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Senator Crystal Brantley Issues Statement on Annual Child Wellbeing Ranking

SANTA FE—Today, the Annie E. Casey Foundation released the 2024 NM Kids Count Data Book reporting that once again, New Mexico ranks last in the nation in child well-being. This ranking is calculated by tabulating the average instances of “adverse childhood experiences” (ACEs) suffered by New Mexico children.

Senator Crystal Brantley (R-Elephant Butte) issued the following statement regarding the troubling news:

“As long as we give power, credibility, and an audience to leaders who justify the state’s failure to care for our children, we will remain last in the nation. We have ample opportunities to improve, but Democratic leaders seem to just accept this moral failure as an immutable fact of life and an inevitability given our state’s poverty. But we are not a poor state, nor are we helpless. We must demand more from our leaders or vote to change directions this November.”

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