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Governor Bill Richardson to open new Office of Victim's Assistance

*Gov. Richardson, Lt. Gov. Denish to swear in
Youth Alliance members*

Albuquerque - Governor Bill Richardson will officially open the Office of Victim's Assistance in Albuquerque today. The Governor and several advocates will be at the dedication ceremony, scheduled for **Noon TODAY** at the **George Maloof Building, 3401 Pan American Freeway**, in Albuquerque.

Later today, Governor Richardson and Lt. Governor Diane Denish will swear in 57 members of the New Mexico Youth Alliance. The ceremony is scheduled for **1 p.m. TODAY** at the **Albuquerque Civic Plaza, 3rd and Tijeras**.

The Youth Alliance consists of 54 youth from around New Mexico between the ages of 14 through 19 years old. The Youth Alliance was created by the 2003 legislature as a way to gather young people from across the state to work together in bringing youth issues before state government. For more information, contact: **Carlos Acosta 505-231-2094** or **Erin Ferreira 505-231-2086**.