



Pressure to remove or lower licensing requirements for Children Youth and Family Workers

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NM Governor promotes practicing without a license if consumer consents

- The consumer choice provision gives “permission” to practice illegal social work.
- Pressure because of workforce shortages.
- Pressure to reduce fees.
- The state would have to pay for certifying workers.
- The process would require new or current policy changes.

Alternatives to tighter regulatory practice for Children Youth and Family Division (CYFD)

1. Increase training of CYFD workers to include social workers.
2. Work with local universities to facilitate training.
3. Consider certifying workers who may be aspiring social workers.
4. Incentivize the program such as stipends for college tuition reimbursement to those who commit to working with CYFD after graduation.
5. Better fund the CYFD programs.

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