



Advantage Communications

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Family Living, Supported Living, Custom In Home, Supports & CCS (Customized Community Supports), Mi Via and CIE

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Nursing Corner update

Advantage has experienced the intensity of the Covid-19 Virus, which snuck up on us and made us all jump through hoops to anticipate the next moment to come. It has infected our individuals, and has put the fear of the unknown into those whom are caring for the individuals we serve. We have come through this experience still standing and all together. We have had 3 shot clinics (4th to come) with most staff and clients getting vaccinated via our local pharmacy— Vida Pharmacy. Currently most staff and individuals have received both vaccinations. In New Mexico, 29.7% of the population have received both their first vaccination dose, higher than the national average and then 17.2% have received the second and final dose, higher than the U.S. average. Though New Mexico is doing a better job vaccinating its population— than other states, there is still room for improvement. As of March 16th, New Mexico has received about 1,107,700 vaccinations yet only administered about 87.6% of those doses. We are nearing the end to the life of this virus, through the information distributed on managing and preventing the spread and finally via the vaccine. If you haven't received it yet, and you have questions in regards to the vaccine, contact the nursing department, we might be able to assist!!

Our Mission


Advantage Communications exists to support Individuals on the Developmentally Disabled Waiver and their Providers by promoting Person Centered Programs while maintaining optimal health and safety. Superior homes, competent and caring providers, excellent and convenient training and a fabulous quality of life are our goals.

Activities Within the Agency

Final kickball practice is being held on Thursday, April 29th with a tournament being held on May 13th. If you would like to have a different type of sport offered such as Bocce ball, badminton, croquet, please call or stop by the office and leave a message for Nicole.



Kickball Thursday Mariposa
Craziness April 29 Basin Park
11:30 am




EASY GOING
EAST SIDERS VS WESTERN
WARRIORS

GAME ON!
BURGERS, SNACKS, FRIENDS & LOTS OF FUN!
Practice kickball game with the Easygoing East Siders & the Western Warriors!

4900 Kachina St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120



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Study on Sexual Assault of People with Disabilities

Seeking people who provide advocacy or services to people with disabilities, those experiencing sexual assault, or both to participate in a research project.

This project wants to explore capacity in New Mexico for appropriate and effective response to sexual assault against people with disabilities.

If you decide to join the project, you will be asked to:

- Complete an online survey about your attitudes, knowledge, and practices related to preparedness to serve people with disabilities who may experience sexual abuse.

Scan the code or enter the URL below to launch the survey:
<https://redcap.link/Readiness>



This project is being conducted by Danielle Albright, PhD from UNM.

Contact Information: Please call 505-272-6240
or email jnizimond@salud.unm.edu to get more information.

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Openings in Homes

Currently Advantage Communications has 7 different openings in the group homes on both the East and West side of the city. These homes are fully renovated and fully staffed. Homes that have openings are: Holiday Home, Chapalla Home, Las Camas Home, Truman Home, Furman Home, Cameron Home and the Princeton Home, Please check out our website advantagecommunicationsabq.com if you are interested or know someone else that might be interested.



It is important that employers know if you offer someone a job and that person refuses an offer of suitable work to stay on unemployment you do have the right to file a claim with DWS. <https://www.krqe.com/news/albuquerque-metro/restaurants-struggling-to-hire-back-employees-as-some-want-to-stay-on-unemployment/amp/>

The full article is above and explains in greater detail. The department said [employers can report a refusal of suitable work](#) to the department on its employer account with the Unemployment Insurance Tax & Claims System.

ALL Advantage Employees and Providers:

Please check out this study on Sexual Assault of People with Disabilities. As an employee or provider it is your responsibility to advocate for your client or loved one.



Mi via REMINDER:

All mi via providers please clock in/out daily per the new state/federal regulations. If you have questions, contact Nicole Anderson @ advantagemivia@gmail.com

CIE or CCS Questions

If you have questions on CIE (Customized Integrated Employment) , CCS (Customized Community Supports) or SL (supported Living) Contact Joseph Garcia @967-0329. Or email : josephgarcia.adv@gmail.com

Group Outing

The Kashmere, Holiday and Chapalla homes all went on a group outing to Pagosa Springs, Colorado from April 6th thru April 9th. The group all chipped in and stayed at a local Air B & B with Advantage helping to pay for groceries and gas. Everyone had a great time relaxing and getting to know one another.



Things to do for FREE in Albuquerque

The [Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum](#) gives visitors a chance to explore the exciting history of hot air balloons and their role in everything from sightseeing to space exploration. (Free every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the first Friday of every month.)

The [Albuquerque Museum of Art and History](#) is located in the heart of Old Town, just off historic Route 66. The family-friendly museum has a collection showcasing art, history and culture from across New Mexico and the American Southwest. (Free every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the first Wednesday of every month. Also free on the first full weekend of every month for Bank of America customers; just show your credit or debit card.)