

Kathi Brown is the public relations specialist for the NM Commission on the Status of Women and the coordinator of the NM Girls Institute.

Originally from Moorhead, MN, Kathi graduated from the University of Minnesota– Moorhead with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and an Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication. Within a week of graduating, Kathi pulled up roots and moved to Albuquerque.

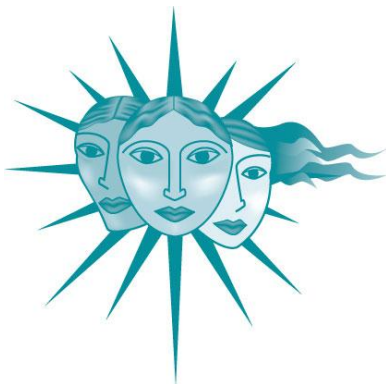
Always interested in working with vulnerable populations, Kathi has worked with federal inmates, adjudicated youth in a group home setting, victims and child witnesses of domestic violence and low-income elementary school girls.

In 1999, Kathi was one of the members of the NM Women's Summit and found her purpose in community organizing, female empowerment and programming. This volunteer position introduced her to the NM Commission on the Status of Women, where she was hired as the event planner in 2001 and moved to public relations/graphic designer in 2003. It was at this time Kathi approached the Commission about creating an additional focus on middle-and high school girls as a part of the Commission's outreach. Through her networking and creativity, the Commission launched *The Year of the NM Girl* in 2004.

An overwhelming success, the Commission continued their additional focus in subsequent conferences, town halls and, in partnership with Christopher Production, with the Emmy-award winning documentary *GIRLS: Challenges/Choices*. The girl-focused programs have also won national recognition by the National Association of Commissions for Women.

In 2007, with legislative funding support, the Commission officially launched the NM Girls Institute. Under the coordination of Kathi, the NM Girls Institute is committed to providing proactive direct services to girls by offering them a safe and supportive environment to learn about issues and develop skills that will help them become successful New Mexico women.

As a trained facilitator and leadership educator, Kathi has worked to develop interactive and girl-focused curricula that enhance New Mexico's focus on higher education, effective leadership, and increased quality of life for all New Mexicans.

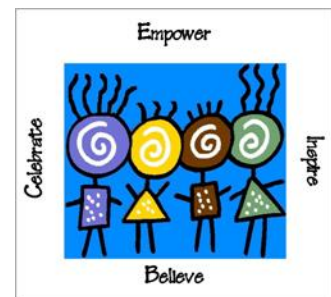


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