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AG Balderas Brings Project OPEN: *Opioid Prevention & Education Network* Training to Rio Arriba County

Project OPEN's goal is to confront the crisis to make New Mexico families safer

Blake's Lotaburger will be providing free food and drinks to participants

Española, NM – This morning, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that his initiative to combat the opioid abuse and addiction crisis in New Mexico will be coming to Rio Arriba County next week. *Project OPEN: Opioid Prevention & Education Network* will host an Opioid Abuse Training in Española on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. The training is free and will expose government officials, counselors, attorneys, policy advisors, investigators, healthcare professionals, consumer advocates, law enforcement and others to the impact and results of opioid abuse on New Mexico communities. It is intended to enhance the participants' knowledge and understanding of opioid addiction and the countless issues involved, and to afford participants the opportunity to explore program materials and solutions to addressing the opioid epidemic.

“We can no longer allow opioid abuse and addiction to destroy New Mexico families and the future of our youth, especially in northern New Mexico,” said Attorney General Balderas. “I created Project OPEN in order to combat the opioid crisis in our state, and will continue training New Mexicans who are on the frontlines of this fight at our free Opioid Abuse Trainings. I encourage advocates, law enforcement officials, healthcare professionals and policy makers from all parts of northern New Mexico to attend this training so we can work together to make our families safer and healthier.”

To register for the free training being held on May 23, please contact Tamarra Howard with the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General at (505) 717-3506 or thoward@nmag.gov.

Blake's Lotaburger will be providing free food and drinks to training attendees. Please see attached for the Opioid Abuse Training agenda.

WHO: Attorney General Hector Balderas, First Judicial District Attorney Marco Serna, Española Mayor Alice Lucero, former cabinet secretary Alfredo Vigil, Dr. Michael Landen, Lauren Reichelt, Ambrose Baros, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, government officials, consumer advocates, therapists, and the public

WHAT: Attorney General's *Project OPEN: Opioid Prevention & Education Network* will host a free Opioid Abuse Training

WHERE: Northern New Mexico College Auditorium, 921 N. Paseo de Oñate, Española, New Mexico 87532

WHEN: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM



Attorney General Hector Balderas

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Attorney General Balderas formed a statewide partnership with the District Attorneys and law enforcement agencies to target prevention, education and awareness of the opioid abuse problem. This program will expose policy advisors, investigators, consumer advocates and others to the impact and effect of opioid abuse in New Mexico. It will enhance the participants' knowledge and understanding of opioid addiction and the complex issues involved. The primary goal is to afford participants the opportunity to explore program materials and solutions to addressing the opioid epidemic.

REGISTRATION LINK: [PROJECT OPEN](#)

Project OPEN is a free training and open to the public. If you would like to attend contact Tamarra Howard at (505)717-3506 or email thoward@nmag.gov



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TO MAKE NEW MEXICO
FAMILIES SAFER**

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HECTOR BALDERAS**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MARCO SERNA**

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Tuesday, May 23, 2017

8:30 am to 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Opening Introduction/ Welcome to Project Open by Attorney General Hector Balderas District Attorney Marco Serna Española Mayor Alice Lucero
9:30 am to 10:15 am	Alfredo Vigil, M.D. Former Cabinet Secretary of Dept. of Health
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 11:15 am	Dr. Michael Landen, Epidemiologist for Department of Health
11:15 am to 12:15 pm	Lauren Reichelt, Director of Rio Arriba County Health and Human Services Department Ambrose Baros, Director of Hoy Recovery Program
12:15 pm	Closing