

## Tonya Nelson



I am so excited to be in this position and I can't wait to meet and work with all of you! I come to this position with experience in grants and directing various programs. I have my graduate degree in Health Care Management and Business Administration and my undergraduate in Health Promotion. I am originally from Arizona and have lived in Farmington for almost two years. I am very excited to work with you and begin implementing a new and improved Talent Search program

I greatly appreciate your support of the Talent Search program and your assistance in our efforts to continue to improve our

### OBSTACLES IN OUR PATH

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would removed the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tired to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetable, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand.

*Obstacles often are opportunities to improve our condition of life!*



Test your knowledge and see if you can figure out these rebus puzzles.

VA DERS

FAREDCE

*Answers: Space Invaders, Red in the Face*

The ACT<sup>®</sup>

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8-21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

## *Bloomfield Upcoming Events*

April	May
April 10, 2008 Trip to UNM medical office and ITT: BHS and CYB.	Week of May 13th Naaba trip to the Silverton mine. In the works - trip to take students to Crown Point technical school.
April 18, 2008 Trip to municipal court to see a criminal trial: BHS and CYB.	

## *Central Consolidated Upcoming Events*

April	May
April 21st - Trip to University of New Mexico for KCHS & SHS	In the works—a trip to San Juan College for TBA, KMS, and NMS

## EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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We service **600** students between ten schools in  
Bloomfield, Shiprock, and Kirtland

### *Program Services*

- Personal Advising
- Career and Aptitude Assessments
- Workshops addressing issues such as: study & test taking skills, stress and time management, goal setting, problem solving, academic honesty, and communication.
- College Campus visits
- Other field trips
- ACT Prep
- Financial Aid advising
- College Admissions information
- College Placement Testing



### *Career Spotlight*

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT



Physician assistants (PAs) practice medicine under the supervision of physicians and surgeons. They should not be confused with medical assistants, who perform routine clinical and clerical tasks. PAs are formally trained to provide diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventive health care services, as delegated by a physician. Working as members of the health care team, they take medical histories, examine and treat patients, order and interpret laboratory tests and x-rays, and make diagnoses.

All states require that PAs complete an accredited, formal education program and pass a National exam to obtain a license. PA programs usually last at least 2 years and are full time. Most programs are in schools of allied health, academic health centers, medical schools, or 4-year colleges; a few are in community colleges, the military, or hospitals. Many accredited PA programs have clinical teaching affiliations with medical schools.

PA education includes classroom instruction in biochemistry, pathology, human anatomy, physiology, microbiology, clinical pharmacology, clinical medicine, geriatric and home health care, disease prevention, and medical ethics.

Employment of PAs is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2014, ranking among the fastest growing occupations, due to anticipated expansion of the health care industry.

Median annual earnings of physician assistants were \$69,410 in 2004. Income varies by specialty, practice setting, geographical location, and years of experience.