

FY26 LDWI Grant Program Annual Report

Local Government Division (LGD)



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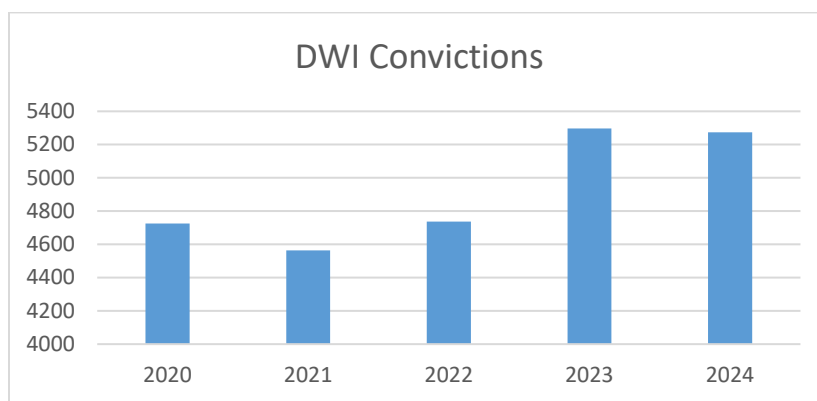
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Local DWI Grant Program Overview

The statewide Local Driving While Intoxicated (LDWI) Grant Program is administered by the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

Our Mission

The core mission of the program is to prevent and reduce the incidence of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), alcoholism and alcohol abuse, and alcohol-related domestic abuse. We achieve this by funding targeted services tailored to meet the distinct local needs of all 33 county programs across New Mexico.



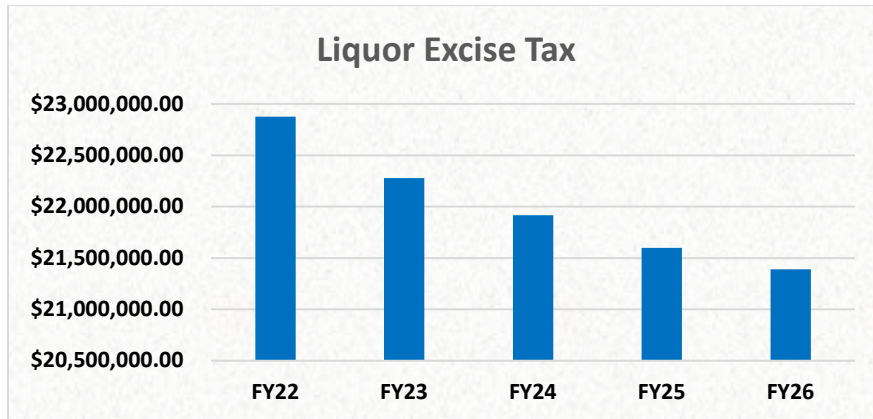
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LDWI Funding & Financial Summary

The statewide LDWI Grant Program is funded by 45% of New Mexico's Liquor Excise Tax pursuant to the Local DWI Grant Program Act (11-6A NMSA 1978). The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) oversees this funding that goes to counties to operate local DWI programs.

LDWI Funding

County DWI Programs are currently funded with 45% of the Liquor Excise Tax, which is distributed per the Local DWI Grant Program Act, (11-6A NMSA 1978). The graph below indicates the amount of liquor excise tax received over the past 5 years.



Funding Overview & FY26 Expenditures

In FY26, Local DWI (LDWI) programs expended a total of \$22.24 million on programs and activities to reduce the incidence of DWI and alcohol abuse in New Mexico. Of the total funding expended, \$14.5 million were distribution funds, \$4.96 million were grant funds and \$2.78 million were detoxification grant funds.

Funding Streams

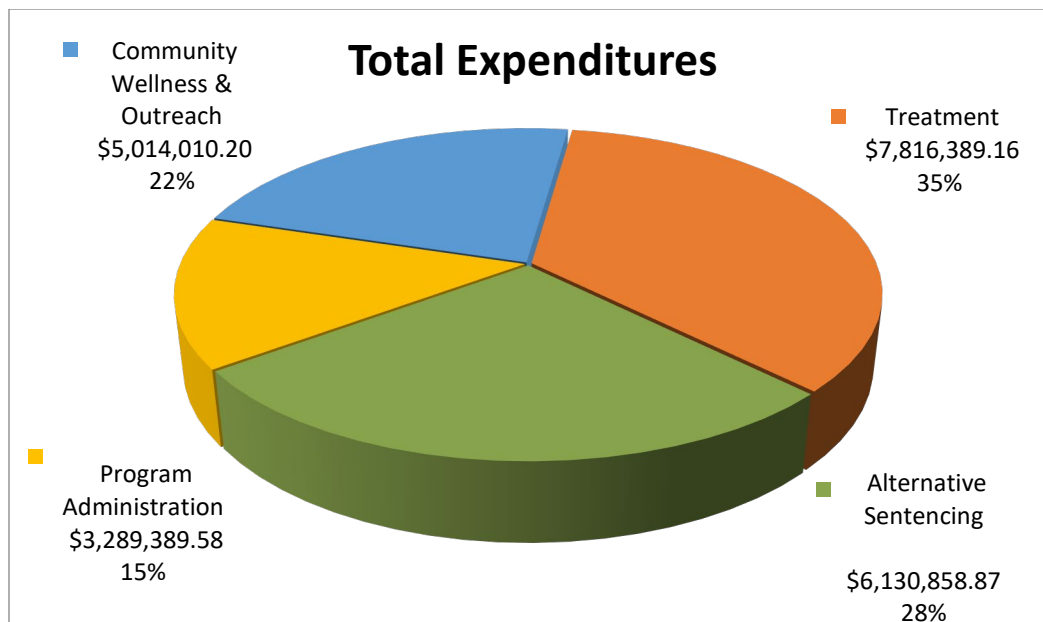
LDWI allocation occurs through three distinct funding mechanisms:

- Distribution Funds: Distributed to counties quarterly.
- Competitive Grants: Awarded through an annual application process and operated on a cash reimbursement basis.
- Alcohol Detoxification Grants: Awarded per statute on a cash reimbursement basis.

Pursuant to Section 11-6A-3(D) NMSA 1978, Alcohol Detoxification Grants are only available to Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, San Juan, and Socorro Counties.

Program Activity and Service Highlights

County DWI programs fund activities and services within 4 components; Community Wellness and Outreach, Treatment, Alternative Sentencing and Program Administration. This chart shows the LDWI Fund expenditures in FY26 by component:



Community Wellness and Outreach

Programs and services in this component play an important role in improving the community's health and safety by increasing knowledge, and promoting healthy practices, resilience, and well-being. Funds in this component support prevention, law enforcement, and Teen Court activities, services, and programs.

- **Prevention Programs:** Activities designed to increase life skills and decrease risk factors for DWI, alcohol abuse, and alcohol-related domestic violence. Core strategies include education, information dissemination, community events, and environmental strategies.
- **Law Enforcement Support:** Funding dedicated to officer overtime to conduct operations specifically targeting DWI and underage drinking.
- **Teen Court:** A nationally recognized early intervention and restorative justice program for juveniles. This program gives young offenders a second chance while holding them accountable for their actions.

Treatment Services

Treatment is a vital focus of the Local DWI (LDWI) program. Services in this component consist of a broad range of services, including identification, intervention, assessment, diagnosis, counseling, case management, and follow-up for people with substance misuse issues.

Funding in this component supports critical treatment avenues and education to reduce the incidence of DWI, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, and alcohol-related domestic violence:

- **Outpatient:** Treatment for DWI offenders.

- **Jail-based:** Treatment tailored for DWI offenders within correctional facilities.
- **Preventative:** Treatment services and education made available to any community member.

While Medicaid supports some substance abuse treatment services, most DWI offenders are required by statute to attend a minimum number of treatment hours. All mandated hours may not be covered by Medicaid, making LDWI funding critical to filling these coverage gaps.

Alternative Sentencing

Programs and services in this component provide New Mexico courts with sentencing alternatives to traditional incarceration, focusing on offender accountability and targeted supervision.

Screening Requirements & Assessment Tool

All county DWI programs receiving LDWI funding are required, per NMSA 1978 Section 66-8-102(L), to screen and track DWI offenders using a Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) approved screening program. This infrastructure consists of the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA) and an approved tracking database.

- **Development:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) funded the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) to develop an instrument to increase the probability of identifying an offender's risk of future impaired driving.
- **Purpose:** The resulting IDA tool helps determine the most effective community supervision strategies to reduce future recidivism risk and address initial risk factors.

Compliance Monitoring & Tracking

In most New Mexico counties, local DWI programs provide vital misdemeanor compliance monitoring services for DWI and other alcohol-related offenders.

- **Court Reliance:** Magistrate courts across the state rely heavily on these services. In most cases, there is no other program available within the county to provide this compliance monitoring.
- **Objective:** Compliance monitoring helps offenders successfully navigate and complete their court-ordered sanctions while actively reducing long-term recidivism.

Program Administration

Services in this component are dedicated to managing the day-to-day operations of the local initiatives. The DWI Coordinator plays an intricate and significant role in overseeing all

aspects of the local DWI program, ensuring statutory compliance, fiscal accountability, and successful service delivery across all components.

The DWI Planning Council & Community Collaboration

One of the primary duties of the DWI Coordinator is to establish and maintain a local DWI Planning Council. While establishing an active council is a statutory requirement to receive LDWI funding, its true value lies in cross-sector community collaboration. These councils serve as a collaborative roundtable where diverse local stakeholders actively identify local gaps, needs, and strategies to address them.

This collective framework depends on the active partnership of three primary community pillars, working together to break down silos, share data, and maximize program impact:

- **Public Safety & Governance:** County officials and law enforcement align roadside enforcement data with local policy to guide program strategy.
- **Health & Education:** Clinical providers and school administrators sync treatment resources with youth prevention to build a unified support network.
- **Community Members:** Local citizens and Native American community representatives provide grassroots feedback to keep county strategies culturally responsive and relevant.

Program Evaluation & Continuous Improvement

In FY26, the Local DWI (LDWI) program piloted a new evaluation plan to standardize the statewide evaluation process with consistent goals to identify program outcomes across the state.

The Evaluation Framework

Division staff created a template that includes a goal for each component. The template outlines simple steps to guide county programs through the evaluation process concluding with a report of outcomes and next steps.

The template is designed to help counties achieve several key goals:

- **See what's working:** Identifies which activities and services are most effectively meeting program goals.
- **Spot areas to improve:** Highlights where program activities can be adjusted or strengthened.
- **Track the real impact:** Documents how day-to-day program efforts improve community safety.

Technical Assistance & Site Visits

In addition to recorded trainings available on the DFA website, the Local DWI staff provided 15 training opportunities in FY26 for county DWI coordinators, program staff, and other county employees.

Training Feedback & Web-Based Support

To ensure continuous improvement, attendees are requested to complete a survey after each course. In FY26, the program achieved exceptional feedback results:

- **High Engagement:** Received 316 total survey responses from training participants.
- **Overwhelming Satisfaction:** 99.5% of attendees reported complete satisfaction with the topics, the length of time, and their comfort level when asking questions.

Bureau staff heavily utilized web-based technology to provide critical monthly training on essential topics. These sessions covered the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA), the client screening and tracking program database, implementation and application workshops, new coordinator onboarding, and the New Mexico EDGE DWI 101 course.

Program Site Visits & Fiscal Oversight

Bureau staff maintain strict administrative and fiscal oversight through consistent file reviews and report audits:

- **41 Site Visits:** Conducted both in-person and virtually to review program files, obtain updates on current activities, and provide tailored technical assistance.
- **132 Quarterly Reports:** Reviewed 132 Quarter Distribution Expenditure Reports to confirm all local spending remains strictly allowable under LDWI guidelines while continuously verifying data reports pulled from the client screening and tracking program database.
- **150 Pay Requests:** Processed 150 DWI and alcohol detoxification payment requests.

Interagency & Strategic Collaboration

The Local DWI (LDWI) Bureau and county programs maintain extensive partnerships across county lines and with local entities to maximize resource efficiency, bridge programmatic gaps, and reduce alcohol-related injury and mortality rates in New Mexico.

State Agency Partners

The LDWI Bureau works directly with five core state-level entities:

- **The Health Care Authority (HCA):** Collaborates with the *Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD)* through the Statewide Epidemiological and Outcomes Workgroup. BHSD staff also conduct annual reviews of County DWI Program applications.

- **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Partners with the *Traffic Safety Division (TSD)* on the Highway Safety Plan process and the Statewide Traffic Records Coordinating Committee. TSD staff review annual county applications, and the TSD Director sits on the DWI Grant Council.
- **Department of Health (DOH):** Participates in quarterly Alcohol Interagency meetings to align cross-agency efforts to reduce alcohol-related injuries and deaths. The Secretary of DOH (or a designee) serves on the DWI Grant Council.
- **Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC):** Partners on the Misdemeanor Compliance Program Collaboration and co-hosts the annual Court Officer Basic Training classes.
- **New Mexico Counties (NM Counties):** Collaborates on program accreditation standards.

Local & Regional Strategic Partnerships

To ensure services reach those in need, county DWI programs align resources with a wide network of local stakeholders:

- County health councils and school health advisory councils.
- DWI Specialty Courts, magistrate court judges, and judicial staff.
- Mental health professionals, prevention teams, and treatment organizations (including the 100% Community Initiative).

Additionally, local programs maintain a unified statewide network via the New Mexico Counties DWI Affiliate. This platform serves as a collaborative hub where county coordinators regularly meet to solve shared challenges and exchange program successes.

Conclusion

The Local DWI (LDWI) program mission is to reduce DWI, alcoholism, and alcohol abuse through a multi-pronged approach. This strategy focuses on treating the offender through screening, treatment, compliance monitoring, and alternative sentencing, while simultaneously preventing DWI and alcohol abuse before it starts through proactive prevention and law enforcement activities.

This comprehensive model has made a positive impact on reducing DWIs in New Mexico. According to the Traffic Safety Bureau of the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), calendar year 2025 recorded 454 total traffic-related fatalities, of which 157 (35%) were alcohol-involved.

Because even a single alcohol-related fatality is too many, continuous public messaging and dedicated, ground-level local work must persist to keep our highways and the citizens of

New Mexico safe. County programs remain at the absolute forefront of using and developing best practices for their local prevention, treatment, and supervision services.

Fatalities by Month 2025, 2024, 2023 Year to Date			
Month	2025	2024	2023
January	35	29	30
February	34	38	39
March	36	35	23
April	48	43	32
May	36	32	38
June	29	32	40
July	40	42	38
August	34	46	44
September	40	51	32
October	44	30	44
November	40	35	39
December	38	22	37
Total	454	435	436

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Highlights from FY26 - Provided by Each County LDWI Program

The following statements were provided directly from each DWI program; some edits were made for length. For additional information contact the local DWI program



Bernalillo County: The program used FY26 LDWI funding to strengthen prevention, treatment, alternative sentencing, enforcement, and coordination across the local DWI continuum. Key achievements included prevention providers expanding evidence-based alcohol and DWI education. DWI prevention messaging reached broad audiences through digital, television, radio, streaming, athletic events, and community campaigns with reported FY26 digital campaigns generated more than 6.2 million impressions. Also, the CARE Campus expanded Detox capacity by opening additional semi-private rooms.



Catron County: Fiscal Year 2026 was a year of growth for the Catron County DWI Program. The program expanded compliance monitoring services, strengthened partnerships with local courts, law enforcement, treatment providers, and community organizations, and implemented the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA) to support evidence-based offender supervision. Prevention efforts included prom awareness campaigns, community outreach, public education, and the installation of four impaired driving prevention billboards along major highways throughout Catron County. The program also celebrated several client successes, including successful program completions and long-term sobriety milestones.



Chaves County: The program made a positive impact by strengthening prevention, enforcement, treatment, and community supervision efforts. Prevention programs helped educate youth about the dangers of impaired driving and substance use while encouraging healthy, responsible choices. Treatment services continued to provide valuable support for individuals working toward recovery and lasting behavioral change. At the same time, Alternative Sentencing programs promoted accountability through probation supervision and community service opportunities. Additionally, the program strengthened its overall operations through ongoing professional development, expanded community outreach initiatives, and responsible fiscal management.



Cibola County: The program marked a major milestone by administering its first direct service prevention strategies, successfully implementing the Botvin Life Skills curriculum across 25 middle school classrooms to reach 420 students. Pre- and post-test data from the Strategies for Success (SFS) Modules A and D revealed significant improvements in internal resiliency scales—including cooperation, communication, empathy, and self-awareness—alongside positive behavioral shifts regarding the risk of harm and attitudes toward substance use. Additionally, data collected from compliance and treatment exit

interviews provided a clear indication that adult clients were highly satisfied with compliance monitoring services, with many attributing life-changing experiences directly to the program.



Colfax County: The program provided misdemeanor compliance monitoring services for local courts, allowing staff to guide court-ordered offenders toward successful probation completion while connecting them with essential services and resources. Prevention and community outreach efforts included local radio messaging and a youth event deployment of the Fatal Vision Goggles kit, which educated young people and parents on the dangers of underage drinking and impaired driving. Additionally, the program contracted with an in-house treatment provider to deliver a hybrid Intensive Outpatient Treatment program. Utilizing an evidence-based curriculum with both virtual and in-person options, this treatment model significantly increased client access to care and improved court-order compliance rates.



Curry County: The program experienced an exciting year with a large amount of change and program advancement. The program expanded its evidence-based curriculum to more age groups and trained more facilitators. The program's pamphlets on its social health campaign have been well received and are distributed at business partners across the county. The program also revamped its advertising and marketing of prevention efforts to new areas and stakeholders, in preparation for the second phase of the campaign in fiscal year 2027. Program staff attended several out-of-state conferences on prevention and hosted a county presentation for NMTCA to outline the newest methods and approaches to juvenile justice. Finally, the end-of-year Communities Talk event smashed its previous record by having almost 1,400 people attend and was incredibly well received. The program created a new prevention passport book that had a plethora of information that the community enjoyed, and plans are already underway for a bigger event in FY27.



De Baca County (Fort Sumner): The program identified several successes from evaluation data with the Health Rocks! curriculum. The Middle School HR! participants reported a reduction in substance use and an increase in most of the indications for resiliency. The 3rd-5th grade group experienced an increase in several of the schools, community, and family protective factors. Among Middle school students in HR!, participants increased their perception of the risk of harm from using substances. The program expanded prevention services to include music lessons, art lessons, and homework assistance. These programs are designed to strengthen protective factors, promote positive youth development, and reduce the risk of youth involvement with drugs and alcohol. The program remains committed to identifying additional outreach opportunities and developing new activities to continue building on these positive outcomes and better serve the community's youth.



Dona Ana County: The program closed 266 DWI cases successfully, helping clients complete a successful supervision term. The program hired a Community Health Worker (CHW) to meet with program clients before their first appointment with their Compliance Officer. During this meeting the CHW identifies any support services the client needs such as referrals to temporary work agencies, assistance creating a resume, enrolling into school or getting signed up for state assistance such as Medicaid or SNAP. The program hosted its annual LDWI workshop where several Law Enforcement officers were presented with appreciation awards for their hard work and dedication to combating DWI's in Dona Ana County. During this workshop a teacher from a local high school was also presented an award for being a DWI Champion as he hosted our Prevention team in implementing the HOY curriculum with his students. This teacher has been an avid supporter of the curriculum for the past 9 years. During this workshop 2 past clients of the DWI Compliance program also spoke on the positive experiences and outcomes of being ordered to supervised probation and how the program has positively impacted their lives.



Eddy County: The program hosted Eddy County's first National Night Out, bringing together more than 600 residents and first responders to strengthen community relationships and promote public safety. Staff also provided prevention presentations at the Artesia Junior Police Academy, Artesia Junior High Health Fair, and all seven Artesia Junior High health classes using virtual reality technology to educate youth about impaired driving and substance use. The DWI Program reinstated the MPACT (Minors Possessing Alcohol Corrective Thinking) Academy, with 19 juveniles successfully completing the program. Eddy County DWI was recognized as the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce's September Business of the Month for its commitment to impaired driving prevention and community outreach. The program completed 263 DWI screenings, referred 81 offenders to outpatient treatment, and brought the Arrive Alive Tour to Carlsbad and Loving High Schools, where 318 students participated in the interactive impaired and distracted driving education. The program also hosted free community events; Light Up the Lanes in Artesia and Hop Into Spring in Carlsbad, engaging 216 youths and adults while promoting healthy, substance-free lifestyles.



Grant County: The program participated in 14 events including a town hall meeting hosted by the governor, health fairs, and job fairs. The program secured a ride service to and from prom for one of the schools to ensure safe driving for the event. In its school-based prevention, the program worked with driver's ed programs, breathalyzed for two schools during prom and homecoming events, and supported the Hidalgo team maze. In its alternative sentencing areas, the program focused more on holding clients accountable by working closely with the District Attorney's office and implementing new sanctions of community service for misdemeanor clients. In addition, the program added new equipment that allows it to breathalyze clients daily without them having to come into the office. The program participated in the Be Above the Influence campaign which included ads for social media postings that the program will be able to utilize not only during this fiscal year but in the years to come.



Guadalupe County: The program strengthened impaired driving prevention, offender supervision, and law enforcement collaboration throughout the county. The program reestablished collaborative DWI enforcement efforts that had not occurred in more than a decade. The program supported the City of Santa Rosa Police Department to obtain updated DWI checkpoint equipment, enhancing the department's ability to safely and effectively conduct sobriety checkpoints. The program also supported overtime enforcement for the first time in over 10 years, allowing officers to resume DWI checkpoint operations and collaborate with the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office on joint checkpoints. Reestablishing this partnership significantly strengthened local enforcement efforts, increased coordination between agencies, and enhanced public safety throughout Guadalupe County.



Harding County: In partnership with Roy Schools, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the New Mexico State Police (NMSPP), the program successfully integrated safety and prevention messaging into school athletics and student programming. Prevention activities were featured at all home football, volleyball, and basketball games. Additionally, the partnership delivered an interactive driving simulator event, providing safety education to 100% of 7th through 12th-grade students.



Hidalgo County: The program participated in community outreach events throughout the year, ranging from Trunk or Treat to the Memorial Bataan Death March, and included an After Prom alcohol-free party for students. Committed to spanning the entire 3,446 square miles of Hidalgo County, the DWI team also hosted school classes that reached approximately 350 participants to educate area youth on the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse. Additionally, the program maintains local newspaper ads, newsletters, and billboards that reach 5 million people annually according to NMDOT data.



Lea County: The program provided evidence-based assessment, supervision, treatment, prevention, and community education to reduce impaired driving and improve public safety in Lea County. A total of 180 participants completed the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA)—identifying 23.9% as high risk, 51.1% as medium, and 25% as low risk—allowing staff to tailor services to individual risk and need. To support long-term behavioral change, the program delivered 1,538 hours of DWI treatment and 1,088 hours of additional prevention services. Furthermore, staff completed 1,327 prevention and education activities, including 31 youth-focused initiatives, reaching an estimated 164,549 individuals through community outreach, media campaigns, and public awareness efforts.



Lincoln County (Ruidoso): The program finished the 19th straight year of Protecting You Protecting Me (PYPM) curriculum in the Ruidoso Schools. The program also held the 18th year of the maze in Lincoln County. The program was involved in two

health fairs, one of which was with high school students. The program was able to get both mobile signs up and running and utilized a lot of radio ads. The program has kept up with the tracking in the database, and the DWI overtime program was better than average. Finally, the program has its Treatment Program back at full capacity and believes progress has been made in the area of program evaluation.



Los Alamos County: The program focused on prevention, education, and community engagement, supporting the Los Alamos Police Department (LAPD) in conducting 11 saturation patrols, three DWI checkpoints, and one underage drinking enforcement operation. The program also participated in Los Alamos National Laboratory's WESST Fest, reaching over 18,000 employees with impaired driving prevention information and demonstrations. Additionally, staff presented to seven driver's education classes and brought the Arrive Alive Tour driving simulator to three county locations to provide hands-on education about impaired and distracted driving. Finally, the program supported Senior Appreciation Night (SAN), providing graduating seniors with a safe, sober celebration alongside engaging educational displays. FY26 saw positive outcomes, with fewer DWI arrests than FY25 and improved DWI offender program completion rates.



Luna County: The program successfully implemented environmental prevention strategies to reduce youth access to alcohol and strengthen community norms against underage drinking. The program's "Not in My House" campaign provided parents and caregivers with information on keeping alcohol secured, emphasizing the critical role adults play by monitoring alcohol in the home and establishing clear family expectations. Additionally, the program conducted a pre-graduation Sticker Shock campaign with four Teen Court youth volunteers at three local alcohol retailers. The volunteers placed more than 100 warning labels on products to remind adults about the legal consequences of providing alcohol to minors, delivering a timely message at the point of purchase while giving youth an active leadership role.



McKinley County: The program expanded treatment services, strengthened community partnerships, and built capacity for new intervention services. A key achievement was partnering with San Juan County to learn from their successful 28-Day Jail-Based Program, which has guided progress toward developing a similar program in McKinley County. The program also supported the continuation of treatment services for active participants. In addition, the program hired a third Compliance Officer, improving the ability to monitor clients on probation, provide timely follow-up, and create a more efficient supervision process. Finally, the Teen Court program experienced an increase in student referrals during the year, demonstrating growing trust and suggesting it is becoming a valuable resource for youth in the community.



Mora County: A strong work ethic and close collaboration with the judicial system have driven program success, ensuring that individuals convicted of DWI are properly supervised and complying with all court-ordered probation conditions. The compliance officer monitored and tracked 35 active clients on the database. Additionally, 11 individuals convicted of DWI were screened and administered the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA). Clients will be tracked for the duration of their probation, spanning from one to five years.



Otero County: The program expanded youth outreach by partnering with the Otero County Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. program, reaching approximately 400 students through alcohol and essay curriculum chapters alongside the "Be Above the Influence" campaign. Additionally, funded overtime saturation patrols enabled the Sheriff's Office to apprehend six impaired drivers, including five aggravated DWI offenders (four over 0.16 BAC and one refusal) and one felony-level fourth-time offender.



Quay County: The program experienced a significant reduction in overall DWI arrests compared to previous years due to expanded outreach at local games. By distributing flyers and resources at ticket counters, staff increased program visibility and assisted numerous community members with DWI-related license suspensions. Staff provided critical information, distributed ignition interlock indigent forms, and explained the reinstatement process to individuals who otherwise lacked access to these resources. Ultimately, the office played a critical role in helping community members navigate compliance while ensuring all active clients followed court-ordered guidelines, including treatment, DWI school, community service, and Victim Impact Panels.



Rio Arriba County: The program maintained positive relationships with school administration despite personnel changes. FY26 alcohol use outcomes were highly encouraging, with all three evidence-based curricula showing exceptional improvement that aligns with positive trends in the 2024 Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey data. Additionally, exit interviews reflected high client satisfaction, with 97.8% satisfied with compliance monitoring and 93.6% satisfied with treatment services. The NM Community Survey showed improvements in youth alcohol access measures and risk perceptions, while the NM Epidemiology Profile indicated reductions in five of eleven substance use consequences. Together, these indicators demonstrate the program's success across all areas of prevention, treatment, and compliance.



Roosevelt County: The program partnered with Prevention Works to share over 500 evidence-based ads across social media, while JB Media Group ran these infographics on electronic ad boards at local libraries and public schools. The program also

broadcasted over 2,090 radio ads, 4,160 matched PSAs, and daily online newspaper ads focusing on "Be Above the Influence" and legal penalties. In-person initiatives included Arrive Alive events reaching 170 students, presentations to over 200 youth at the Maze of Life, and substance prevention outreach at four community school nights. Also, the program operated its Teen Court, working with 14 youth participants and engaging 15 high school students as court officers and jurors.



San Juan County: The program exceeded key FY26 targets across its initiatives. The Misdemeanor Compliance Program (MCP) processed 605 new probationers and successfully closed 396 cases, maintaining 100% compliance with required risk-needs screenings. Probationers beginning treatment at sentencing rose to 63% and confirmed ignition interlock installations increased to 47.8%. The 28-day jail-based DWI treatment program admitted 221 clients and achieved a 99% graduation rate, with aftercare completion reaching 78% to establish a validated recidivism baseline. Furthermore, MCP exit surveys indicated high satisfaction alongside notable improvements in stable housing and employment. Staff development also surpassed goals, with compliance officers averaging 81.8 training hours and counselors completing 72.6 CEU hours. Finally, inmate grievances declined by 74.5%, exceeding the 60% reduction target following aesthetic upgrades made to the detention and treatment spaces.



San Miguel County: The program created and sustained positive relationships with local schools, community agencies, and partners. Staff attended proms and dances at local high schools to conduct breathalyzer screenings, ensuring student safety, and participated in community events to distribute promotional and informational materials. To maintain accountability, the compliance officer ensured all clients met program requirements and collected fees, while maintaining strong working relationships with District and Magistrate courts, the District Attorney's office, and local treatment providers. Finally, prevention staff successfully delivered evidence-based curriculum to lower-grade schools, with plans to expand to additional classrooms.



Sandoval County: Substance use outcomes in both the Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey and Strategies for Success Modules showed significant year-over-year improvement. Student resiliency factors across multiple local middle schools and academies increased from pretest to posttest, while Risk of Harm indicators and attitudes toward Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug use moved in a positive direction. Data from the New Mexico Community Survey also demonstrated a reduction in drinking and driving, fewer instances of providing alcohol to minors, and an increased awareness of legal consequences. Finally, exit interviews showed exceptional client satisfaction with compliance monitoring and treatment services, highlighting the program's successful delivery of effective programming in 2026.



Santa Fe County: The program successfully achieved re-accreditation through the NM Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Program Standards Board. The program saw expansion within law enforcement collaboration, increased underage drinking awareness through school-based prevention, increased community collaboration through public awareness campaigns and initiatives, treatment access and effectiveness, and data findings that will help reduce DWI recidivism. The program collaborated with the DWI Planning Council to begin revision of the current strategic plan. The program had a comprehensive landscape analysis completed by a contracted Domestic Violence Specialist to build out a pilot DV offender program. The program supported the first year of the re-brand from Teen Court to the Uplift Youth Program of Santa Fe County which had positive outcomes.



Sierra County: The program continued providing services to reduce impaired driving, increase client accountability, and improve public safety. Court Compliance services monitored DWI clients from sentencing through successful completion, resulting in a high rate of compliance. The program also ensured treatment services remained available for eligible clients who were uninsured or unable to afford care, reducing barriers to recovery and lowering the risk of repeat offenses. Additionally, the program supported local law enforcement by providing DWI enforcement equipment and supplies used during checkpoints and saturation patrols, strengthening county-wide enforcement. Finally, the program supported ongoing prevention and public awareness efforts through community outreach and local media to promote sober driving, particularly during holidays and high-risk community events.



Socorro County: The program made measurable progress in expanding capacity, improving service quality, and strengthening outcomes for participants. The program expanded collaborations with community organizations, employers, and stakeholders to create additional pathways for participant success, including job placement opportunities, supportive services, and wraparound resources. Resources helped recruit, hire, and retain qualified staff, while investments in professional development improved competency, leading to more effective service delivery and stronger participant engagement. Additionally, the program implemented evidence-based practices and enhanced case management systems, resulting in improved participant outcomes such as higher completion rates, skill attainment, and successful transitions to employment or education. Ultimately, these operations translated into meaningful impact for participants, including increased access to career pathways, improved economic stability, and stronger long-term outcomes.



Taos County: During FY26, despite staffing transitions, the DWI Prevention Program and Teen Court component advanced public safety goals throughout Taos County. Key achievements included participating in outreach events within Taos Municipal Schools, executing a statistical awareness campaign in the Taos News, and utilizing Teen Court to address truancy, delinquent acts, and non-profit referrals. Additionally, the program maintained monthly case review meetings with the Rio Grande Alcoholism

Treatment Program (ATP) to ensure efficient collaboration, with the treatment provider remaining an active member of the DWI Planning Council to serve court-appointed participants.



Torrance County: The Smart Choice Ride initiative successfully operated through January, providing regular, life-saving transportation to individuals making the proactive choice not to drink and drive. The program utilized billboards to promote this option and committed to maintaining this visual outreach to ensure continued community awareness.



Union County: The program expanded prevention, probation, and community engagement to reduce impaired driving and improve public safety. Prevention initiatives included providing interactive education to 82 third-grade students during Farm Safety Day and reaching over 1,600 community members at local events. Local radio remained a key tool, broadcasting more than 2,700 awareness messages. Additionally, the program expanded harm reduction by distributing Narcan kits and securing public Narcan training certification. As the sole agency supervising misdemeanor probationers, the program strengthened offender accountability by implementing advanced alcohol and GPS monitoring, enhanced testing, and lab confirmation services. Collaborating with behavioral health partners, pretrial services, and the Health Council, the program continued expanding staff training and regional partnerships to reduce alcohol-related harms.



Valencia County (Village of Los Lunas): According to the Administrative Office of the Courts 2024 DWI Report, the combined conviction rate in Valencia County between District and Magistrate Courts reached 53.8%, marking the first time it crossed 50% in over five years. Following media attention surrounding DWI dismissals in Albuquerque, the program accomplished a major goal by bringing together local law enforcement and the District Attorney's office to increase successful prosecution outcomes. These agencies now meet quarterly for joint training, enhanced communication, and closer collaboration. The working group is currently developing a regional DWI Taskforce to expand cross-county resource sharing and coordination. Proactively addressing impaired driving through these meetings directly strengthens local enforcement and increases overall public safety across Valencia County.

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