

In Observance of Children's Mental Health Awareness Month



New Mexico Project LAUNCH is hosting a webinar:

## **Digging Deeper: Intervening with Young Children to Prevent Bullying**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2013**

**10:00-11:30**

What is bullying, really? We will explore the difference between bullying and conflict and how to spot the early warning signs of children who are using power to get their needs met. Learning how intervening in cycles of mistreatment before they escalate, is preventing bullying. Digging deep in the most essential components for early childhood bullying prevention - - modeling and supporting the behaviors we wish to see in our young children, like kindness, patience, and empathy - - is crucial.

To register for the webinar, go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GX5SQRQ>

The presenter for this webinar is **Brooke Tafoya**. Ms. Tafoya currently serves as the Bullying & Violence Prevention Coordinator for Albuquerque Public Schools and is a founding member of the Don't Just Stand There Stop Bullying Now! Task Force. She has over fifteen years of experience working with youth in various capacities around the country. Most recently, she was a state-wide trainer on youth violence prevention with a special focus on bullying and cyberbullying prevention. She also coordinated a state-wide Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board in Illinois. She has developed and implemented a career education program for high-risk and gang involved youth in St. Louis, Missouri and managed a community center in Orlando, Florida. She has worked in residential treatment facilities for physically or sexually abused youth and supervised Transitional Living Programs for youth ages 17-19 in Chicago, Illinois.

Ms. Tafoya received a Master of Social Work from Washington University in Saint Louis and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Principia College. All of Ms. Tafoya's work is focused on creating and integrating social change for and with youth. The field of violence prevention is both her professional and personal passion.