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## NMDVR presents redesigned website with new features and content

New website aims to effectively communicate and engage with visitors, highlight critical programs

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (NMDVR) is pleased to announce the launch of our new website designed to provide the public with accessible, up-to-date information about programs, services, policies, announcements and events for New Mexicans with disabilities. Visitors can find NMDVR's website at <a href="https://www.dvr.state.nm.us/">https://www.dvr.state.nm.us/</a>

"We are thrilled to share our new website with our participants, their families, agency partners and other members of the community devoted to supporting New Mexicans with disabilities eager to secure employment," said NMDVR Chief Information Officer (CIO) Robert "Robbie" Alirez.

This updated, user-friendly site is the result of more than six months of careful planning and collaboration between NMDVR's IT team, program managers and Albuquerque-based digital and design agency Simply Design.

"After assessing the many shortcomings of our current website from a participant's perspective, we decided to undergo a major overhaul of the website," said Rudy Grano, Field Operations Director. "It is imperative that participants, potential participants, and community members can easily access resources, information, and virtual gateways to services with minimal effort."

In addition to an updated layout, other new features include:

- Proper usage of color for ADA compliance
- The website incorporates engaging animation to create better communication to our viewers.
- Better accessibility to referral application
- Search functionality
- Font resizer
- New videos highlighting our programs
- Events section
- Language selection feature
- New "Meet Our Leadership" page

DVR is deeply concerned for the health and well-being of the public, vocational rehabilitation staff, and adults and children with disabilities in New Mexico. Anyone needing to contact the New Mexico Department of Health COVID-19 hotline should call 1-855-600-3453.

Additional information about services for individuals with disabilities and DVR is available on our website at <a href="http://www.dvr.state.nm.us/">http://www.dvr.state.nm.us/</a>.