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J E M E Z
**VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION**
P R O G R A M

Jemez Pueblo, NM

Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Office and Pueblo of Jemez Landscape



Where is Jemez Pueblo and history of Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program (JVR)

- Jemez Pueblo is located approximately 50 miles northwest of Albuquerque, New Mexico in the mountainous, rural area of Sandoval County.
- JVR has been in existence since October 1996 - been providing VR services for 29 years.
- JVR is funded through a US Federal Grant - JVR reapplies every 5 years and has 6 consecutive awards since 1996. Currently, we are on the fourth year of our current 5-year grant.
- JVR expanded services to Pueblo of Santa Ana and Pueblo of Zia in 2005/2006 and in 2016 Jemez Tribal Council expanded service area to an 80-mile radius of the Pueblo of Jemez.

Meet the JVR Staff



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JVR Outreach & Activities

Throughout the year, JVR program host various outreach to the communities. The following outreach events and activities include:

- Disabilities Awareness Conference
- Job/College Fair
- Youth Conference
- Finance/Budget class
- Disability awareness to various schools, businesses and organizations
- Attend various outreach and collaborate with other local programs

Eligibility Determination for Consumers and Transitional Students

Individual must meet all eligibility listed below:

1. Individual must be an enrolled member of a State or Federally recognized tribe and is 14 years of age or older
2. Individual must live within an 80-mile radius of the Pueblo of Jemez (JVR Office)
3. The individual has a documented physical, mental or behavioral disability
4. The disability is an impediment (barrier) to employment
5. The individual will benefit from vocational rehabilitation services

Service Delivery - Employment

Consumers pursuing employment goals will work with their VR Counselor and the Career Development Coordinator:

- Vocational assessments
- Job training experiences
- Weekly job searching
- Mock interviews
- Attendance at job fairs,
- Employability Skills Training curriculum.

Service Delivery - Education/Training

Consumers pursuing educational career goals will work with their VR Counselor and educational entities:

- To meet with Disability Support Services
- Coordinate accommodations
- Develop an educational plan
- Seek educational and financial aid resources
- Educational assessments/evaluations

Service Delivery - Self Employment

Consumer's pursuing a self-employed business will work with their VR Counselor to explore the following:

- Completion of various assessments will determine the direction of a Self Employment plan.
 - Self employment plans may take a period of approximately 3 to 5 months for IPE development.
- Consumer's individualized self-employment plan will be based on the needs of pursuing a successful business.
 - Business Marketing and Essentials
 - Funding of start up costs
 - Additional Training
 - Marketing materials
 - Seeking comparable services

Service Delivery - Native American Services

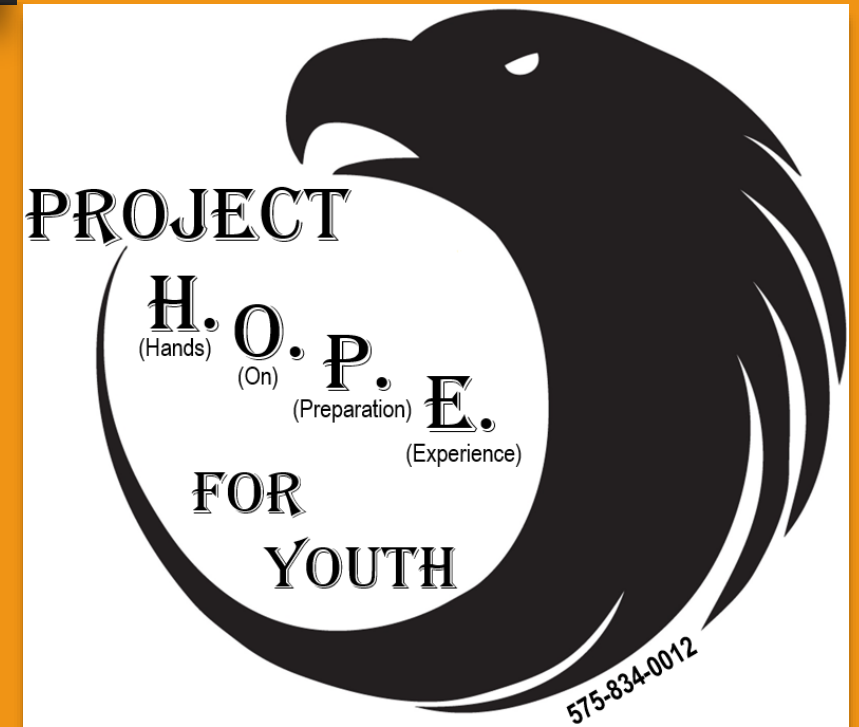
A service to Native American individuals to allow cultural appropriate services to be rendered:

- Assistance with traditional healing.
 - JVR provides compensation for traditional healing (cash, food, etc.).
- Bilingual language services can be accommodated as needed.
- Respecting consumer's traditional involvements.
- Accommodating traditional/cultural calendar.

Project H.O.P.E. for Youth (Hands On Preparation & Experience)

An internship program for students with disabilities that prepares them for integrated, competitively paid work.

- Started as a collaborative pilot program with NMDVR in 2019.
- The success led to JVR gaining grant funding in FY22 to be independently operated by the JVR Program.
- Project H.O.P.E. is for H.S. juniors and seniors.
- Interested students must apply through the JVR Program prior to applying with Project H.O.P.E.
- Students must meet educational requirements.
- Works collaboratively with surrounding businesses for paid internships.



Service Delivery - Project H.O.P.E. Curriculum

Project H.O.P.E. utilizes a curriculum at various learning levels to train and educate students addressing the 5 Pre-ETS activities:

- Job & Career Exploration
- Work-Based Learning
- Post-Secondary Training
- Workplace Readiness
- Self-Advocacy
- During the academic year, students will attend school in the morning and work in the afternoon.
- Students will participate in a rotating internship where they gain practical employability skills.

Closure and Post-employment

- A consumer must complete a 90-day Solo period for those who have gained employment or established their self employment.
- Once a 90-day Solo period is complete the consumer's case is closed successfully.
- JVR provides post employment for unforeseen circumstances that hinders a consumers employment performance or self employment.
- Post employment is for *one* service and has to be within a year of their successful case closure.
- If its more than a year since their case closure the consumer must re-apply for VR services.

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