

Charter Chatter

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A Collaborative Newsletter Between ACES and PCSNM



Notes for the Executive Director, Christy Takacs

ACES **purpose** is to provide support to NM Charter Schools. ACES **ONLY exists** because of our members. ACES **mission** is to provide goods and services at a lower rate, connecting schools with quality vendors, and meeting needs in a way that will lower operating costs and fill in the gaps.

As you are gearing up for the start of another school year, I wanted to remind you of a few of the services that ACES offers to help you meet your needs. If you are still trying to fill some vacancies, we can help get the word out through our **Employment Services**. Contact Sharon at jobs@nmaces.org. If you are wondering about ways to provide all those beginning of the school year training for your staff, we have a partnership with **Global Compliance Network** that offers **over 150 tutorials covering a broad range of topics from Health & Safety to Policies and Regulations**. Check them out at www.gcctraining.com. If you need help with back-to-school professional development, we have a **Cadre of Professional Services**, specializing in areas such as Special Education, Principal Mentorship, Math Support, and Bilingual Education. Finally, don't forget about our **Procurement Contracts**! If you are in need of services such as Sanitation, Food, Business Management, Transportation, Handyman, Security, Educational Technology, Landscaping or Ancillary Services....give us a call! (575)308-1844 or email Christy at ed@nmaces.org



ACES - New Staff Introduction

Chris Narkun - Director of Finance and Procurement

Chris is a New Mexico native who graduated from UNM before serving as a Teach for America Corps Member in Philadelphia, PA, and further working as an educator and program manager for education-related non-profits in Pennsylvania and the Mississippi Delta. He returned to New Mexico to work in the Policy Office at the Public Education Department before taking over as Director of Operations in 2017. With a lifelong commitment to improving education for kids, families, and communities, Chris is extremely excited to join ACES in support of New Mexico's charter schools, vendors, and other educational partners.

Chris can be reached at finance@nmaces.org. Please help us welcome Chris to the team!

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Katherine Moore - Financial Manager

As ACES financial manager, Katherine oversees all financial aspects of the business. Since 2014, her career has focused on gaining financial process efficiencies and improving human relations aspects for small businesses.

Katherine grew up in Yokohama Japan and immigrated in 2002 where she graduated from the University of Massachusetts business school, Suma cum laude. Katherine spent several additional years in Japan working to improve military civilian relations in an advertising capacity, before returning to the US to complete an MBA in finance.



Please welcome Katherine to ACES. She can be reached at businessoffice@nmaces.org.



New Marketplace Vendor

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Jennifer M. Peña, Ph.D. is the founder of JMPAcademy (JMPAcademy.com), a special education consulting agency whose mission is to provide teachers and administrators with the tools and support they need to ensure every student gets the excellent education they deserve. Dr. Jenn has extensive experience with special education programming and compliance in New Mexico charter schools. Her services include staff professional development, mentorship, coaching, auditing, department organization, and specific guidance in IEP and state compliance. JMP Academy is now able to offer support services for Student

Assistance Team, targeted academic and behavioral interventions, and data analysis with intervention recommendations. Her experienced team is dedicated to ensuring schools have the support they need. Jenn and her team are excited to help you and your school improve the learning experience for all students! Contact them through www.JMPAcademy.com or at jenn@jmpacademy.com.




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