

“Las Hormigas” Comunidad en Desarrollo A.C.

We were born to contribute to social change in Ciudad Juárez working personal change: attitudes, thoughts and actions that stop our growth and have led to unhealthy relations.

We work to educate the consciousness that make us responsible for our life, our actions and our decisions And help us to leave the harmful attitude of "victims", so our life and our environment can have more dignity.

We seek to generate change processes-especially in children- through the psycho-educational work of the project *"Smiles in the Desert"* and *Reflection Workshops* for adults.

We believe that from these personal transformations -in family and group- it will be possible the integration of the community and collective participation in the decisions that are for the benefit of all.





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Anapra is a colonia in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, of approximately 19 thousand inhabitants, immediate border with United States, waiting place for people who wants to go to the USA, oasis for those migrants seeking for a job, refuge of the people without land, and is also the maquiladora (transnational corporations) workers hostel.

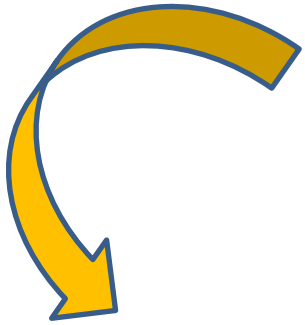
Anapra: the last colonia in Juárez northwest.

To the west there is only desert and 20 miles further on is the crossing border with New Mexico: San Jeronimo-Santa Teresa bridge.





**Anapra and Sundland Park, New Mexico
divided by the border wall**



We believe that girls and boys need to learn to take ownership of his word from the basics of reading, writing and understanding of content learning, so that the development of his thought process grows, and they can understand the meaning of the events and know they can do something to improve their reality.



We believe that girls and adult women can realize that they have the right to live free of violence and stop once for all the stigma of weakness, submission and silence that was imposed on them by the culture and the patriarchal world.

Women and Health.

Harnessing the wisdom of the plants and the traditional medicine.



Regina and Jared: their future depends on their literacy

With women, we analyze the strongest problems that exist in the families to find solutions that make us grow



In Las Hormigas we make decisions as a team



**Workshops for women seeking freedom
from harmful learning about their own
value**



Educational project “SMILES IN THE DESERT”:

We have agreements with schools in the area, who sent to us those girls and boys who no longer know how to supply their deficiencies in learning and behavior problems.





With the children we work in three areas:

- Reading writing
- Language therapy and
- Social relations (behavior). We work this area in the educational space and through therapeutic sessions with parents





Experiential workshops for adult women.



Workshops on gender and violence with adult men. Masculinities.

We also work with men and their couples in their own knowledge and personal growth to stop repeat the violence learned and get more involved in the community changes.



Workshops with adult men



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