



#PROTECTNMKIDS

End the harmful practice of conversion therapy in New Mexico

Conversion therapy refers to practices aimed at changing a person's sexual orientation and/or gender identity. These include behavioral, cognitive, and psychoanalytic practices, as well as aversive conditioning.

Such practices are devoid of scientific validity and pose serious dangers to patients—especially to minors, who are often forced to undergo them by their parents or legal guardians, and who are at especially high risk of being harmed.

SB 121: No Conversion Therapy

Sponsor: Sen. Jacob Candelaria

- 1 Prohibits state-licensed health practitioners from performing conversion therapy on minors under the age of 18.
- 2 Prohibits advertising for conversion therapy in New Mexico under the Unfair Practices Act.

Minors who experience family rejection based on their sexual orientation or gender identity face especially serious health risks.

8x

more likely to report having attempted suicide

5x

more likely to report high levels of depression

3x

more likely to use drugs & report having unprotected sex

Conversion Therapy is Disputed & Opposed by:

American Academy of Nursing
 American Academy of Pediatrics
 American College of Physicians
 American Medical Association
 Pan American Health Organization

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
 American Counseling Association
 American Psychiatric Association
 American Psychoanalytic Association
 American Psychological Association
 National Association of Social Workers
 World Psychiatric Association

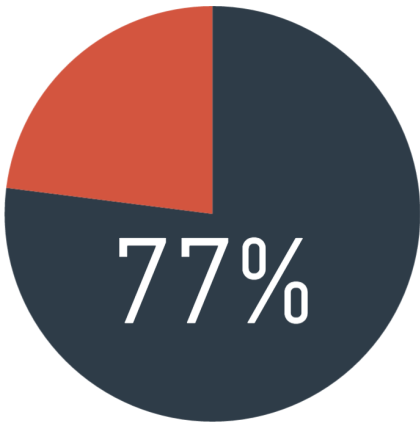
American Federation of Teachers
 National Education Association
 American School Counselor Association
 American School Health Association
 American Association of School Administrators
 National Association of School Psychologists
 National Association of Secondary School Principals
 School Social Work Association of America

Interfaith Alliance Foundation

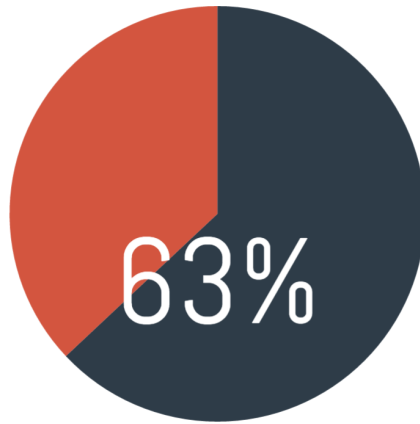
What Do New Mexicans Think?

Independent statewide polling conducted December 2016 by Third Eye Strategies

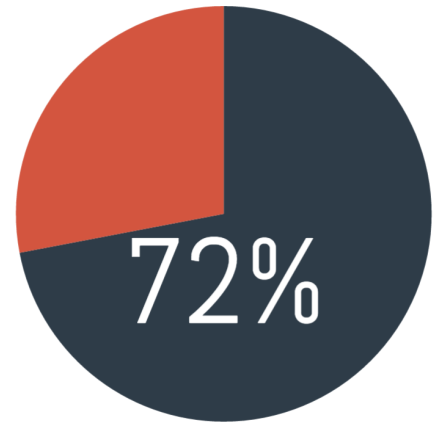
71% of New Mexicans support protecting New Mexico kids from conversion therapy



of Democrats polled



of Republicans polled



of people polled who give Governor Martinez a high favorability rating

Protecting New Mexico kids from harmful and discredited so-called therapy is not a partisan issue.

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"[Conversion therapy practices] lack medical justification and represent a serious threat to the health and well-being of affected people."

Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization



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