New Mexico Directory of Evidence-Based and Promising Falls Prevention Programs Community Classes for Older Adults



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I. What are Evidence-Based and Promising Programs?

- Evidence-based programs have been reliably studied and evaluated and have been shown to reduce the risk of falls or fall-related injuries, including death.
- Promising programs may have been adapted from an evidence-based program to fit a new population or setting, may use a new delivery model, or may have been evaluated using fewer or less rigorous studies. Some promising programs may be in the process of becoming an evidence-based program by following rigorous assessment guidelines that take several years to finalize.

Evidence-based falls prevention programs and interventions are listed in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s <u>Compendium of Effective Fall Interventions</u>; the National Council on Aging (NCOA)'s list of <u>Fall Prevention Programs for Older Adults</u>. Additionally, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force's publishes recommendations for preventing falls in <u>Fall</u> <u>Prevention in Older Adults</u>: <u>Counseling and Preventive Medication</u>. The programs listed as "promising" in this directory are not listed in these sources but, as mentioned above, may be in the process of becoming an evidence-based program, have emerging evidence supporting its effectiveness at falls prevention, or have been adapted from a recognized evidence-based program for a new population or setting.

II. Description of 7 Evidence-Based and Promising Programs in NM

The programs listed in this directory currently are being offered in New Mexico at senior centers, senior living communities, community or multi-generational centers, and other organizations serving older adults at are evidence-based or promising programs for the prevention of falls among older adults ages 65 and older. Seven programs in 14 New Mexico counties are listed below.

- <u>A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls</u>. EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM. The goal of A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels in older adults. Classes are led by coaches trained by MaineHealth, the developers of A Matter of Balance, and consist of standing and chairbased exercises that develop strength and balance.
 - To gain the health benefit (increase physical activity and reduced fear of falling), individuals should participate in at least one 2-hour class, once per week, for a minimum of 8 weeks (at least 16 hours total).
- 2. <u>Enhance @ Fitness</u>. PROMISING PROGRAM. Enhance @ Fitness is a promising program developed by Senior Services of Seattle, WA in partnership with Group Health Cooperative and the University of Washington. The classes consist of a mix of aerobic and balance exercises, weight training, and stretching, and facilitates social support among participants.
 - While a minimum number of hours to gain the health benefit (increased physical activity and ability to sustain independent living) is not stated, a fitness check is conducted at four months, and the research studies evaluating the program identified minimum health gains at four months.

- 3. <u>FallProof!</u>[™]. PROMISING PROGRAM. *FallProof!* was developed by researchers at the Center for Successful Aging at California State University, beginning in a laboratory setting and expanding to a community-based group program, and is specifically designed for high-risk and physically-frail older adults. The program identifies participants' initial balance and mobility, and gradually challenges participants to more challenging tasks over time.
 - To gain the health benefit, individuals should participate in at least one 60minute class, two times per week, for 24 weeks.
- 4. <u>Steady As You Go</u>. PROMISING PROGRAM. Steady As You Go, developed by Age Concern in Otego, New Zealand, is a community-based group physical activity program developed from the physical therapist-administered, one-on-one evidenced-based Otago model. Otago is one of the most-studied falls prevention interventions and has been shown to significantly reduce falls and fall-related injuries and increase physical activity and confidence in self-efficacy regarding fall prevention, as well as being cost-effective.
 - To gain the health benefit (improved gait and balance), individuals should participate in at least one 60-minute class, once per week, for 12 months. One break lasting up to 6-8 weeks by the end of the 12-month period appears to present no losses in the health benefit.
- 5. <u>Tai Chi for Arthritis.</u> EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM. *Tai Chi for Arthritis* was developed by Dr. Paul Lam of the Tai Chi for Health Institute. The goals of the program include improving health and wellness and increasing muscle strength, which in turn supports and protects joins and reduces pain. *Tai Chi for Arthritis* is also effective in preventing falls among older adults.
 - To gain the health pain (reduced pain, reduced risk of falls and increased physical function), individuals should participate in at least one 60-minute class, twice per week, for a minimum of 12 consecutive weeks (at least 24 hours total).
- 6. <u>Tai Chi (multiple forms).</u> EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM. Various traditional forms of Tai Chi teach balance and strength in addition to the other teachings (such as the development and management of internal energy and improvement in mental function) included in this ancient martial art. The CDC has previously determined that various Tai Chi forms are inherently effective at preventing falls among older adults, even if the class wasn't specifically designed for older adults. Variations include simplified Tai Chi, *Tai Chi Cu'uan, Tai Chi Chih*, chair-based Tai Chi, and many others.
 - The minimum number of hours to gain a health benefit depends upon the specific Tai Chi variation. Ask the instructor about the recommended minimum length of time to participate in the class.
- 7. <u>Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance</u>. EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM. Developed by Dr. Fuzhong Li of the Oregon Research Institute, *Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance* is an evidence-based fall prevention program developed from the traditional martial art of tai chi. *Tai Ji Quan* was designed specifically for older adults and others who want to improve balance and strength, and uses eight simplified tai chi forms, with variations.

• To gain the health benefit (reduced frequency of falls), individuals should participate in at least one 60-minute class, twice per week, for a minimum of 24 consecutive weeks (at least 48 hours total).

Important note: To maintain the health benefit for each of these programs, individuals should continue to participate in an evidence-based or promising fall prevention class beyond the minimum length of time for which the health benefit has been demonstrated. In other words, older adults should adopt these falls prevention strategies as a change in lifestyle, rather than a one-time activity. Otherwise, the health benefit will be lost over time.

Staying physically active in these classes, in addition to making the home safer and having a health care provider check annually for vision problems and risky medications, are key strategies to preventing falls among older adults. Risky medications include any prescription or over-the-counter medications that cause dizziness or sleepiness and put the individual at risk for falls. Common risky prescription medications include opioids (painkillers such as morphine, hydrocodone and oxycodone) and benzodiazepines (mood stabilizers such as diazepam, lorazepam and alprazolam). A common risky over-the-counter medication includes antihistamines (allergy medications such as diphenhydramine).

III. Listing of Evidence-Based and Promising Programs in NM by County

Bernalillo County

Barelas Senior Center714 7th St. SWAlbuquerque, NM 87102505-764-6436https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/centers/barelas-senior-centerClass (1):Tai Chi Cu'uanDay and Time:Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 amAdditional Information:\$5 suggested donation

Bear Canyon Senior Center 4645 Pitt NE Albuquerque, NM 87111 505-767-5959 https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/centers/bear-canyon-senior-center Class (1 of 2): T'ai Chi Chih Days and Times: Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

| Class (2 of 2): | T'ai Chi Chih |
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| Days and Times: | Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm |
| Additional Information: | n/a |

Highland Senior Center

131 Monroe NEAlbuquerque, NM 87108505-767-5210https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/centers/highland-senior-centerClass (1):Tai Chi Cu'uanDay and Time:Additional Information:\$5 suggested donation

Isleta Pueblo Elder Center 1001 Tribal Road 140 Isleta, NM 87022 505-869-9770 http://www.isletapueblo.com/elder-center.html Class (1): Tai Chi Day and Time: Call for schedule Additional Information: n/a

La Vida Llena Senior Living

10501 Lagrima de Oro Rd. NEAlbuquerque, NM 87111505-293-4001http://www.lavidallena.com/retired/Class (1):Day and Time:Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00-11:45 amAdditional Information:Free to Silver Sneakers members; otherwise \$2.50 per class

Los Padillas Community Center 2117 Los Padillas Rd. SW Albuquerque, NM 87105 505-468-7600 http://www.bernco.gov/community-services/los-padillas.aspx Class (1): EnhanceFitness Day and Time: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 pm Additional Information: n/a

Los Volcanes Senior Center

6500 Los Volcanes NW Albuquerque, NM 87121 505-767-5999 https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/centers/los-volcanes-senior-fitness-center Class (1 of 3): Tai Chi Day and Time: Wednesdays (1st, 2nd and 3rd), 12:00-1:00 pm Class (2 of 3): Tai Chi Cu'uan Day and Time: Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 pm Class (3 of 3): EnbanceEitness

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| Day and Time: | Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 1:00-2:00 pm | |
| Additional Information: | \$3 suggested donation | |

Manzano del Sol Village 5201 Roma Ave NE Albuquerque, NM 87108 505-262-2311 http://www.good-sam.com/index.php/locations/manzanodelsolvillage Class (1 of 2):

| Day & Time: | Wednesdays 10:45-11:45 am |
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| Class (2 of 2): | Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance |
| Day and Time: | Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 am |

Additional Information: \$5/day drop-in or \$30 for monthly membership; Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance on Tuesdays & Thursdays is free for all seniors; ask about discounts.

Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center

501 Elizabeth SEAlbuquerque, NM 87123505-275-8731https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/centers/manzano-mesa-multigenerational-centerClass (1):Tai Chi Cu'uanDay and Time:Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 amAdditional Information:\$5 suggested donation

| North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center 7521 Carmel Ave NE Albuquerque, NM 87113 505-764-6475 https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/centers/north-domingo-baca-multigenerational-center | | |
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| Class (1 of 3): | Yang Style Tai Chi | |
| Day and Time: | Fridays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | |
| Class (2 of 3): | EnhanceFitness | |
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| Class (3 of 3): Day and Time: Additional Information: | EnhanceFitness Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8:00-9:00 am Yang Style Tai Chi: \$5 suggested donation | |

North Valley Senior Center

3825 4th Street NWAlbuquerque, NM 87107505-761-4025https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/centers/north-valley-senior-centerClass (1 of 2):Tai Chi Cu'uanDay and Time:Mondays, 9:30-10:30 am

| Class (2 of 2): | EnhanceFitness |
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| Day and Time: | Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8:45-9:45 am |
| Additional Information: | Tai Chi Cu'uan: \$5 suggested donation |

Palo Duro Senior Center 5221 Palo Duro NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 505-888-8102 https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/centers/palo-duro-senior-center Class (1): Beginners T'ai Chi Chih Series Day and Time: Wednesdays Afternoons

Additional Information: Tai Chi Cu'uan: \$60 for 8 weeks. Course begins in July; call for schedule.

Chaves County

The Roswell J.O.Y. Center1822 N. Montana Ave.Roswell, NM 88201575-623-4866http://www.chavescountyjoycenters.com/Class (1 of 2):Day and Time:Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 amClass (2 of 2):EnhanceFitnessDay and Time:Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pmAdditional Information:n/a

Cibola County

Cibola Senior Citizen Center 550 Jurassic Ct. Grants, NM 87020 505-285-3922 http://www.cityofgrants.net/#!senior-citizen-center-grants-nm/c14dj Class (1): EnhanceFitness Day and Time: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:00-11:00 am Additional Information: \$4 for individuals 60+

Curry County

City of Clovis Wellness Center (Aquatic Center)

1700 East Seventh Clovis, NM 88101 575-762-4519 http://www.cityofclovis.org/?page_id=606

Class (1 of 2):EnhanceFitnessDay and Time:Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:45-10:45 am

| Class (2 of 2): | EnhanceFitness |
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| Day and Time: | Monday, Tuesdays & Thursday, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| Additional Information: | Ask for Jolene Fox when calling for information |

Doña Ana County

| Frank O'Brien Papen Center 304 Bell Avenue Las Cruces, NM 8805 575-541-2455 http://www.las-cruces.org/departme | ents/parks-and-recreation/recreation/fitness/tai-chi | |
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| Class (1 of 4): | Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance | |
| Day and Time: | Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30-11:20 am | |
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| Class (2 of 4): | Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance | |
| Day and Time: | Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:20 am | |
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| Class (3 of 4) | Tai Chi | |
| Day and Time | Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm | |
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| Class (4 of 4) | Tai Chi | |
| Day and TimeTuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm | | |
| Additional Information: Pre-registration if required for Tai Chi classes; call for prices and | | |
| series start times | | |
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Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village 3025 Terrance Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88011 575-522-1362 http://www.good-sam.com/index.php/locations/lascrucesvillage

| Class (1): | Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance |
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| Day and Time: | Mon,Tues,Wed,Thurs,Fri, 9:00-10:00 am |
| Additional Information: | Classes begin in May 2016 |

Haciendas at Grace Village 2802 Corte Dios

Las Cruces, NM 88011 575-524-1020 http://gracevillagelc.com/

Class (1):Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better BalanceDay and Time:Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00-11:30amAdditional Information: Classes are for residents only

Munson Senior Center

975 S. Mesquite St. Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-528-3000 http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/community-and-cultural-services/senior-programs Class (1): EnhanceFitness Day and Time: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8:00-9:00 am Additional Information: n/a

Sage Café Community Center

6121 Reynolds Drive Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-257-4900 http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/public-information-office/newsreleases/2015/april/sage-cafe-coffee Class (1): EnhanceFitness Day and Time: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:00-1:00 pm Additional Information: n/a

White Sands Missile Range

Bell Gymnasium White Sands, NM 88002 575-678-3374

Class (1):Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better BalanceDay and Time:Call for scheduleAdditional Information:For residents only

Grant County

Silver City Recreation Center1016 N. Silver St.Silver City, NM 88061575-388-3087http://www.townofsilvercity.org/r/town_of_silver_city_NM.php?r=56,san87Class (1):Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better BalanceDays and Times:Additional Information:First class FREE; \$2 per class after the first class

Lincoln County

Ruidoso Athletic Club

Class (1):

Days and Times:

415 Wingfield St. Ruidoso, NM 88345 575-257-4900 http://www.ruidosoathleticclub.com/

EnhanceFitness Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 1:30-2:30 pm Additional Information: n/a

Los Alamos County

Betty Ehart Senior Center 1101 Bathtub Row Los Alamos, NM 87544 505-662-8920 http://www.losalamosseniorcenter.com/ Class (1): A Matter of Balance Days and Times: Call for schedule Additional Information: \$5 suggested donation

Luna County

Robert L. Beckett Senior Complex (Deming Senior Center) 800 South Granite Deming, NM 88030 575-546-8823 http://www.demingseniors.org/ Class (1): Tai Chi Days and Times: Mondays & Fridays, 10:00-11:00 am Additional Information: n/a

McKinley County

Bread Spring Senior Center 190A Rodeo Road Gallup, NM 87301 505-778-5888 http://baahaali.navajochapters.org/ Class (1): Tai Chi Days and Times: Call for schedule Additional Information: n/a **Zuni Wellness Center** Zuni, NM 87327

505-782-2665http://www.ashiwi.org/programs.aspxClass (1):EnhanceFitnessDays and Times:Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 2:00 pm- 3:00 pmAdditional Information:n/a

San Juan County

Bonnie Dallas Senior Center 208 N. Wall Ave. Farmington, NM 87401 505-599-1380 <u>http://www.fmtn.org/index.aspx?NID=200</u> Class (1): Tai Chi Days and Times: Thursdays 9:30-10:30

Days and Times:Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 amAdditional Information:\$3 suggested donation for individuals 60+

Shiprock Senior CenterU.S. Highway 491Shiprock, NM 87420505-368-1560http://www.naaa.navajo-nsn.gov/senior_citizen_cntr.htmlClass (1):Tai Chi for ArthritisDays and Times:Call for scheduleAdditional Information:n/a

Sandoval County

 Bernalillo Senior Center

 255 Camino del Pueblo

 Bernalillo, NM 87004

 505-867-9448

 http://www.sandovalcounty.com/departments/community-services/senior-services/senior-centers/bernalillo-senior-center

 Class (1):
 Tai Chi

 Days and Times:
 Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 pm

 Additional Information:
 n/a

Corrales Senior Center 4324-A Corrales Rd.

Corrales, NM 87048 505-897-3818 <u>http://www.sandovalcounty.com/departments/community-services/senior-services/senior-centers/corrales-senior-center</u> Class (1): Tai Chi Days and Times: Mondays, 3:30-4:30 pm Additional Information: n/a

Meadowlark Senior Center

4330 Meadowlark Lane SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
505-891-5018
http://www.rrnm.gov/index.aspx?NID=410
Class (1 of 2): EnhanceFitness
Days and Times: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:00-11:00 am*
Additional Information: *Class is currently full – call for registration beginning in May; cost
\$10

Class (2 of 2):Tai Chi ChihDays and Times:MondaysAdditional Information:Tai Chi Chih is offered as a series of classes; call for dates andtimes; \$22 for four classes

 Placitas Senior Center

 41 Camino de la Huertas

 Placitas, NM 87043

 505-867-1396

 http://www.sandovalcounty.com/departments/community-services/senior-services/senior-centers/placitas-senior-center

 Class (1 of 2):
 EnhanceFitness

 Days and Times:
 Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 12:00-1:00 pm

Class (2 of 2): Ta Days and Times: W Additional Information: n/

Tai Chi Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm n/a

Santa Fe County

Genoveva Chavez Community Center 3221 Rodeo Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87507 505-955-4000 http://www.chavezcenter.com/calendar/week/fitness

Class (1): Tai Chi

Days & Times: Call for Schedule

Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center

16 Avenida Torreon Santa Fe, NM 87508 505-466-1039 http://www.santafecountynm.gov/community_services/seniors

| Class (1 of 3): | Standard Tai Chi |
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| Days and Times: | Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 am |
| Class (2 of 3): | Standard Tai Chi |
| Days and Times: | Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 am |
| Class (3 of 3): | Chair Tai Chi |

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| Days and Times: | Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am |
| Additional Information: | n/a |

Mary Ester Gonzales Senior Center

1121 Alto StreetSanta Fe, NM 87501505-955-4721http://www.santafenm.gov/division_of_senior_servicesClass (1 of 2):Tai ChiDays and Times:Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:15-9:15 am

Class (2 of 2):EnhanceFitnessDays and Times:Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30-10:30 amAdditional Information:No cost

Pasatiempo Senior Center

664 Alta Vista St. Santa Fe, NM 87505 505-955-6433 http://www.santafenm.gov/division_of_senior_services Class (1): Tai Chi Days and Times: Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 am Additional Information: No cost

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe107 W. Barcelona Rd.Santa Fe, NM 87505http://www.uusantafe.org/Class (1):Days and Times:Additional Information:\$2 suggested donation

Taos County

Phil Lovato Senior Center

601 Lovato Place Taos, NM 87571 575-758-4091 <u>http://www.laplaza.org/community/ancianos/services.htm</u> **Class (1):** Tai Chi **Days and Times:** Mondays & Fridays, call for times **Additional Information:** No Cost

Taos Pueblo Health & Community Services

195 Rio Lucero Rd. Taos Pueblo, NM 87571 575-758-7824 Class (1): Days and Times: Additional Information: paperwork

EnhanceFitness Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm Should plan to arrive early for first class to fill our registration

Valencia County

Bosque Farms Senior Center

1190 N. Bosque Farms LoopBosque Farms, NM 87068505-869-5133http://www.co.valencia.nm.us/Facilities/Facility/Details/Bosque-Farms-Senior-Center-1Class (1):Tai ChiDays and Times:Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:00-10:00 amAdditional Information:n/a

Daniel Fernandez Youth Center

1103 New Mexico 314Los Lunas, NM 87031505-839-3845http://www.loslunasnm.gov/index.aspx?NID=112Class (1 of 2):EnhanceFitnessDays and Times:Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:00-11:00 amClass (2 of 2):EnhanceFitnessDays and Times:Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pmAdditional Information:n/a

Del Rio Senior Center

351 Rio Communities BlvdBelen, NM 87002505-864-7500http://www.co.valencia.nm.us/Facilities/Facility/Details/Del-Rio-Senior-Center-4Class (1 of 2):Tai Chi Enhanced with Self DefenseDays and Times:Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 am

Class (2 of 2):Tai ChiDays and Times:Fridays, 9:30-10:30 amAdditional Information:n/a

Fred Luna Multi-Generational Center

197 Don PasqualLos Lunas, NM 87031505-839-3853http://www.loslunasnm.gov/index.aspx?nid=296Class (1):Tai ChiDays and Times:Call for scheduleAdditional Information:n/a

<u>Please note</u>: This list does not include all wellness or fitness classes offered at senior centers, senior living communities, or other senior-serving organizations in New Mexico. The purpose of this list is to assist older adults (ages 65 and older), their families, health care providers, and others serving older adults in finding evidence-based or promising fall prevention classes offered in their local communities.