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PROGRAM FIESTA – choosing how we lead

Monday, September 10, 5-7 p.m. Good Samaritan Social Center

At the Program Fiesta we will hear reports from active committees on accomplishments during the past year and upcoming events. Some of this information is also in this issue of the Voter as well as on our website.

We will also discuss what our chapter of the League should advocate for and work on in the coming year. What issues important for our community coincide with the League's mission? How do we increase the League's advocacy? Should we sponsor more public issues forums? What issues?

Please bring your vision and ideas, and join us for this conversation. The League is a grass roots organization. Meaning you get to decide what we should do. Please come and help us determine where we should be focusing our energies.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

So much to do—so little time. First, how about all those election forums! Please check out the calendar and let either Dale or me know when you can help. We need greeters, question screeners, question collectors, etc.

The 50th Anniversary Committee will hold its 3rd issues forum on September 20th, 7 p.m. at Lynn Middle School. This one is on Education Issues, particularly the importance of early childhood education and charter schools.



Put October 9th on your calendar. **Celebrate Democracy in Dona Ana County** will be taking place at the County Government. Starting at 10:00 a.m., busloads of students from LCPS are going to converge on the County Government Building. Those eligible will have the opportunity to register and vote! Also, games, food, music, and the opportunity to visit with elected officials will be part of the fun. LWVGLC, the EAC, NMSU and LCPSC are all sponsoring this event. Please come and support our efforts.

Scott Krahling gave an informative talk on the Local Election Act and the implications for Las Cruces during the Dinner with a Leader on August 13th. Passed during the 2018 Legislative Session, the Local Election Act will simplify elections for voters by creating a consistent election day in November every year; general elections held on even numbered years and municipal elections on odd numbered years. Las Cruces City Council chose to opt-in to both Consolidated Elections and Ranked Choice Voting.

Thanks to Scott, those attending now understand how Ranked Choice Voting for municipal elections works. Voters have the option of ranking candidates in order of preference. If no candidate gets 40% of the vote in Las Cruces in the first round, then an instant runoff occurs. The candidate with the least number of votes is dropped and second choice votes from the dropped candidate are redistributed. This continues until one of the candidates wins by getting at least 40 percent of the vote. See page 9 for Exhibit: Ranked Choice Santa Fe.

Finally, please try to attend the Annual Fiesta Showcase on Sept 10th 5 pm at Good Sam's. This is an opportunity to learn about and celebrate what we have been doing this past year. I would also like to have a discussion on the need for a development committee, reviving the quality of life committee and what actions we want to take to support any positions.

Best Wishes,
Kim Sorensen

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Dale Yeo and Christina Little for being recipients of the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Distinguished Women Award!

Congratulations to our Student Intern, Samantha Garza, for being selected to be on the student Panel at the Domenici Conference! 20 students from four New Mexico Universities were selected as student panelists for the Domenici Conference. One of those is our wonderful intern Samantha Garza! That is so super! We're very proud of you, Samantha, and know that you will do great at the conference.

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UPCOMING EVENTS *ELECTION EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED.*

- Sept 4 4 p.m. Attorney General **Candidate Forum**, KRWGTV
- Sept 6 10-12 a.m. GLC Board Meeting Library Board Room
- Sept 10 5-7 p.m. Dinner Together: Annual Fiesta Showcase. Good Sam's
- Sept 8 LWVNM Board Meeting Santa Fe
- Sept 13 3:30 Education Advisory Council, Library Board Room
- Sept 18 4 p.m. Secretary of State **Candidate Forum**, KRWGTV
- Sept 20 7-9 p.m. Issues Forum on Education, Lynn Middle School Cafeteria
- Sept 25 4 p.m. State Auditor and Public Regulation Commission
Dist. 5 **Candidate Forums** KRWGTV
- Sept 27 Book Club TBA
- Oct 1 **Early Voting** Begins
- Oct 3 6-8:30 p.m. TBA local **Candidate Forum**, DAC Government Building
- Oct 4 6-8:30 p.m. TBA local **Candidate Forum**, DAC Government Building
- Oct 4 10-12 a.m. GLC Board Meeting, Library Board Room
- Oct 5 **Voter's Guide is distributed** in **BULLETIN**
- Oct 8 5-7 p.m. Dinner with a Leader, Good Samaritan
- Oct 9 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Celebrate Democracy in DAC, DAC Gov. Bldg.
- Oct 11 3:30 p.m. Education Advisory Council, Library Board Room
- Oct 23 4:30 p.m. **Candidate Forum** Public Regulation Commission District 5, KRWGTV
- Oct 30 4:00 p.m. Public Lands Commissioner; 4:30 DAC Sheriff **Candidate Forums**,
KRWGTV

SEE [HTTP://WWW.LWVGLC.ORG/EVENT CALENDAR FOR KRWG](http://www.lwvglc.org/event-calendar-for-krwg)
BROADCAST DATES. TO PARK at KRWG Candidate Forums, here is the
link to print a parking pass:

<https://auxadminforms.nmsu.edu/ParkingForms/ePermit.aspx>

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with these events.



UPCOMING ISSUES FORUM: EDUCATION **School/Community Partnerships Ensuring** **All Children Succeed in School and Life**

Want to know about the most promising practices that promote success for all children regardless of their life circumstances? Then come to the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER LAS CRUCES 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDUCATION FORUM at Lynn Middle School on Thursday, September 20, at 6:45 PM. You will learn why and how early childhood education supports high achievement in the early elementary school years of a child's education and why the implementation of true "community schools" is critical to keep this pattern of high achievement going and growing.

Forum participants will leave knowing how to become advocates for change that supports the success of all our children. These ideas for improving education are not new. However, they have not been broadly adopted until recently due to lack of awareness of research conducted over the past three decades that has shown these practices to be highly effective in improving education outcomes for children.

The League of Women Voters has studied education issues over many years and has long-standing positions advocating for these reforms in education. The forum is free and open to the public. Visit the League's website at www.lwvglc.org for more information.

50TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT: MOVE OVER, BILLY THE KID

Imagine downtown Las Cruces highlighted not with the bustle of a Saturday morning farmers market but with the 24-7, neon-lit glitz of a Strip. Imagine the highway to El Paso lined not with odoriferous dairies but with casinos and hotels. Imagine Las Cruces, New Mexico filling the role of present-day Las Vegas, Nevada in American culture and lore.

This might have happened were it not for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, Cricket Coogler, in 1949 and the consequent cover-up that started with the local sheriff and coroner and extended to accusation of a running-back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and to the first civil-rights case involving law officers investigated by J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI. It included a grand jury that became so disgusted with the district attorney and judge assigned to them that they fired them, hired their own attorneys, and continued the investigation on their own. The tale has attracted the interest of many people, including John Ehrlichmann and Tony Hillerman as well as others who remain fascinated by this true-life story. The story elements include corruption rampant among all levels of government in this western state.

League members and their guests had a look at this true-life event at Movie Night on August 23, in the Good Samaritan auditorium, sponsored by the 50th Anniversary Committee. The video-documentary, *The Silence of Cricket Coogler*, was screened for the audience. Then the movie's producer/director Richard Startzman and local writer Pala Moore, author of *Cricket in the Web*, answered far-ranging questions from the audience about this 1949 incident that still reverberates in local, state, and national politics, although the crime was never solved.

This event was chosen as part of the 50th anniversary commemoration because it indicates the milieu of civic life into which the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces was inserted two decades later. Thanks to Cathy Mathews who made arrangements for Movie Night. If your interest is piqued and you missed the evening event, contact Cathy to find out where you can find the book and video.

50TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT: FORUM ON MENTAL HEALTH

The 50th Anniversary Committee sponsored a forum on Mental Health Issues July 18th. The panel consisted of Ron Gurley, an activist in the mental health care field, moderator; New Mexico State Senator Mary Kay Papen, Kimi Jordan, vice-president of National Association for the Mentally Ill-New Mexico, and Jamie Michaels, Health and Human Services director for Dona Ana County.

Sixty-nine people attended the forum held at Branigan Cultural Center. Here is a summary of the forum written by Jamie Michael from Health and Human Services.

Workforce shortage is a primary challenge, impacting access to care and quality of care. According to a report produced by UNM, Dona Ana County is below the national benchmark of 1 psychiatrist /6,500 people, with only 11 psychiatrists. To increase the number of psychiatrists, the county is funding the development of psychiatric residency program. Dona Ana County participates in the national Stepping Up Initiative, which is aimed at reducing the number of people with serious mental illness that are incarcerated. To accomplish the goal, the county is facilitating the development of a pre-arrest law enforcement assisted diversion program and identifying services for people released from jail to reduce recidivism.

Dona Ana County is working with District Court and local health and social service providers to implement an assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) program. AOT is a civil commitment process that requires people to participate in outpatient treatment. AOT is proven to reduce hospitalization and incarceration of people with serious mental illness. The county received a federal grant, for nearly \$2.8 million over four years, to implement and evaluate the program. Currently, 50 people are being served under an AOT order.

The county administers the Local DWI Program, which includes compliance monitoring and prevention efforts. County compliance officers monitor approximately 1200 people convicted of alcohol related misdemeanor crime annually. Compliance officers work to help address root causes of the behavior such as a mental illness, unemployment, or other stressors that contribute to the behavior. Treatment and social support services are keys to the program.

The county received a grant from the state to implement an opioid overdose prevention program. Overdose prevention education and distribution of medication that can save someone's life if they have overdosed, are key strategies to reducing death rates. The county has distributed over 200 Narcan kits, trained over 600 people and supplied Narcan to over 45 agencies. Based on use reports, staff have documented 19 cases when Narcan has been administered, and of those cases 16 resulted in a reversal of the overdose.



OBSERVERS POSTS

OBSERVER REPORT

By Mary Ellen Knapp

Las Cruces, NM City Council, August 6, 2018

Regular Meeting

Five Councilors present - Councilor Vasquez and Mayor Miyagishima absent. Mayor pro tem Sorg conducted the meeting.

Agenda Items of Particular Interest:

APPROVED Resolution in support of establishing outdoor recreation as a City Economic Development priority and creating a New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation. For many reasons, both the City and State of New Mexico have a tremendous opportunity to expand its economic development related to the high quality public natural areas, and develop necessary programs and initiatives to enhance the region. The State should also establish an Office of Outdoor Recreation.

Three people spoke in favor of the resolution: 1) Debbi Moore, President and CEO of the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, asked that the resolution be amended to add that the Headquarters of the New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation be located in Las Cruces; 2) Carrie Hamblen, President and CEO of Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, commented that we need to capitalize on our outdoors and recognize its impact; 3) State Senator Jeff Steinborn remarked that this is an incredible opportunity to increase tourism, that eight other states have done this, and that a New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation should be located in Las Cruces.

After amending the resolution to add that the New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation be located in Las Cruces, the Council approved the resolution. (5 ayes - 2 absent)

APPROVED Resolution establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to assist in the update of the Comprehensive Plan to be known as the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC). The Resolution is to establish the CPAC to be central to the update process within the parameters of the scope-of-works between the City and the Consultant. The CAPC shall be composed of community members in addition to members of the Planning & Zoning Commission. (5 ayes - 2 absent)

APPROVED – Resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and The New Mexico Department of Transportation for the I-25/University Avenue Interchange Improvements project. The Project includes bridge replacement, ramp modifications/reconstruction, roadway reconstruction, extension of multi-use path, and landscaping. The City will assume operation and maintenance responsibilities of the City portion of University Avenue, North Triviz Drive, Don Roser Drive, the multi-use path that connects North and South Triviz Drive, landscaping, drainage ponds, traffic signals, and roadway lighting that is installed. A resolution was approved on May 7 that amended the adopted budget and Capital Improvement Plan to accommodate this Project. (5 ayes - 2 absent)

OBSERVER REPORT

By Susan Schmugge

Board of Commissioners for the City of Las Cruces

August 9, 2018

680 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces

6 of 7 members present

The report by Patrick Peck, Director of South Central Solid Waste Authority was an update on the current situation in recycling. Since new tariffs from China on 23 more categories of US recycling material are now in effect they are looking beyond exporting our trash. There will be a rate increase in Las Cruces in September, finding a regional solution because national markets are flooded, accepting only high value material like cardboard, and asking the community for suggestions on what it wants. There are 2 community meetings in October: 9th at East Mesa government facility; 11th at City Hall.

The City Council will hear the water rate raise proposal by the LCU Board at a September work session and vote on it in October.

The Board received a report from its attorney on the Supreme Court water case. In a related issue, the Board approved joint funding for the city-USGS biannual ground water summary. Las Cruces' use of ground water is a factor in the Supreme Court water case.

OBSERVER REPORT

By Susan Schmugge

Utility Customer Advisory Group August 8, 2018
680 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces 4 of 5 members present

Members agree with suggestions for changes from the Las Cruces Utilities Board to the consultants in the presentation to the public for wastewater rate increases. The Group will give final approval to the presentation, to poster boards and the calendar on September 12, 2018. Public forums and presentations will take place in October as members reach out to the public, the customers. It is hoped that the City Council can consider final approval of rate increases in early 2019.

Everyone involved in water and wastewater rate reviews is aware that the need for raises is very necessary and ratepayers are having to absorb two raises close together.

OBSERVER REPORT

By Johnnie R. Aldrich

South Central Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting, 16 August 2018 Regular Meeting

Board Members: Kasandra Gandara, City Councilor, VICE CHAIR

Dr. Jorge Garcia, Director, City Utilities

Ramon S. Gonzalez, County Commissioner

Fernando L. Macias, County Manager

Ken Miyagishima, City Mayor

Benjamin L. Rawson, County Commissioner

Isabella Solis, County Commissioner, CHAIR

Gabriel Vazquez, City Councilor

SCSWA Director Patrick Peck is always present to answer questions

I have no report for this issue of *The VOTER* because the regular August meeting was cancelled, "for lack of an agenda," the announcement said. This is the fifth cancellation of the regular monthly meeting in this calendar year (2018). (I have since learned that the Board meets only when it has business to conduct. The Board is being restructured pending new agreement of the City and County. Further information to come.)

Exhibit: Ranked Choice - Santa Fe NM

Below is an exhibit that Scott Krahling shared as an aid to explain ranked choice voting. This might help you understand how it works better than a written explanation. Santa Fe used Ranked Choice Voting in the last Mayoral Election.

A survey of the voters resulted in:

94% Satisfaction with Experience

70% Approved of Future Use

80% Ranked at least 3 candidates

67% Not Confusing

70% Confident Vote Counted

FOR MAYOR PARA ALCALDE Four (4) Year Term Plazo de Cuatro (4) Años	1st Choice 1ª Opción	2nd Choice 2ª Opción	3rd Choice 3ª Opción	4th Choice 4ª Opción	5th Choice 5ª Opción
Peter N. Ives	<input type="radio"/>				
Alan Webber	<input type="radio"/>				
Kate I. Noble	<input type="radio"/>				
Joseph M. Maestas	<input type="radio"/>				
Ronald S. Trujillo	<input type="radio"/>				

Candidate	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Alan Webber	39.2% 8,080 votes	41.4% 8,474 votes	44.8% 9,092 votes	66.2% 13,088 votes
Ronald S. Trujillo	24.4% 5,026 votes	25.6% 5,241 votes	27.8% 5,654 votes	33.8% 6,686 votes
Kate I. Noble	22.4% 4,611 votes	24.1% 4,928 votes	27.4% 5,565 votes	Eliminated
Joseph M. Maestas	8.0% 1,649 votes	8.9% 1,818 votes	Eliminated	
Peter N. Ives	6.0% 1,238 votes	Eliminated		

TREASURER REPORTS

50TH CELEBRATION ACCOUNTING (JULY 31, 2018)

Income: \$1,500 [balance in adopted budget]
 \$660 [50th picnic]
 \$250 [for memorial tree]
 \$50 [recent donation]
TOTAL: \$2,460

Expenses:
Misc. mailing expenses \$235.95
50th picnic box lunches \$348.50 [33 lunches]
Memorial tree \$250.00
TOTAL: \$834.45

TREASURER'S REPORT (27 AUGUST 2018)

League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces
For 6 September 2018 Board Meeting

Activity since last Board Meeting

Expenses:
 Consumer Cellular: \$ 19.02
 [League cell phone]
 Event Insurance \$104.49
TOTAL: \$123.51

Income: \$0.00

31 August 2018 Checkbook Balance: \$7,066

Education Fund balance should be \$4,880.58, including \$85 received during August.

DISCUSSION

There have been some additional deposits for dues paid and small donations to the operating fund. Currently, all monies in the PayPal account have been transferred to checking and are reflected in the bank balance shown above.

I will be out-of-state from September 2 through 10.

William Little, Treasurer

UPCOMING Candidate Books for LWVGLC Book Club

Status	Book
Selected for September 27	<p>Facts and Fears: Hard Truths from a Life in Intelligence by James Clapper</p> <p>The former Director of National Intelligence's account of the intelligence community's successes--and failures--in facing some of the greatest threats to America. Clapper traces the growing threat of cyber-attacks, his relationships with presidents and Congress, and the truth about Russia's role in the presidential election. It was living through Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and seeing how the foundations of American democracy were--and continue to be--undermined by a foreign power that led him to break with his instincts honed through more than five decades in the intelligence profession to share his inside experience.</p>
Selected for October 25	<p>The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels by Jon Meacham</p> <p>Our current climate of partisan fury is not new, and in <i>The Soul of America</i> Meacham shows how what Abraham Lincoln called the "better angels of our nature" have repeatedly won the day. Painting surprising portraits of Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and Lyndon B. Johnson, and illuminating the courage of Martin Luther King, Jr., early suffragettes Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt, civil rights pioneers Rosa Parks and John Lewis, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and Army-McCarthy hearings lawyer Joseph N. Welch, Meacham brings vividly to life turning points in American history.</p>
New 2-20-19	<p>Trumpocracy: The Corruption of the American Republic by David Frum (Best Seller)</p> <p>Bestselling author, former White House speechwriter, and <i>Atlantic</i> columnist and media commentator David Frum explains why President Trump has undermined our most important institutions in ways even the most critical media has missed, in this thoughtful and hard-hitting book that is a warning for democracy and America's future. Quietly, steadily, Trump and his administration are damaging the tenets and accepted practices of American democracy.</p>
New 2-22-19	<p>Educated by Tara Westover.</p> <p>This is a story of a woman who struggles up from a childhood in an isolated, fundamentalist Mormon survivalist home in the Idaho woods to getting a PhD from Cambridge in Intellectual History and Political Thought. Instead of traditional lessons, she grew up learning how to stew herbs, scavenging in scrap yard, and helping her family prepare for the apocalypse. She had no birth certificate, no medical records, had never been enrolled in school.</p>
New 3-20-19	<p>Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War on America and the Election of Donald Trump by Michael Isikoff and David Corn</p> <p>The incredible, harrowing account of how American democracy was hacked by Moscow as part of a covert operation to influence the U.S. election and help Donald Trump gain the presidency.</p> <p>It weaves together tales of international intrigue, cyber espionage, and superpower rivalry. Moscow trained its best hackers and trolls on U.S. political targets and exploited WikiLeaks to disseminate information that could affect the 2016 election - a brazen act of political espionage.</p>

Status	Book
New 4-20-19	<p>A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership by James Comey</p> <p>Former FBI director James Comey shares his never-before-told experiences from some of the highest-stakes situations of his career in the past two decades of American government, exploring what good, ethical leadership looks like, and how it drives sound decisions. His journey provides an unprecedented entry into the corridors of power, and a remarkable lesson in what makes an effective leader.</p>
New 4-28-19	<p>Chasing Hillary: Ten Years, Two Presidential Campaigns, and One Intact Glass Ceiling by Amy Chosick</p> <p>The dishy, rollicking, and deeply personal story of what <i>really</i> happened in the 2016 election, as seen through the eyes of the <i>New York Times</i> reporter who gave eight years of her life to covering the First Woman President who wasn't. For a decade, award-winning <i>New York Times</i> journalist Amy Chosick chronicled Hillary Clinton's pursuit of the presidency.</p>
New 5-6-19	<p>War on Peace: The End of Diplomacy and the Decline of American Influence by Ronan Farrow.</p> <p>US foreign policy is undergoing a dire transformation, forever changing America's place in the world. Institutions of diplomacy and development are bleeding out after deep budget cuts; the diplomats who make America's deals and protect its citizens around the world are walking out in droves. Offices across the State Department sit empty. We're becoming a nation that shoots first and asks questions later.</p>
New 5-29-19	<p>Tailspin: The People and Forces Behind America's Fifty-Year Fall--and Those Fighting to Reverse It by Steven Brill</p> <p>From the award-winning journalist and best-selling author of <i>America's Bitter Pill</i>: a tour de force examination of 1) how and why major American institutions no longer serve us as they should, causing a deep rift between the vulnerable majority and the protected few, and 2) how some individuals and organizations are laying the foundation for real, lasting change.</p>
New 5-29-19	<p>Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations by Amy Chua</p> <p>The bestselling author of <i>Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother</i>, Yale Law School Professor Amy Chua offers a bold new prescription for reversing our foreign policy failures and overcoming our destructive political tribalism at home. Humans are tribal. We need to belong to groups. In many parts of the world, the group identities that matter most – the ones that people will kill and die for – are ethnic, religious, sectarian, or clan-based. But because America tends to see the world in terms of nation-states – we are often spectacularly blind to the power of tribal politics. This blindness has undermined American foreign policy.</p>
New 6-23-19	<p>Everybody Lies: Big Data, New Data, and What the Internet Can Tell Us About Who We Really Are by Seth Stephens-Davidowitz (Paperback)</p> <p>Blending the informed analysis of <i>The Signal and the Noise</i> with the instructive iconoclasm of <i>Think Like a Freak</i>, a fascinating, illuminating, and witty look at what the vast amounts of information now instantly available to us reveals about ourselves and our world—provided we ask the right questions.</p>
New 6-23-19	<p>The World as It Is: A Memoir of the Obama White House by Ben Rhodes</p> <p><i>"The closest view of Obama we're likely to get until he publishes his own memoir."</i></p> <p>For nearly ten years, Ben Rhodes saw almost everything that happened at the center of the Obama administration—first as a speechwriter, then as deputy national security advisor, and finally as a multipurpose aide and close collaborator. Rhodes shows what it was like to be there—from the early days of the Obama campaign to the final hours of the presidency.</p>

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<p>New 6-23-19</p>	<p>Raven Rock: The Story of the U.S. Government's Secret Plan to Save Itself--While the Rest of Us Die by Garrett M. Graff The shocking truth about the government's secret plans to survive a catastrophic attack on US soil—even if the rest of us die—is “a frightening eye-opener” (<i>Kirkus Reviews</i>) that spans the dawn of the nuclear age to today, and "contains everything one could possibly want to know". “In exploring the incredible lengths (and depths) that successive administrations have gone to in planning for the aftermath of a nuclear assault, Graff deftly weaves a tale of secrecy and paranoia” (<i>The New York Times Book Review</i>) with details "that read like they've been ripped from the pages of a pulp spy novel" (<i>Vice</i>).</p>
<p>New 7-14-19</p>	<p>Anna, Age Eight: The data-driven prevention of childhood trauma and maltreatment by Katherine Ortega Courtney PhD (Author), Dominic Cappello (Author) We are in the midst of an epidemic of childhood trauma with far-reaching effects that the public, media and lawmakers would prefer not to see. With research showing child maltreatment is substantiated for one in eight children in the US. The book suggests a series of shockingly modest yet strategic reforms, changes that can ensure that the future systems of protection in every community are better at identifying their own shortcomings and fixing them. The proven strategies proposed have the power to heal families, illustrating how we can all take courageous and compassionate steps toward designing child-friendly, trauma-free communities.</p>