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Wendy Kappy, a Research Scientist with the UNM Center for Education Policy Research (CEPR), is a higher education and K-12 data specialist. She is currently working for CEPR in the Office of Accountability and Reporting at Albuquerque Public Schools (APS). Her primary responsibility at APS is to work with programmers to build and validate data sets for education researchers and evaluators. In addition to her work at APS, Wendy's work at CEPR includes geographic information systems (GIS) mapping and data visualization.

Wendy has extensive experience working with institutional, state, and federal higher education and K-12 data as an education analyst and information manager. Prior to retiring from UNM in 2012, Wendy was with the UNM College of Education for five years as their research and information manager and ten years with the UNM Office of Institutional Research as a senior institutional researcher.

While in the UNM College of Education, Wendy provided expertise on a wide range of institutional data and information to support and enhance decision making, problem solving, strategic planning, resource management, and policy development. She was also responsible for teacher education reporting to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the State of New Mexico, and the federal government.

Wendy provided data expertise and analysis of state and federal regulations and policy impacting mandatory state and federal reporting and compliance to the New Mexico Deans and Directors of Education. She also served as a curriculum specialist for the College of Education, investigating and resolving curriculum problems, which included validating curriculum alignment with university requirements and state regulations.

During Wendy's time in the UNM Office of Institutional Research, she consulted with, and provided data to, university administration, colleges, departments, academic programs, student support programs, researchers, state government, and the public regarding their data and information needs. She also evaluated academic support programs, served as a university-wide curriculum specialist, and provided editorial services. As a key participant on several university and COE committees, Wendy significantly contributed to university efforts in data planning, systems implementation, legacy systems conversion, and governance. She served as a UNM

data expert and content knowledge resource, as well as leader in researching, evaluating, and resolving data problems—ensuring data integrity, accuracy, and consistency.

Wendy holds a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Professional Writing, as well as an M.A. in Sociology from the University of New Mexico. She is a past president of the Rocky Mountain Association for Institutional Researchers.