

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

State of the Summer Report

*An Annual Overview of Investments, Results, and Future Trends
of Youth Programs Provided by the City of Albuquerque*



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



TIMOTHY M. KELLER
MAYOR, CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

AFTER A DIFFICULT YEAR, this summer was a much-needed season of optimism. With COVID-19 vaccination rates on the rise last spring, we headed into the hot, Albuquerque summer—with staff ready to safely welcome more youth back to our many in-person programs.

Our teams stepped up to offer virtual and smaller scale in-person programs throughout the pandemic shut downs of last year—a needed lifeline for local families, especially our essential workers who did not have the luxury to stay at home. Seeing how critical these initiatives were to keeping our community moving, we increased funding for youth programs from \$2.3 million to nearly \$3 million.

As our community worked hard to lower COVID-19 cases, parents began returning to work and we began preparing to welcome back more summer youth program participants. Staff from Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Senior Affairs, and the Family and Community Services Departments came together to ramp back up and determine what safety protocols were needed to continue keeping our youth healthy. Because of their hard work, we were able to provide programming for 227,190 children this summer—up from around 60,000 last summer.

I am proud of the hard work each City team member put into reopening and expanding these programs, and after you take a look at this report, I'm sure you'll feel the same way.

In the spirit of Albuquerque,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Keller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TIMOTHY M. KELLER, MAYOR,
The City of Albuquerque

ABOUT YOUTH CONNECT



The Mission

The mission of “ABQ Youth Connect” is to enrich the lives of the people of Albuquerque and create a community of safety and inclusion by connecting Albuquerque’s youth to opportunities in our city.



Welcome to the 2021 State of the Summer from the One Albuquerque Youth Connect team!

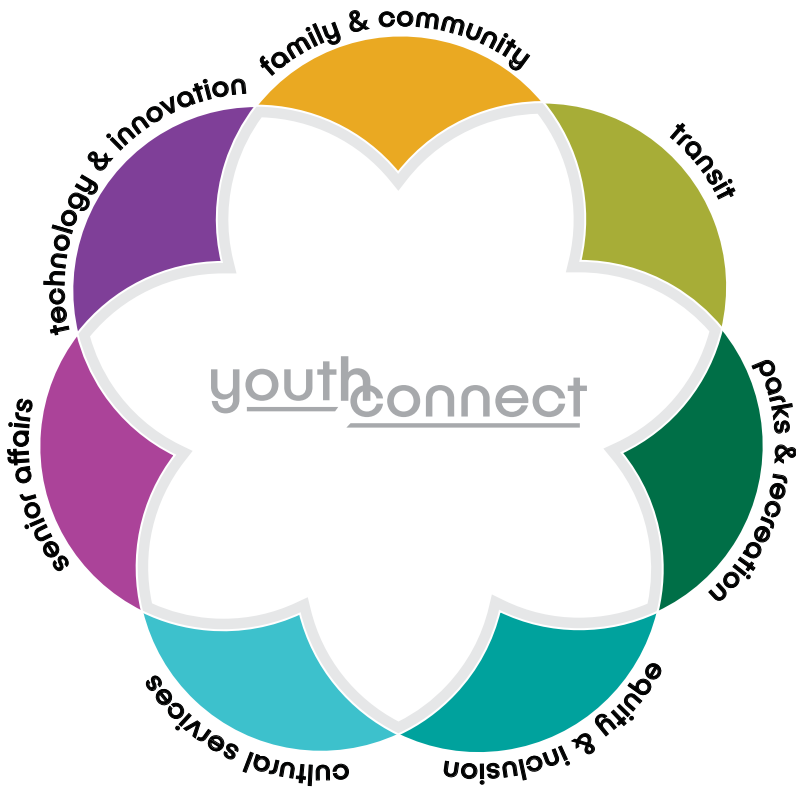
Our youth programs were in full swing this summer, and thanks to our amazing staff—our young people were kept safe and engaged through dynamic programs across the City.

This report includes highlights from the 2021 summer season and is the culmination of seven City departments that offered both virtual and in-person programming during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year we continued to enhance experiences for Albuquerque families while improving our programs and safety measures.

The 2021 State of the Summer report demonstrates how we, as One Albuquerque, continue to step up to provide a safety net for the City’s youth and families.

HOW TO CONTACT US



The below list includes the website information for all of the participating departments with the City of Albuquerque. Be sure to check out these websites for more individualized information on our programming.

Newsletter

Find information about Youth Connect events and programming through our digital [newsletter](#).

Youth Connect website

Have you taken advantage of the Youth Connect Mobile site? It's your one-stop-shop for programs and events. Find city and non-city programs, online resources, activities, and more at yc.cabq.gov.

Youth Connect	CABQ.GOV/YOUTH-CONNECT
Youth Connect Mobile	YC.CABQ.GOV
Mayor's Office	CABQ.GOV/MAYOR
Cultural Services Department	CABQ.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES
Office of Equity and Inclusion	CABQ.GOV/OFFICE-OF-EQUITY-INCLUSION
Family and Community Services	CABQ.GOV/FAMILY
Parks and Recreation Department	CABQ.GOV/PARKSANDRECREATION
Department of Senior Affairs	CABQ.GOV/MULTIGENYOUTH
Department of Technology and Innovation	CABQ.GOV/TECHNOLOGY-INNOVATION
Transit	CABQ.GOV/TRANSIT

REOPENING ALBUQUERQUE



From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Albuquerque adapted many of its youth programs to be available for children of essential workers. With vaccinations on the rise in May of 2021, our youth programs and facilities were able to begin navigating a “new normal” for youth and families.

As part of the City’s commitment to keep both participants and staff safe, many COVID-safe practices remain in place in programs and facilities, including; wellness checks, masks requirements, and social distancing. With these precautions, youth programs were able to safely welcome more participants, facilities were able to open to full or nearly-full capacity, and most importantly, families were able to reconnect to their community.

OUR BIGGEST TAKEAWAYS

30,827

In-Person Youth Registered

227,190

In-Person Youth Attendance

128

In-Person Programs

187

Youth Programming Sites

349,466

Meals Served

5904

Youth Bus Rides

12,000+

Newsletter Subscribers

2021 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



5,322

face coverings sewn for high school graduation ceremonies

Virtual and in-person events and programs at

PLAY.CABQ.GOV



DISTRIBUTED 1890 BACKPACKS AT OUR ANNUAL CRUZIN' INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR EVENT

FREE

bus rides for all youth



1,013

DISTRIBUTED HAIRCUT VOUCHERS

at our annual Cruzin' Into the School Year

Free WiFi

locations (90 locations, 45 have outdoor access)



recreational swimming is
back

at all 12 aquatics locations



1:10

RATIOS

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIOS INCREASED FROM 1:5 (DURING COVID) TO 1:10



3,100+

HOURS
VOLUNTEERED



165

ART KITS

created and distributed by Art Matters teaching artists



Community Centers fully reopened in August

MAXED OUT

enrollment of FCS Youth Programs and Multigenerational Centers Programs

PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS



Our Programs

The City of Albuquerque strives to provide every child in our city with access to meaningful, fun, and enriching summer programs. Accessibility and inclusion are at the core of our offerings: City of Albuquerque summer programs are for all youth, no matter their ability, ethnicity, economic status or orientation.

We are proud to offer a wide array of programs and activities for Albuquerque families so that there is an opportunity to fit each family's unique interests and needs. Our programs range from outdoor adventures to STEAM-based camps to summer reading.

Our Program Sites

We offer a variety of programs and services at locations throughout the City to service as many youth as possible. View our map of program site on page 9.

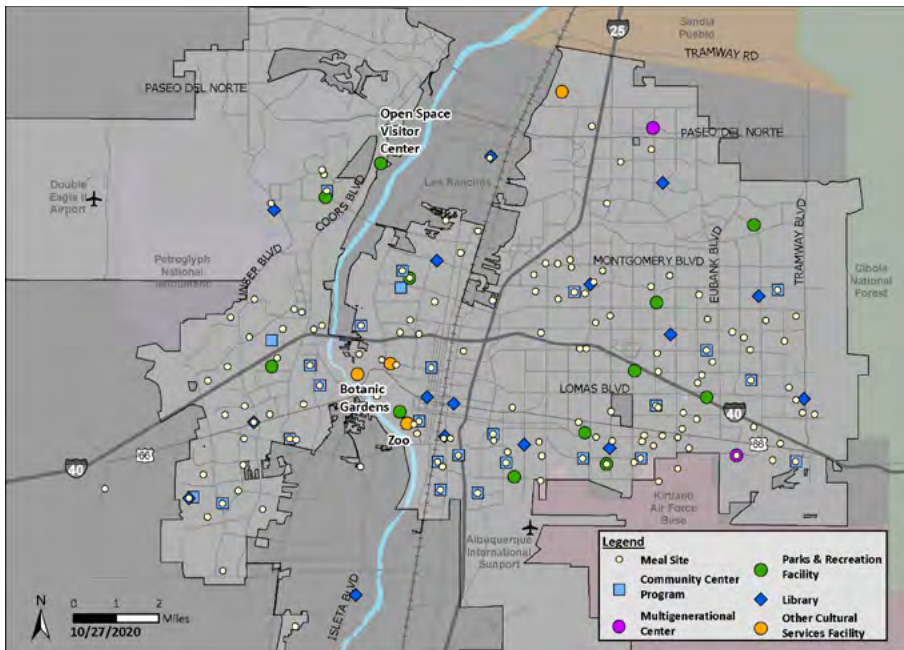
Participants and Parents

Our goal is for every child, parent or guardian to be completely satisfied



with their summer experience with the City of Albuquerque.

We accept feedback from participants throughout our programs to improve our offerings and ensure families have a positive summer with the City. We are grateful to the families of Albuquerque for participating in Youth Connect summer programs.



Above: Map of all current city Program Sites.

PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS



of Parents feel that the Programs had a positive impact on the[ir kids]

90%

of Parents satisfied with their family's Summer Youth Program Experience

92%

of Parents would recommend our Programs

97%

of Parents were comfortable sending their children to City Programs

“

My summer was good and fun because I played a lot of games.”

—Cielo Resendiz

Herman Sanchez Community Center, Age 9

“

My favorite activities to do this summer at the community center were playing Air Hockey in the Game Room with my friends and doing the art.”

—Efua Boateng (Pictured: Pg. 8, top right)

Heights Community Center, Age 8

OUR STAFF AND INTERNS



Our Staff

The City of Albuquerque continues to be one of the largest employers of young people in New Mexico. This summer, employees and interns served in a variety of capacities including: Recreation Leaders, Lifeguards, Cashiers, Tennis Instructors, Clerical Workers, and Maintenance Workers. Some unique internship opportunities included working with the Conservation of Nature doing plant assessments, entry level agricultural work with the Rio Grande Agriculture program, and a bilingual internship with the NM Immigrant Law Office assisting with DACA cases.

In the summer of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic turned many of the City's part-time employees into essential employees—highlighting the incredible competency and tenacity in all of them. Even with the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, City employees have continued to show true professionalism, adaptability. Their endurance while addressing the needs of the community, and providing fun and safe environments for the families of Albuquerque is admirable.

STAFF & INTERNS DEMOGRAPHICS

1,157

Total Staff

\$3M

Youth Wages

71%

Youth Staff Members
of Color

50%

Women Staff Members

19

Average Age

143

Total Interns



“
I love teaching lessons because of the kids. From their smiles to their excitement when attaining a new skill, they never fail to put a smile on my face. Their happiness rubs off on me.”

–Jeremiah Sanchez, 17,
Lifeguard

“
Having worked with the city for over three years I can honestly say that these kids have had such an impact on me. I genuinely enjoy coming in seeing their bright faces; they’re full of such imagination and creativity I feel like that has changed the way I think and see the world..”

–Mearah Sharp, 21,
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center,
Recreation Student Supervisor



“
I really enjoyed the summer because I was able to talk to my kids and have a greater sense of what their own personal identities are.”

–Jovanni Gomez, 22
Herman Sanchez Community Center





OUR PARTNERSHIPS



Our community partners continue to provide crucial support for our children.

This summer we received donations including; PPE, supply, food, and gift card donations.

We were kindly provided with City interns who make our work run smoother, and partners who provided additional programming for young people throughout our city.



Kaylee absolutely loved going to the Summer Program, the team was amazing. It was great experience for her to socialize with kids her age and it was a relief to send her to a program we knew she was well taken care of and safe.”

—Kaylee (Pictured: Pg. 12, bottom left)
Taylor Ranch Community Center; Age 10



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