Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Community Service Frequently Asked Questions

Agency	Contact Number	Accept Under 18?	Important Information
Albuquerque Center for Hope and Recovery Monday-Friday, 9AM – 5PM	505-246-2247	No	
Albuquerque Public Schools – Landscape Department Saturday, 7AM		No	**Report to 915 Locust SE, 87106 at 7:00AM, do not call to schedule.**
Albuquerque Public Schools – Eldorado High School Saturday-Sunday, 8AM-5PM	505-203-9446	Yes	No Child Abuse, Sexual Violence
Animal Humane Association of New Mexico Monday – Sunday, 7:30-4PM	505-938-7865	No	No Felony, Domestic Violence, Animal Cruelty
Arc Thrift Stores, Inc. Monday-Saturday, 7AM-8PM Sunday, 10AM-5PM	505-831-4430	No	No Robbery, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, Crimes Against Persons at Risk
Bernalillo County Animal Care Services Saturday 11AM-6PM Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM	505-314-0281	No	No Domestic Violence, or any violent charges including sexual abuse. No narcotics charges.
Bernalillo County Community Centers • **Henry "Kiki" Saavedra** • **Los Padillas** • **Los Vecinos** • **Paradise Hills** • **Raymond G. Sanchez** • **Vista Grande** • **Westside**	 505-314-0297 505-468-7600 505-314-0240 505-314-0245 505-468-7800 505-468-7500 505-314-0176		*Call for Dates and times* No Domestic Violence, or any violent charges including sexual abuse.
Central New Mexico Housing Corp. Monday – Friday 8AM-4PM	505-345-4949	No	No animal cruelty, domestic violence, sexual assault, or murder
City of Albuquerque – Park Management Monday-Friday 6:30AM	505-721-7294	No	**Report to 5501 Pino NE, 87109 at 6:30AM**
Clothes Helping Kids Monday-Saturday	505-266-2002 505-315-7761	Yes	Must be able to stand for extended periods of time and lift over 25 pounds
Crossroads for Women Mon., Wed., &Fri. 9AM-5PM	505-242-1010	No	No Domestic Violence, Animal Cruelty, Shoplifting, Larceny
Economic Counsel Helping Others ("ECHO"), Inc. Monday-Thursday, 7:30AM-4PM	505-242-6777	Yes	No Registered Sex Offenders
El Campo Santo Monday – Friday, 7AM-12PM *Sat. by appt.	505-227-7353	Yes	
Expect a Miracle Ministries Monday – Tuesday 8AM-4PM	505-565-2140	No	No Sex Offenders
Explora Science Center & Children's Museum Monday – Sunday 10AM-5PM	505-600-6590	No	No Violent Crimes, Domestic Violence, Animal Cruelty, Shoplifting, Larceny
Habitat for Humanity (Greater Albuquerque) Monday-Saturday, 9AM-5PM	505-315-0049	Yes	No Sexual Offender
Historic Fairview Cemetery Saturday 8AM-12PM	505-410-8023	Yes	No Domestic Violence, Animal Cruelty
Hopeworks Monday-Friday, 7AM-3PM	505-843-9405	Yes	
Joy Junction Monday-Sunday, 8AM-4PM	505-877-6967	No	No violent charges or history of violence, sex offenses, or child abuse.
La Plazita Institute Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM	505-457-7846	Yes	No sex crimes, Violence Against Children
PB & J Family Services Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM	505-877-7060	Yes	No Domestic Violence, Animal Cruelty, Any Crimes Against Children, nor any sex crimes
The Rock @ Noon Day Mon. 8PM-12:30PM// Tues.-Fri., 7:30AM-3PM	505-273-2683	No	
Wings for Life International Monday-Friday, 10AM-4PM	505-226-4359	Yes	

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What is Community Service?

Community service is labor, but it also benefits the public at large. It is an opportunity to help a governmental or non-profit agency with its work. The type of work can include clerical and janitorial to pulling weeds or building food pallets to help feed hungry New Mexicans. A Defendant may also be approved by the Court to perform community service by enrolling in job training in an academic or vocational program or by participating in a social service or rehabilitation program. Take this opportunity to be professional because sometimes an obligation can turn into an opportunity.

Where do I go to perform community service?

Attached is a list of Court approved Community Service Agencies.

Do I need to perform a certain amount of community service per day? Community service must be served in 30- or 60-minute intervals, unless otherwise specified by agency.

Can I perform community service at an agency not on the Court's list or outside of Albuquerque?

No, unless the Judge allows you to do this. To ask the Judge for permission to complete community service at an agency not on the Court's list or out of town, you must file a Motion with the Court. Blank Motions are available in the Court's Self Help Center. You also may want to speak with an attorney about this.

How do I register for community service?

You must contact the agency to schedule a date and time when you can work. You should have your Court papers with you when you register.

Can I complete my community service at more than one agency?

Yes, you can complete your hours at more than one agency so long as you complete by the due date ordered by the Court.

Do I need to take any paperwork with me when I go to the community service agency?

Yes, you must take the paperwork the Judge gave you and a government approved identification card.

Can I perform community service in payment of the fines, fees, and costs I owe to the Court?

Yes, you may perform community service (in addition to any mandatory hours of community service ordered by the Judge) as payment for the fines and fees you owe to the Court. If you decide to do this, you will receive credit toward your fines, fees, and costs at twice the State Hourly Minimum Wage Rate. However, you must keep track of the number of extra community service hours that you need to work to pay the fines, fees, and costs you owe to the Court and complete those extra hours by the deadline the Judge gave you to pay. You also can pay fines, fees, and costs by doing both hours of community service and making payments in whatever combination and amounts you decide so long as you complete/pay by the deadline set by the Court.

Can I perform community services for all of the programs and services ordered by the Court?

No, you can only perform of community services for the fines, fees, and costs owed to the Court. Examples of the types of fees that are not owed to the Court and where you cannot perform community service in payment are fees owed to CrimeStoppers, fees for treatment and counseling, for drug tests performed outside the Court, victim impact panel, or for schools that are not run by the Court. However, if you are ordered to the Court's own Driver Improvement School, Aggressive Driving School, or DWI school, then you can perform additional hours of community service in payment of those school fees. If you cannot afford to pay these fees, you must file a Motion with the Court. Blank Motions are available in the Court's Self Help Center. You also may want to speak with an attorney about this.

Can I perform community service in payment of monthly probation costs?

Yes, you may perform community service (in addition to any mandatory hours of community service ordered by the Judge) as payment for your monthly probation costs. If you want to do this, you should speak to your Probation Officer, who can provide you with a tracking form so you can receive credit toward payment of your probation costs at twice the State Hourly Minimum Wage Rate. However, you must keep track of the number of extra community service hours that you need to work to pay the probation costs that you owe to the Court and complete those extra hours by the monthly deadlines your Probation Officer gives you. You will need to turn in your tracking form with the hours you worked every month before the deadline in order to receive credit for those costs.

Can I get an extension on my deadline to perform community service or to pay fines, fees, and costs ?

That is up the Judge. To ask the Judge for an extension of your deadline, you must file a Motion with the Court. Blank Motions are available in the Court's Self Help Center. You also may want to speak with an attorney about this.

Will I be paid wages for my hours of community service, or be entitled to any benefits?

No, you will not be entitled to wages or be considered an employee of the Community Service Agency where you perform community service. You will not be entitled to workers' compensation, unemployment, or any other benefits otherwise provided by law. Also, the Court will not be held liable for any injuries or any losses sustained by you while performing your community service hours.

What happens if I don't complete my community service hours or pay my fines, fees, and costs by the deadline ordered by the Court?

If you fail to complete the community service hours or pay the fines, fees, and costs by your deadline, a Criminal Summons will be issued for you to come before the Judge to explain why you have not complied with Court orders. A Warrant also may be issued for your arrest.

How do I know when I have completed all my community service hours or paid all of the amounts I owe?

You can call 505-841-8151.