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SOAR: Southwest Outreach Academic Research Evaluation & Policy Center

New Mexico State University Offers Research and Evaluation Help for Districts, Non-Profits, and Other Organizations!

Do you have questions about if a new initiative in your district, nonprofit, outreach, or government organization is working as you hoped? Are you applying for a grant and need an external evaluator? The SOAR (Southwest Outreach Academic Research) Evaluation and Policy Center in the NMSU College of Education is here to help. We provide these services to groups across the state as they seek to answer these questions in a variety of topics that span different target audiences, including these evaluations with our partners below:

- Environmental and data literacy among secondary students with the **Asembro Institute for Science Education**
- New dual credit program with **The Bridge of Southern New Mexico**
- A new reading program for elementary students in **Cobre Consolidated Schools**
- Virtual, cohort-based teacher professional development with **New Mexico ECHO for Education**

SOAR has well qualified staff who are experts in survey and assessment design, statistics, qualitative analysis, and providing clear and useful summaries for our clients to understand their initiatives and improve them as needed for success. We also produce the annual Educator Vacancy Report each year that is shared statewide and identifies important K-12 staffing needs. We do charge a small fee for our services; however, we aim to keep costs reasonable and based on each group's specific project needs and nothing more.

Please contact us to talk about how we can help you! Visit our website for more information, or contact the Director, Dr. Rachel Boren, anytime: rboren@nmsu.edu; 575-646-6477. We welcome inquiries anytime and look forward to connecting with new partners across New Mexico!

SOAR Website: <https://alliance.nmsu.edu/soar/>



CES' Tip of the Month is: SAFETY IN THESE "CORONA VIRUS" TIMES

Take steps to protect yourself
Clean your hands often



unwashed hands.

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with

Avoid close contact

- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for [people who are at higher risk of getting very sick](#).

Take steps to protect others



Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn [what to do if you are sick](#).

Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it



causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. [Learn what to do if you are sick.](#)

- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.

Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect [frequently touched surfaces](#) daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

Courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention,
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>.

Calendar of Events

- 4/1 April Fools' Day ●
- 4/10 Good Friday; CES closed PM only ●
- 4/12 Easter ●
- 4/21 National Library Workers' Day ●
- 4/22 Administrative Professionals' Day ●
- 4/22 Earth Day ●

APRIL 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 ●	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 ●	11
12 ●	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 ● ●	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Procurement News

1) March 2020 - Contract Renewals

- 17-008A - Athletic Field Lighting
- 17-008B - Copiers
- 17-008C - Hardwood & Synthetic Flooring
- 17-008F - Roofing
- 17-009A - In Vehicle Monitoring
- 17-009B - Fleet Management.

- 17-013 - Choral Risers
- 17-018 - Janitorial Products
- 17-026 - Portable Storage Containers
- 17-033 - Student Management
- 18-018 - JOC Mechanical
- 18-021 - JOC Contractor

2) March 2020 Contract Expirations - NONE



3) March 2020 New Contract Awards

2020-02	Under \$25K & Under \$60K - Grounds Maintenance	Anissa Construction Cassidy's Landscaping New Image Construction Saxon & Sons Sprinklers
2020-03	Under \$25K & Under \$60K - Mechanical / Electrical / Plumbing Maintenance	Hay's Plumbing & Heating Moore Quality Air, LLC The Aisling Company Hausermann Mechanical, LLC Mechanical Systems Inc B&D Industries, Inc Western Mechanical Co Yearout Mechanical, LLC Donner Plumbing & Donner Inc Rhoads CO Gunderson Heating & Cooling LLC Pecos Valley Construction LLC C D Mechanical, Inc. Metal - Tech Inc Fire Tech LLC Ross/Wes Electrical Services, Inc. MW Electric Inc Allied Electric Inc. Hays Plumbing & Heating Corbins Service Electric, LLC Red Seven Electric Moore Quality Air, LLC The Aisling Company B&D Industries, Inc. Mechanical Systems, Inc. RGZ Electric, LLC Facility Solutions Group Prime Electric Inc Pecos Valley Construction LLC Wesson Electric PerryCo Electric, LLC RCI Power & Lighting Inc Carver Electric Company, Inc. Lynco Electric Co. Inc.
2020-04	Under \$25K & Under \$60K - Facility General Maintenance	Rhoads Co. New Image Construction, Inc. QA Engineering Pluma LLC Pecos Valley Construction LLC Farmington Construction, Inc. Laharca, Inc. BCL Enterprises Inc. Anissa Construction Inc. Stites Enterprises B&D Industries Inc.



2020-12	AEPA	
	A. <i>Athletic Surfaces-</i> <i>Category 1-Synthetic Turf for Sports Fields</i>	ActGlobal AstroTurf Corporation Fieldturf Hellas Construction, Inc. Shaw Industries Sport Surfaces Distributing Inc <u>Sprinturf, LLC</u>
	<i>Category 2-Natural Turf for Sports Fields</i>	Act Global Americas Inc. AstroTurf Corporation Shaw Sports Turf
	<i>Category 3-Running Track, Tennis And Athletic Courts</i>	Act Global Americas Inc. AstroTurf Corporation FieldTurf USA Inc. Hellas Construction, Inc. Sport Surfaces Distributing, Inc. Shaw Sports Turf Sprinturf, LLC
	<i>Category 4- Synthetic Turf for Playground, Pet Commercial Landscaping</i>	Act Global Americas Inc. AstroTurf Corporation FieldTurf USA Inc. Hellas Construction, Inc. Sport Surfaces Distributing, Inc. Shaw Sports Turf Sprinturf, LLC
	B. <i>Carpet-Resilient Flooring</i>	Interface America, Inc Gillespie Group
	C. <i>Digital Resources & Instructional Materials</i>	Bio Company Inc. Imagination Station dba Jstation Complete Book and Media Supply Inc. Mackin Book Company
	D. <i>Facility Management Software</i>	Dude Solutions, Inc.
	E. <i>Lawn & Groundskeeping Equipment</i>	Bobcat Company Husqvarna
	F. <i>Digital Display Solutions</i>	Daktronics, Inc.
	G. <i>Vehicles</i>	Melloy Brothers Enterprises Phil Long Dealerships
2020-27	<i>School & Activity Buses</i>	Roberts Truck Center of NM, LLC Tillery Chevrolet - GMC, Inc. DBA Tillery Bus Sales Lonestar Freightliner Group LLC DBA Albuquerque Freightliner Creative Bus Sales, Inc.



The local office of the FBI has asked that this be shared with families.

Due to school closings as a result of COVID-19, children will potentially have an increased online presence and/or be in a position that puts them at an inadvertent risk.

The FBI is seeking to warn parents, educators, caregivers, and children about the dangers of online sexual exploitation and signs of child abuse.

Online sexual exploitation comes in many forms. Individuals may coerce victims into providing sexually explicit images or videos of themselves, often in compliance with offenders' threats to post the images publicly or send the images to victims' friends and family.

Other offenders may make casual contact with children online, gain their trust, and introduce sexual conversation that increases in egregiousness over time. Ultimately this activity may result in maintaining an online relationship that includes sexual conversation and the exchange of illicit images, to eventually physically meeting the child in-person.


In order for the victimization to stop, children typically have to come forward to someone they trust—typically a parent, teacher, caregiver, or law enforcement. The embarrassment of being enticed and/or coerced to engage in unwanted behavior is what often prevents children from coming forward. Offenders may have hundreds of victims around the world, so coming forward to help law enforcement identify offenders may prevent countless other incidents of sexual exploitation.

Abuse can occur offline through direct contact with another individual. During these uncertain conditions, where time with other adults and caregivers has increased immensely, parents/guardians should communicate with their children about appropriate contact with adults and watch for any changes in behavior, including an increase in nightmares, withdrawn behavior, angry outbursts, anxiety, depression, not wanting to be left alone with an individual, and sexual knowledge.

Parents and guardians can take the following measures to help educate and prevent children from becoming victims of child predators and sexual exploitation during this time of national emergency:

- Discuss Internet safety with children of all ages when they engage in online activity.
- Review and approve games and apps before they are downloaded.
- Make sure privacy settings are set to the strictest level possible for online gaming systems and electronic devices.



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- Monitor your children's use of the Internet; keep electronic devices in an open, common room of the house.
 - Check your children's profiles and what they post online.
 - Explain to your children that images posted online will be permanently on the Internet.
 - Make sure children know that anyone who asks a child to engage in sexually explicit activity online should be reported to a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult and law enforcement.

Remember that victims should not be afraid to tell law enforcement if they are being sexually exploited. It is not a crime for a child to send sexually explicit images to someone if they are compelled or coerced to do so.

Reporting suspected sexual exploitation can help minimize or stop further victimization, as well as lead to the identification and rescue of other possible victims.

If you believe you are—or someone you know is—the victim of child sexual exploitation:

- Contact your local law enforcement agency.
- Contact the Albuquerque FBI Division (505-889-1300) or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.
- File a report with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-843-5678 or online at www.cybertipline.org.

When reporting, be as descriptive as possible in the complaint form by providing as much of the following as possible:

- Name and/or username of the offender.
- Email addresses and phone numbers used by the offender.
- Websites used by the offender.
- Description of all interaction with the offender.
- Try to keep all original documentation, emails, text messages, and logs of communication with the offender. Do not delete anything before law enforcement is able to review it.
- Tell law enforcement everything about the online encounters—we understand it may be embarrassing for the parent or child, but providing all relevant information is necessary to find the offender, stop the abuse, and bring him/her to justice.

More information about the FBI's guidance on child sexual exploitation and protecting your kids: <https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/protecting-your-kids>.

For up-to-date information and accurate information about COVID-19, visit coronavirus.gov, cdc.gov/coronavirus, and usa.gov/coronavirus.



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