

# Continuum of Care Project

*“serving people with intellectual / developmental disability and related chronic illness”*

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## Mission of The CoC

*“The mission of Continuum of Care is to improve and sustain the quality of health and healthcare for all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) in New Mexico”*

### Goals:

- Positively impact the health of people with I/DD through advocacy, trainings, clinical services, and policy recommendations
- Contribute to improving the quality of healthcare through clinical consultations and teaching of clinical services
- We support ongoing improvements in the field by evaluating our efforts, incorporating new findings into our trainings and services, developing new research, and sharing our findings.

## Funding

- Funded by the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH)
- Part of the University of New Mexico health Sciences Center
- Department of Health Contracts with UNM to provide services that they (DOH), are not equipped to render
- Department of Health commissions CoC to fulfill duties that are stipulated or laid out as “Deliverables” in the contract within a specific time or fiscal year



## Services

Consultation with Experts

Specialty areas available include:

- Pediatrics
- Family Practice
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Psychiatry
- Neuro-Psychiatry
- Gastroenterology
- Gynecology
- Nursing
- Dentistry
- Psychology
- Social Work

### Eligibility:

The only eligibility requirement is that an individual has an intellectual or developmental disability

## Wheelchair Accessible Scale

A way to serve the community:

- Any person who would like to be weighed can make an appointment and have their weight taken on a wheelchair accessible scale
- Located on first floor
- Free accessible parking available near the building's entrance
- Concrete ramps on both the east and west sides of the building.
- Automatic doors on both entrances
- Automatic door switches to enter clinic

### Benefits:

- It's **FREE**
- It's accurate. Also is available to anyone, not just people who need a wheelchair
- Records kept of weight / clinic also gives you a record of your weight
- It's convenient. Appointments can be easily made and can fit your schedule
- It's informative. Weekly weights provide information about general health, fluid balance, and are a useful tool in weight-loss programs
- All staff is trained

## Services Offered Statewide

- Consultation with experts
- Continuing medical education
- Access to relevant research
- Networking opportunities
- Information and referral
- Client Health Updated Medical Summary (CHUMS)
- Educational opportunities and materials
- Wheelchair Accessible Scale
- Specialty Clinics

Cerebral Palsy Clinic  
Neurology Clinic  
Ketogenic Diet Clinic  
Consult Neuropsychiatry

*“The CoC project group out of the idea that health care services should be available and deliveries in a comprehensive and coordinated manner from infancy through adulthood, assuring people with disabilities access to the full array of health*



## Outreach Clinics:

- Adult Neurology / Vagal Nerve Stimulator (Roswell) – specializes in treatment of adults with seizure disorders and developmental disabilities – held every other month
- Adult Neurology (Clovis) – specializes in treatment of seizure disorders in adults with developmental disabilities – held semi-annually

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