

Daily Alternatives

Daily Alternatives is a newsletter created to inform the public of the detrimental effects of juvenile detention and the alternatives available

Bernalillo County JDAI Team Works with UNM Service Corp/Public Allies



This year the Youth Services Center teamed up with the UNM Center for Community Engagement to a Service Corp and Public Ally intern. Both worked hard to build capacity for the site. Alondra Reyes built a newsletter called **Daily Alternatives**, which will be released to the public in May 2018. Ryan Crawford developed an orientation manual for the **Juvenile Justice Continuum Board** and helped the re-structure committee plan for the boards' future shift from a solely advisory entity to a working board. Ryan also finished the Racial Equity Orientation Manual, which accompanies the orientation video.

The UNM Service Corps is a collective of students predominantly from New Mexico most of who attend the University of New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College. The UNM Service Corps acts in collaboration with a variety of community partners, neighborhood groups, local schools and non-profit organizations to address critical social and educational issues facing children and families. The students apprentice with strong community leaders in approximately 30 community-based organizations. The apprenticeship model is based on long-term relationships and partnerships with some of the strongest non-profits and community based organizations in

Albuquerque working on education, economic, and health equity issues. Most Service Corps members are immersed in neighborhood projects for approximately 20 hours a week for at least one year. All Service Corps members have monthly workshops, semester classes, annual retreats and symposiums, to deepen their practice.

Alondra Reyes had this to say about her experience; "While working for the Youth Services, I learned most progress happens when one is outside their comfort zone. I learned to never judge a book by its cover especially in the justice system. Working here has completely changed my perspective on the juvenile justice system and has helped me develop lifelong skills. I am appreciative for my time here and glad I met great role models along the way."

Ryan Crawford talked about his Public Ally work; "As an intern for the Bernalillo County Detention Center and Youth Services Center I was able to learn a great deal about the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI), and Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities, first hand. My supervisor allowed me to hone my skills, and afforded me the opportunity to give back to my community. I will use the skills I have learned and the tools I have acquired to fill in service gaps that disproportionately impact our community through partnership and program creation."