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Welcome to the  
**Counseling and Student  
Support Center**  
(CASSC)

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# The “Who” & “Where”



Jacqueline Ghion, LPCC  
Director of CASSC



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Mental Health Counselor



Natalya Backhaus, BS  
Holistic Retention Counselor



○ Student Employees

CASSC is located in the Teacher Education Center, on the 2nd floor (#210 - #213).

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# What Does CASSC Offer?

- Confidential and free Mental Health Counseling services for enrolled students
- Coordination of support services to assist students in meeting basic needs (i.e. housing, food, childcare, transportation, benefit enrollment, etc.)
- Groups, workshops, classroom presentations, faculty consultation to support students
- Northern's Pantry – La Despensa del Barrio
  - Food, snacks, hygiene, vitamins, cooking supplies

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# 2022 – 2023 Year At A Glance

- Counseling & Student Support Center
  - Central hub for students to receive socio-emotional supports
- Acquired 3 Grants (53.7K) to Re-Open, Revitalize and Expand Pantry Services
- Officially re-opened the pantry in Fall 2022 (*Open House in the Spring*)
- Acquired refrigeration units for fresh produce
- Partnerships with Free Flow NM, Natural Grocers, Taos Bakes, & Many Mothers
- Developed a student inspired logo for the campus pantry
- > Quadrupled student usage of the pantry



*La Despensa  
del Barrio*

**NORTHERN'S PANTRY**

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# La Despensa del Barrio

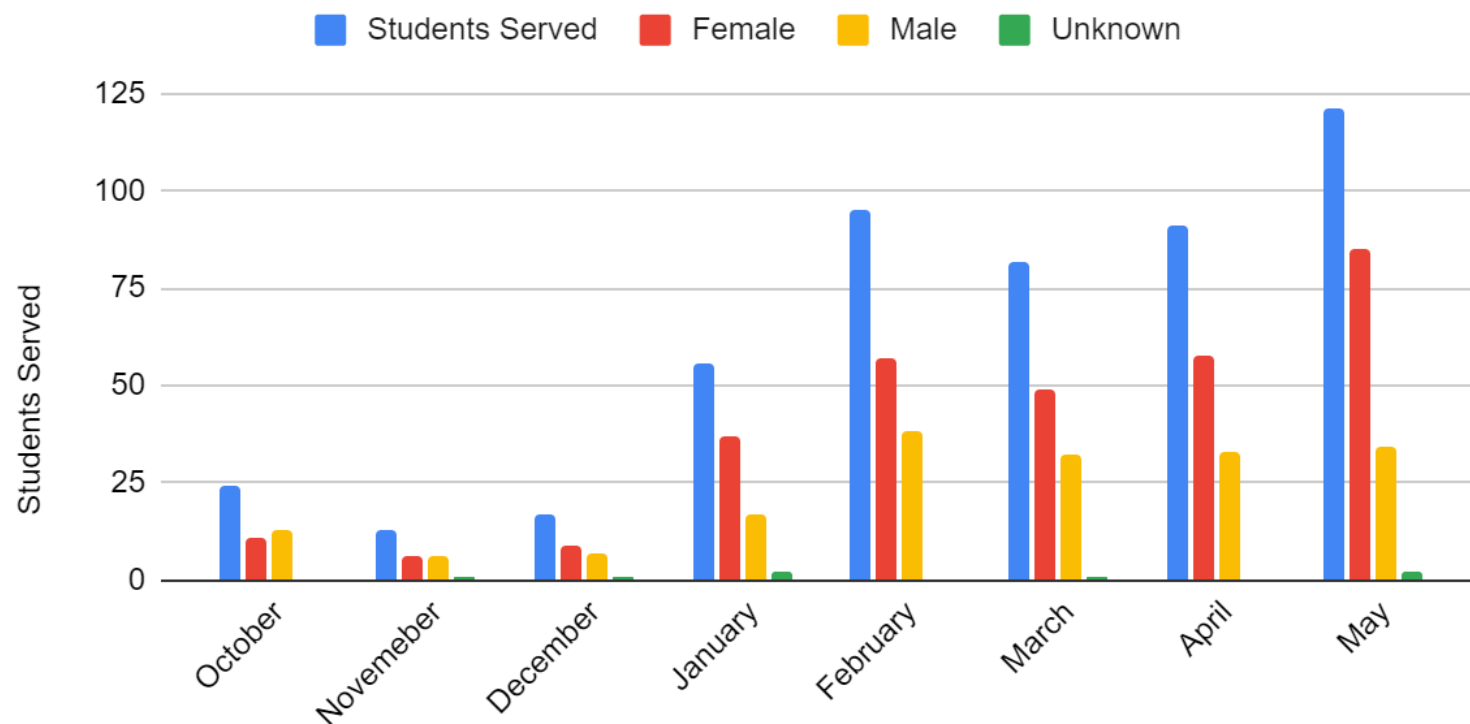


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# La Despensa del Barrio: Pantry Utilization Data

Students Served by NNMC Pantry 2022-23 Academic Year



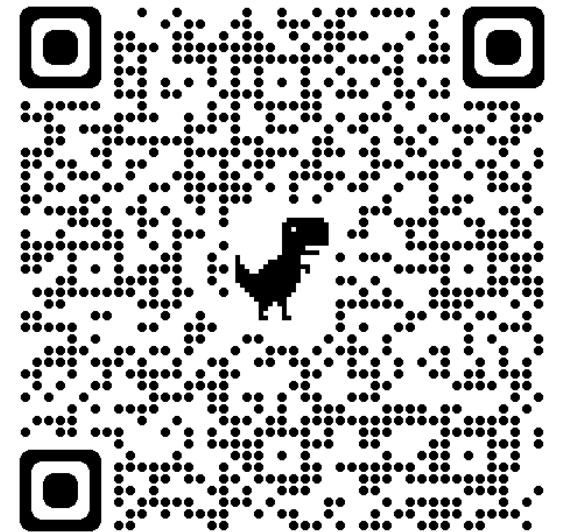
# Basic Needs Data Summit 2023

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/basic.needs/viz/NewMexicoBasicNeedsInsecurity/BasicNeedsInsecurity>

**We would like to highlight the following results from this survey:**

- General NM data.
- NNMC specific basic needs data.
- The impact housing insecurity and food insecurity has on academic performance.

**Scan the QR Code on this screen to access the Tableau dashboard that features the collective data in a filterable way.**



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# Funding and Hopes for Development

- Create pathways and sustainable funding for mental health services and pantry operations
  - CASSC is currently operating with no allocated budget & pantry operations has only be achievable through single episode grants and donation
- Increase community partnerships and donation sources
- Expand offerings and move to a more student led operation of the pantry
- Acquire additional space on campus for storage of goods



# For more information on CASSC Services:

- Visit the CASSC webpage



- Follow us on SM @[cassc.nnmc](https://www.instagram.com/cassc.nnmc)

- Learn how the Pantry Works



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# Thank You!

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