

Kids' Chance of New Mexico

45th Annual Conference - Sandia Resort and Casino

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 2026

		Conference Room
10:00 AM 4:30 PM	Registration and Exhibitor Set-up Conference Registration Booth	Registration Desk Exhibit Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 14th, 2026

	SPEAKER	TITLE	Conference Room
7:30 AM 8:30 AM	REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST EXHIBITOR BREAK		Registration Desk Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM 9:00 AM	WELCOME CONFERENCE KICK-OFF	Aurelia Barajas, Kids' Chance of New Mexico Conference Chair, with Heather Jordan, WC Administration Director	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Keynote Speaker	Cassandra Morrison, Designated Broker, Real Broker LLC (NM)/APD	Mindset, Language & Leadership: The Foundation of Professional Excellence and Risk Management
10:00 AM 10:30 AM	EXHIBITOR BREAK		Exhibit Hall
10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Claims/Legal	Christopher Elmore, Esq., Elmore Law, LLC (d/b/a Elmore Stradling)	Practical Claim Handling: Getting Better Results with Less Work
10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Medical	John C. Dunn, MD, El Paso Orthopedic and Spine Institute	Top 10 Reasons Why You Need To Know a Hand Surgeon
10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Medical	Zachary R. Lovato, DO, El Paso Orthopedic and Spine Institute	Acute and Degenerative Issues in the Lumbar Spine as they Apply to the Injured Worker
11:30 AM 1:00 PM	LUNCH	Aurelia Barajas & Brock Carter with Cheryl Doucette & Chris Letsos with Kids' Chance of America	Scholarship Recipient Introduction Outstanding Service Award
1:00 PM 2:00 PM	Legal/Ethics	Phyllis Savage Lynn, Esq.; Holly J. Watson, Esq., North Star Legal Group, LLC.	Comp-licated Ethics: AI, The Tripartite Relationship and Real-World Dilemmas
2:00 PM 2:30 PM	EXHIBITOR BREAK		Exhibit Hall
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Medical	Scott Seybold DPT, MBA, Cert MDT, James Seymour, DO, & Alan Altman, MD, Concentra	Is it the Neck or is it the Shoulder?
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Claims	Mireya Herrera, Ascend Digital Development	Using AI in Workers' Compensation: Practical Tools for Everyday Work
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Safety	Susan E. Baca, Safety Director SDV Construction Inc.	Mental Health, Addiction and Suicide Prevention
3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Legal	Victor A. Titus, Richard J. Parmley, Jr., B.A., J.D, and Judge Tony Couture	Recent Legislation in Work Comp / Rule Changes
5:00PM 7:00PM	"Be Our Guest" - EVENING RECEPTION		Rotunda

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 2026

7:30 AM 8:30 AM	REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST EXHIBITOR BREAK		Registration Desk Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Legal	Evie M. Jilek & MaryAnn R. Platania, North Star Legal Group, LLC	Pandora's Fee Cap: When 'Limits' Unleash Unlimited Exposure
9:30 AM 10:00 AM	EXHIBITOR BREAK		Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM 11:00 AM	General	Marci Reading, Command Investigations	Investigating with Integrity: The Ethical Way
10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Medical	Olivia Mead, Yoga For First Responders® (YFFR)	A Path to PTSD Prevention: The Truth About Resilience in High-Stress Professions
10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Medical	McKinnon Carroll, MS OTR/L CHT, Carroll Hand Therapy	The Wonderful World of Hands: A Handy Guide to Upper Extremity Evaluation

11:00 AM				
12:00 PM	Medical	Qing- Min Chen, M.D., Summit Physician Examiners	Adult Shoulder Disorders	Roadrunner
11:00 AM				
12:00 PM	Claims/Ethics	Jeff Ziblut, Senior Director, Post Acute Care Services, Paradigm	Ethical Dilemmas in Workers' Compensation	Hummingbird
11:00 AM				
12:00 PM	Medical	Phillip York, M.D., Summit Physician Examiners	Adult Spine Disorders	Eagle
12:15 PM				
1:45 PM	LUNCH	Aurelia Barajas & Tomasita Maestas	Exhibitor Door Prizes	Main Ballroom
12:15 PM				
1:45 PM	CONFERENCE WRAP-UP 50/50 and GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY	Aurelia Barajas	Grand Prize & 50/50 Drawings Closing Remarks & Farewell!	Main Ballroom