

**SUBOXONE PROGRAM  
ORIENTATION/NALOXONE  
NARGAN TRAINING**

**Every Wednesday  
at 10:00 AM**

**1170 N Solano  
Las Cruces, NM 88001**



Bring current ID and  
valid insurance card.

Please arrive 10 minutes  
prior to class time to  
complete paperwork.

Clients who are late will  
have to register for the  
next available class.

**OTHER SERVICES**

**NALOXONE TRAINING  
AND DISTRIBUTION**



**FAMILY PLANNING**



**RAPID HIV AND HCV TESTING**



**MEDICAID ENROLLMENT  
ASSISTANCE**



**HARM REDUCTION SERVICES**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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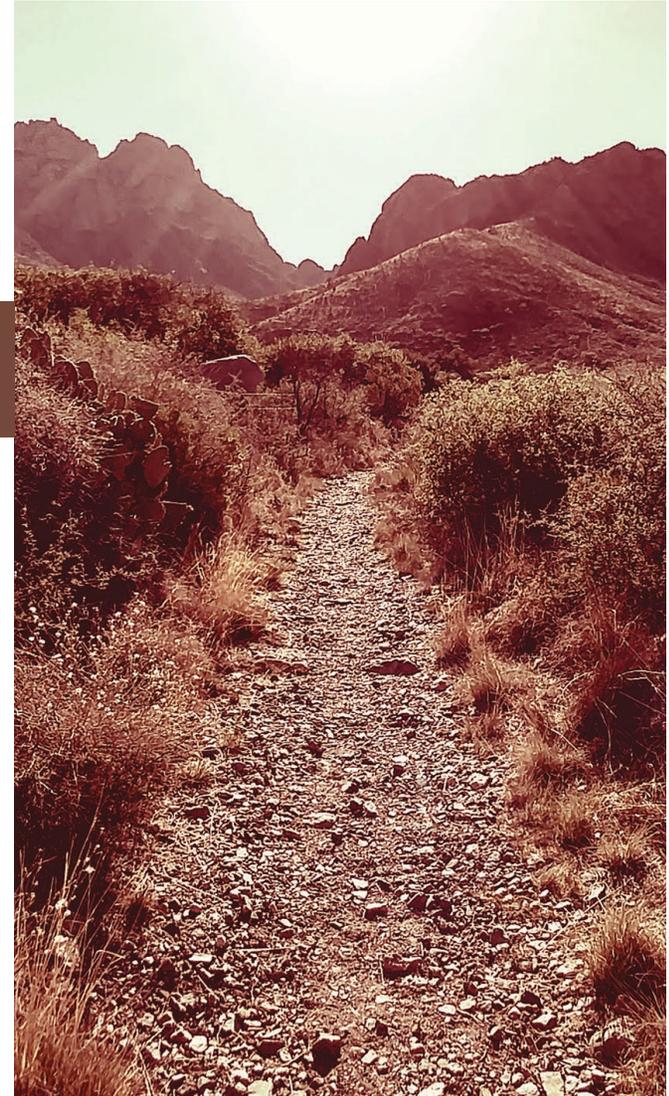


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**SOUTHWEST  
PATHWAYS**

**An outpatient addiction clinic within the  
New Mexico Department of Health**



## MISSION

Our mission is to promote health and wellness, improve health outcomes, and assure safety net services for all people in New Mexico.

## VISION

Deliver quality medication assistance therapy to individuals who have the desire to take control of their opioid addiction.

## WHO WE ARE

We are an outpatient addiction clinic within the New Mexico Department of Health. Our clinic specializes in opiate addiction treatment utilizing medication assisted therapy such as suboxone. We also address co-occurring disorders and provide training on naloxone administration. Our team consist of two prescribing physicians, one prescribing Nurse Practitioner, one registered nurse, one program manager, and one health educator.

## ADDICTION

Addiction is a behavioral disorder caused by specific brain adaptations and characterized by the repeated, compulsive seeking and/or use of a substance despite adverse social, psychological, and/or physical consequences. It is the consequences of the addictive behavior that ruins lives and the reason people seek treatment. Addiction is often accompanied by tolerance, physical dependence, and withdrawal syndrome.

## OPIOID ADDICTION IS A BRAIN DISEASE

Opioid addiction develops from fundamental, long-term changes to the structure and functioning of the brain. Scientists classify addiction as a chronic disease because areas of the brain are altered from the normal healthy state in long-lasting ways. These are physical changes to the brain that can strongly influence behavior— not caused by poor morals, lack of will power, nor cured by good advice. It's a chronic disease as is diabetes and high blood pressure, and is treatable.

# BUPRENORPHINE

A treatment for opioid addiction in the privacy of a doctor's office.

## WHAT IS BUPRENORPHINE?

Buprenorphine is used to treat opioid dependence and addiction to short-acting opioids such as heroin, morphine, and codeine, as well as semi-synthetic opioids like oxycodone and hydrocodone. People may safely take medications used in MAT for months, years, several years, or even a lifetime. Plans to stop a medication must always be discussed with a doctor. At the correct dose, buprenorphine may suppress cravings and withdrawal symptoms and block the effects of other opioids.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Buprenorphine can act as both an agonist and antagonist. It attaches to the opioid receptors but only activates them partially, enough to suppress withdrawals and cravings, but not enough to cause euphoria in opioid-tolerant patients.

## WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR FIRST VISIT AFTER ORIENTATION

Our nurse will walk you through our program guidelines.

A urine analysis will be conducted.

A staff member will conduct an assessment to determine your eligibility.

If eligible you will work with your provider on a treatment plan.