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Attorney General Balderas Community Summit on Empowering Women & the State of Our Youth

Keynote speakers include Maria Cardona, CNN Political Analyst, & Amy Ziering, producer of the documentary The Hunting Ground

KOAT's Nancy Laflin will emcee Empowering Women and KRQE's Jessica Garate will emcee State of Our Youth

Trainings include Women Empowered When Faced With Sexual Violence, The Financial Capability of Women, Ending Sexual Violence on College Campus, Mental Health First Aid, and Internet Crimes Against Children, Technology: A Tool Not a Weapon & Youth Homelessness

Albuquerque, NM – Today, New Mexico **Attorney General Hector Balderas** announced the 2016 Attorney General Community Summit, *Protecting Tomorrow, Today*, will focus on two themes: Empowering Women and the State of Our Youth. The two-day summit will bring together experts from around New Mexico and the nation to tackle the toughest issues facing our state. The summit will offer free trainings to the public and breakout sessions for experts in various fields who work to make New Mexico a safer, healthier and more prosperous place. The summit will be held in Old Town at Hotel Albuquerque on June 27th and 28th.

"This Summit will bring together community leaders and experts from across the nation to engage the public on the important topics of empowering women and ensuring that our youth are on a path to success," said **Attorney General Hector Balderas**. "Too often, the critical issues facing women and youth, respectively, are ignored because they are difficult to talk about, or make us uncomfortable. This summit will provide a safe space to begin this dialogue, which needs to continue throughout our communities, focused on giving New Mexicans the knowledge, skills and abilities they need to be safe and prosper."

This event is free to the public and some of the trainings that will be offered include: Women Empowered When Faced with Sexual Violence, The Financial Capability of Women, Ending Sexual Violence on College Campus, Mental Health First Aid, Internet Crimes against Children, Technology: A Tool Not a Weapon, and Youth Homelessness. Click here for a full agenda: <https://sites.google.com/a/nmag.gov/protecting-tomorrow-today/home>

Maria Cardona, CNN political analyst and founder of Latinovations, and **Amy Ziering**, producer of the documentary *The Hunting Ground* and leader in the national movement to end sexual violence on college campus, will be the keynote speakers. KOAT's **Nancy Laflin** will be the emcee for Day 1, Women Empowerment, and KRQE's **Jessica Garate**, will be the emcee for Day 2, State of our Youth.

The Office of the Attorney General would like to thank the following community sponsors: Wells Fargo, Nusenda Credit Union, International Protective Services, Raptor Ware, Comcast, Bernalillo Academy, Desert Hills New Mexico, YWCA NM Chapter, Corrections Corporation of America, New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission and the New Mexico Public Education Department.

To register for free, please visit <https://sites.google.com/a/nmag.gov/protecting-tomorrow-today/registration>. Space is limited.

See attached for photos of Attorney General Balderas, Maria Cardona and Amy Ziering.



Attorney General Hector Balderas



Maria Cardona



Amy Ziering

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