



Dear Members,

I am delighted to announce an important and exciting change within the career development community in New Mexico. After careful consideration and extensive discussions, the New Mexico Career Development Association (NMCDA) and the New Mexico Consortium of Career Educators and Employers (NMCCEE) have decided to merge as one unified organization.

This merger marks a significant milestone in our efforts to strengthen the support and resources available to career professionals, educators, and employers across the state. By combining our talents, experiences, and expertise, we aim to create a more robust and impactful association that will better serve our members and the wider community.

Key benefits of the merger include:

**Lower Membership Dues for the Fiscal Year of July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>:**

- Institutional: \$100 and includes 3 memberships
- Individual: \$40
- Retired: \$25
- Current Students: Free
- Current members will remain members until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Enhanced Collaboration:** The consolidation of NMCDA and NMCCEE will foster increased collaboration among professionals from various career development sectors, leading to a deeper understanding of each other's perspectives and needs.

**Expanded Resources:** By pooling our resources, we will have the opportunity to develop and offer a more extensive range of professional development programs, training workshops, and networking opportunities.

**Stronger Advocacy:** As a united entity, NMCDA will have a stronger voice in advocating for career development policies and initiatives at local, state, and national levels.

**Recruitment of New Membership:** Members of NMCDA will no longer need to become members of the New Mexico Counseling Association. This will allow us to recruit and expand our membership base and reach further into the career development field.

We want to assure you that the decision to merge was carefully evaluated to ensure it aligns with both organizations mission and values. We are confident that this step will lead to a more vibrant and sustainable organization that can better support all career development professionals in New Mexico. We will keep you informed about any changes or updates that may affect your membership, benefits, or access to resources.

As we proceed with this exciting venture, we value your input and feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or suggestions you may have. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the field of career development. Together, we will forge a brighter future for all those we serve.

Sincerely,

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President, New Mexico Career Development Association  
President Elect, National Career Development Association

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