### 2012 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY FORUM** 

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### Objectives

- Wins for women's health
- □ Landscape for NM women
- □ Effective strategies
- Moving forward



#### Wins for Women's Health

Defending Reproductive Rights, Building Reproductive Justice

- Defeat of Parental Notification Legislation
- Celebrating Roe vs. Wade



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- Creating Change- by and for Young Parents
  - Show Some Love, a day of action
  - August 25<sup>th</sup>, a day in recognition of young parents
  - Task Force on educational barriers faced by young parents



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- Defense of Basic Rights for Immigrant Families
- Smart Harm Reduction Drug Policy
- Criminal Expungement Act
- Amendment to School Athletics Equity Act



### Landscape for NM Women and Families

- □ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade retention
- Compromise on Athletic Equity
- Anti-Abortion Movement
- Medicaid Redesign
- Affordable Care Act



# Effective Strategies

- Centering the voices of those most impacted by an issue
  - Stories, analysis, resistance
- Cross-sector collaborations

New Media





# Moving Forward

- Building trust and relationships across individuals and organizations
- Continuing to build and practice better ways of working for women and families

- Strong Families NM
- Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
  - Building a Movement Across Generations

