Values Statement

- The offices within Counseling and Student Development value an atmosphere that is welcoming, inclusive, and safe for all individuals, including clients, faculty, and staff. Specifically, we value:
  - **Respect**: We value respect for others, self, and diversity amongst one another. This includes promoting healthy, non-violent communication and the physical and emotional safety and well-being of students and the overall campus community.
  - **Compassion**: We value the expression of genuine care and concern for the unique and diverse struggles, opinions, & identities of students, faculty, and staff.
  - **Affirmation**: We value affirmation of various struggles, opinions, and identities of students, faculty, and staff.
  - **Collaboration**: We value open communication and working together toward shared goals with those who receive services from us, and amongst staff in Counseling and Student Development, as well as with other departments on campus.
  - **Community**: We value the advancement of meaningful connection, and continually strive to engage honestly and authentically in our relationships with students, departments, and the community as a whole. We work towards building a healthy, vibrant, and empowered NMSU community.
  - **Social Justice**: We value serving as advocates for clients and underserved communities, and providing information about campus and community resources. This also includes the empowerment of one another. One aspect of empowerment is assisting students, faculty, and staff in meeting their basic needs. Empowerment also refers to offering students, faculty, and staff information, context, and support to enable them to optimally navigate their life circumstances to assist in achieving academic and personal goals.
  - **Diversity**: We value a vibrant and multicultural NMSU community, including students, faculty, and staff representing multiple identities, backgrounds, and worldviews.