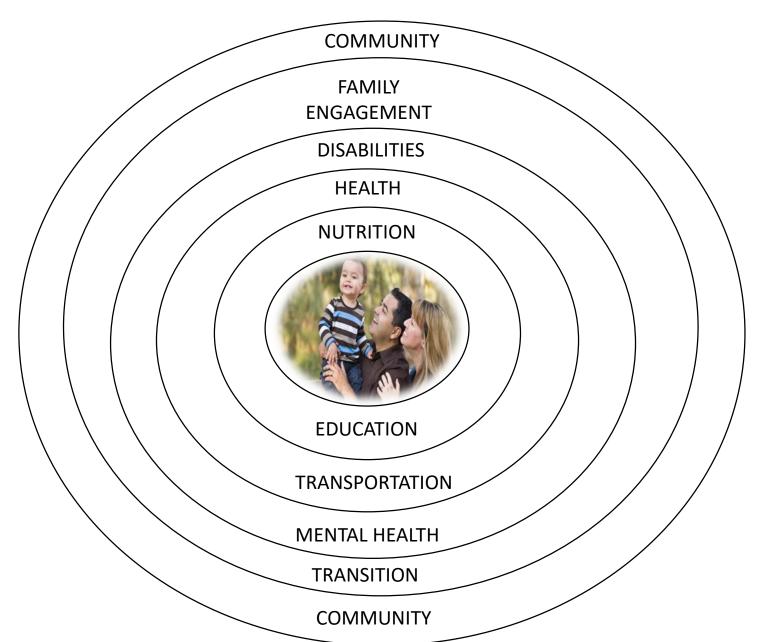
Head Start – History & Model

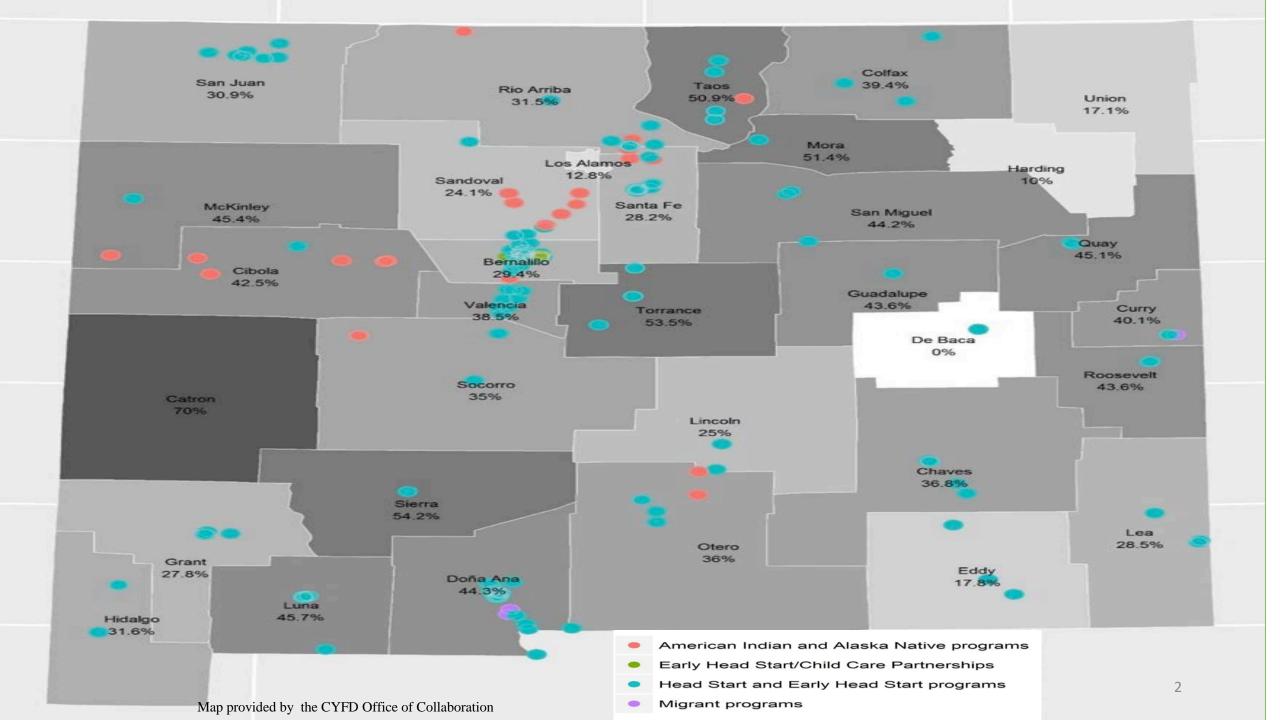
History of Head Start

- Head Start was created in 1965 War on Poverty.
- Genius Design

NM Head Start Landscape

- Number of Head Start Programs Early Head Start Programs
- New Mexico Head Start & Early Head Start funded enrollment
- NM Tribal Head Start enrollment numbers
- Workforce of Head Start/Early Head Start jobs in New Mexico.





Creating a Early Learning Community

- Leadership from within
 - Governance
- Voice
 - Inclusion
 - Strength Based Family Support
 - Family Goals
- Restorative development
 - Family Economic Development
 - Training in Early Child Development

Creating a Early Learning Community

- Workforce Development
 - Head Start is highly encouraged to hire Head Start parents.
 - 44% of the nearly 350 YDI Early Childhood Division employees are former or current Head Start and Early Head Start Parents.
 - Degreed teachers infant/toddler/pre-school development are required.
- Language appreciation, engagement & preservation
 - 50/50 dual language model
 - Cultural competency and sensitivity

Creating a Early Learning Community

- Multi-generational engagement
 - Grandparents raising grand children
 - Grandparent support service vary
- Community resources and partnerships
 - Early Head Start Child Care Partners
- Relationships
 - Are critical in creating an effective early learning community

Successful Strategies and Accountability Systems

- Community Focus
- Family Engagement
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) & State of NM FOCUS Accreditation
- Head Start Federal Review Process
- Albuquerque Public School Study and Program Evaluation
 - 6000 children were studied
 - Long-term study from pre-school to 8th grade that compared like children demographics.
 - Attendance
 - Academic Achievement
 - Grade Level Retention
 - Special Education Placement
 - Behavioral Referrals
- Annual Program Information Report

Future Opportunities

- Multi-pathways for children
 - Blended funding opportunities
 - Use Federal funding first
- NM State Early Learning Guidelines
- Head Start Collaboration Office
- Classroom Learning Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)
- Alignment of Quality and Safety Standards
 - Performance Standards, Environmental Inspection Department (EID), State Childcare Licensing, Fire Marshall

- Workforce Development
 - Credit for prior learning & experience
 - Shared training opportunities
 - High school courses that can lead to the attainment of a degree.
- Data driven decision making
 - Understand the underserved need by reviewing and analyzing data.
 - Data sharing for planned services and enhanced outcomes.
 - Encourage local program design based on community, cultural & linguistic strengths

If you would like to visit any of the YDI Head Start centers please contact me Dbaca@ydinm.org

Thank you!