



*Parents of Blind Children
Of New Mexico*

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Dear Parents,

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I would like to formally invite you to our annual free Parents of Blind Children of New Mexico seminar. It will be taking place on Friday April 8th from 1:00-5:30pm at the Sheraton Uptown. We will also be serving a free pizza and salad dinner for everyone at 6:00pm. Free childcare is also available for any other siblings who may need to attend the event too but we do ask that you RSVP for these additional siblings as soon as possible. We **highly encourage** you to attend this wonderful, educational event with your blind child. More details are in the attached flyer.

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Please note: We have added a small travel stipend for families traveling from outside the Albuquerque area. We will also pay for half the cost of the luncheon (\$12.50) for students under the age of 18 who participate in Friday morning's scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt is scheduled to start between 9:30-10:00am in the hotel lobby. To register for the luncheon online please go to: <https://fs22.formsite.com/cmschro09/NFBRegistration/index.html>. Or to register via mail please download the following form and mail it to the address noted: <http://www.nfbnm.org/docs/NFB-of-New-Mexico-2016-Convention-Information-and-Pre-Registration-Form.doc>.

I promise it will be a day full of ALOT of hands-on learning for both parents and their child(ren). We will have at least 4 different stations where parents and their child(ren) will learn how to use braille and non visual skills to do laundry (including folding, how to tell if clothes are inside out, and labeling), cook (including measure, label, and prepare food), tie shoes, and make a bed properly. Each station will be coordinated by blind adults. We will also have a cane walk where parents and their blind child can learn how to properly use a white cane for independent travel. All of these activities will be altered as needed for children who may have multiple impairments. **We would really love to see you all there.**

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please let me know.

Sincerely,

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