed. March 27th  
Wed. April 24th  
Wed. May 29th  
Wed. June 26th

All Webinars will run from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Please register by visiting the link assigned to each Webinar

\*Recordings will be available on the At-Risk Intervention Response website

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AT SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

Under the Leadership of new Executive Director Rebecca Niiha, the students at Six Directions spent the week celebrating their Zuni, Dine and Hopi culture & language.

Students sewed their own kits, prepared their headdresses and chose the songs and created an event which hosted families and community, reflecting the joining of diverse Indigenous backgrounds and ancestral practices.



## STEM & CTE A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

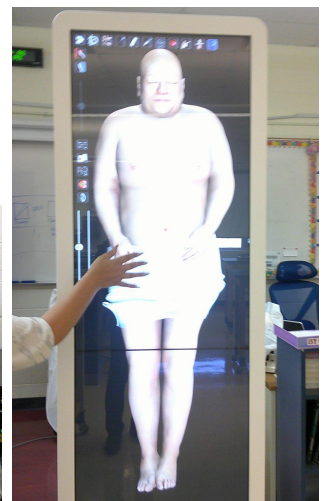
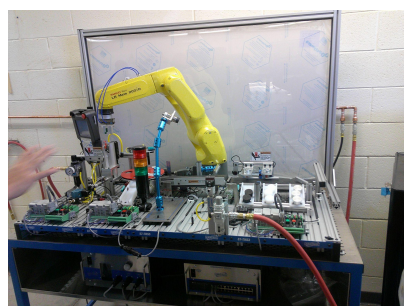
Laguna-Acoma Middle School has implemented an award-winning STEM/CTE program.

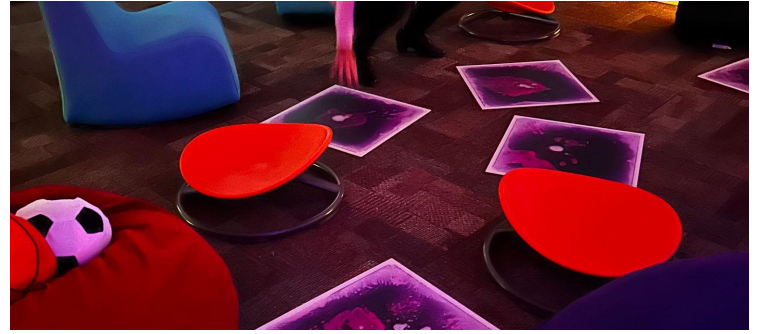


Fully integrated into the core curriculum in grades 7-12, students have the opportunity to choose from among several pathways. Teachers and Staff at Laguna are providing students with a jumpstart in their career or education by providing learning opportunities which focus on executive functioning, core content and 21st century skills!

### Pathways:

- Manufacturing & Business - Automation and Manufacturing
- Manufacturing & Business - Travel & Tourism
- Skilled Trades - Welding
- Education
- A/V Technology
- Health Science





## Desert View Elementary is Feeling Zen!

Desert View Elementary in Los Lunas has invested their FII into providing their students and staff with much needed wellness spaces.

Designed to improve self-regulation skills and decrease anxiety and depression, supporting student social/ emotional success is of the utmost importance. Featuring soothing lighting, textures and spaces for decompression, DVE is leading the way in NM!

### **At-Risk Intervention Recommended PD**

Finding appropriate and culturally relevant professional development can be a challenge for every administrator, and we hope to lighten your load with some recommendations:

- Culturally-relevant Curriculum
- Racism and Tolerance
- Gender Identity
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Bilingual Education
- International Baccalaureate
- Outdoor Education
- Data-Driven Assessment



### **CONTACT US**

Your Program Manager is your trusted source for questions, resolutions, and resources. Please reach out at anytime!

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