

Federal Funding for Early Childhood Programs and Services in New Mexico

Legislative Finance Committee: May 21, 2021



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Vision and Mission of ECECD

Vision: All New Mexico families and young children are thriving

Mission: Optimize the health, development, education and wellbeing of babies, toddlers, and preschoolers through high-quality, community-based and family-driven early childhood programs and services

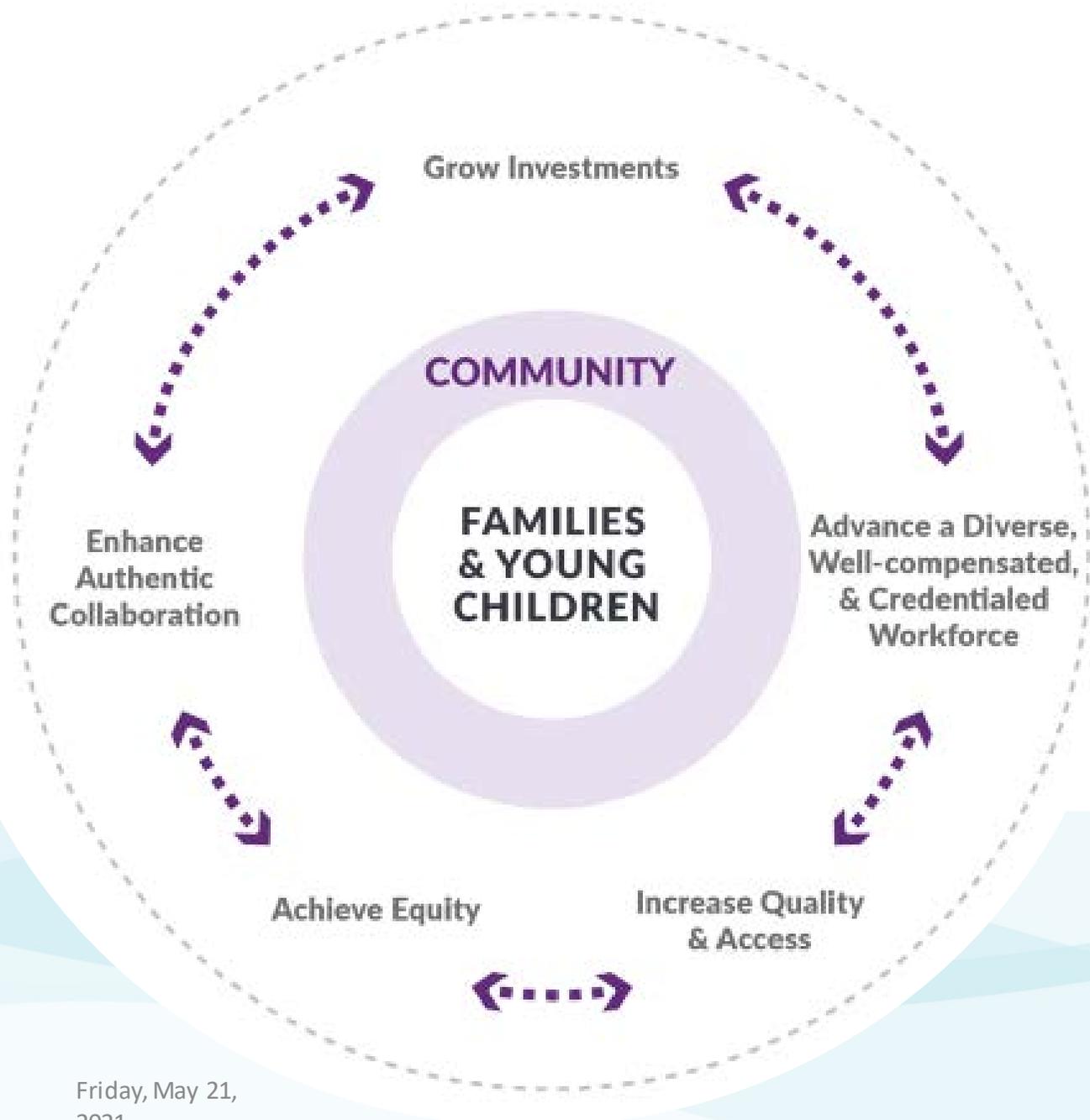


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Five Strategic Priorities

- Grow Investments
- Advanced a Diverse, Well Compensated, and Credentialed Workforce
- Increase Quality and Access
- Achieve Equity
- Enhance Authentic Collaboration



Early Childhood Landscape

Early Childhood Education: An industry on the edge

- Pre-pandemic, the child care industry was already struggling
- The public health emergency threatened to push child care providers over the edge.
- ECECD needed to take swift and decisive action to save the early childhood education and care industry that undergirds our economy.



Child Care Landscape At-A-Glance

| Licensed Centers | | Capacity |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Total Pre-Pandemic | 710 | 56,885 |
| Current Total | 599 | 49,527 |
| Pandemic Losses | -20.45% | -7,358 |

| Registered Homes | | Capacity |
|--------------------|--------|----------|
| Total Pre-Pandemic | 1,544 | 9,264 |
| Current Total | 1,400 | 8,496 |
| Pandemic Losses | -9.33% | -768 |

| Licensed Homes | | Capacity |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Total Pre-Pandemic (Family and Group) | 235 | 2,217 |
| Current Total (Family and Group) | 221 | 2,069 |
| Pandemic Losses (Family and Group) | -5.96% | -148 |

| Family Homes | | Capacity |
|--------------------|--------|----------|
| Total Pre-Pandemic | 92 | 536 |
| Current Total | 90 | 521 |
| Pandemic Losses | -2.17% | -15 |

| Group Homes | | Capacity |
|--------------------|--------|----------|
| Total Pre-Pandemic | 143 | 1,681 |
| Current Total | 131 | 1,548 |
| Pandemic Losses | -8.39% | -133 |

- **Feb. 2020: 19,694 approximately children receiving child care assistance**
- **April 2021: approximately 12,782 children receiving child care assistance**

Child Care Capacity Gaps in New Mexico

- The estimated child care capacity shortfall in New Mexico is **23,042 licensed slots**
- **60 percent of New Mexico children** have all available parents in the workforce
- There is only enough licensed child care for **86 percent of children under six** with both parents working
- 14 of New Mexico's 33 counties would be classified as **child care deserts**. (21 percent of total population)
- There are only enough licensed child care slots for just over **50 percent of infants and toddlers** with all available parents in the labor force



SOURCES:

Center for American Progress April 2020

The New Mexico Child Care Gap Assessment, Bipartisan Policy Center 2020



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Families and Children

Total Families in New Mexico

162,623

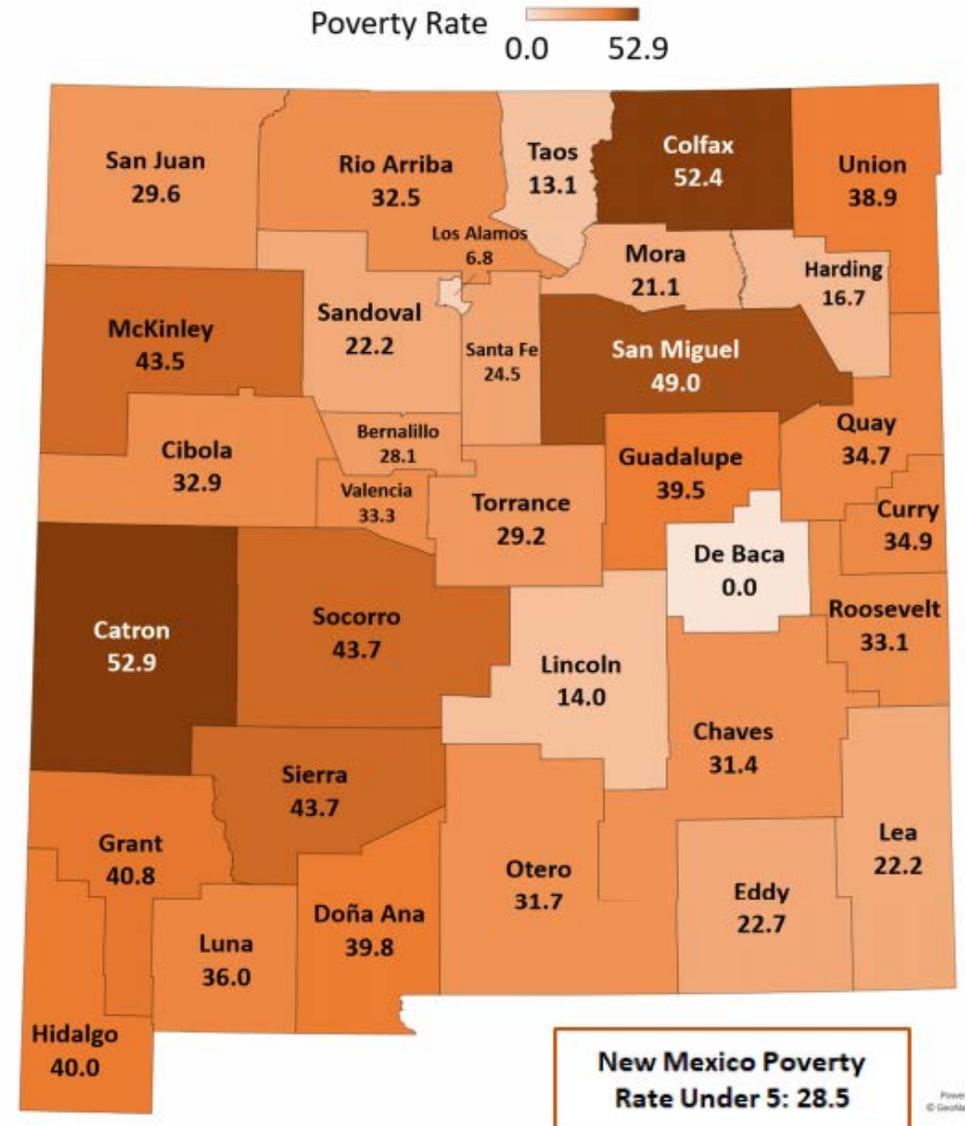
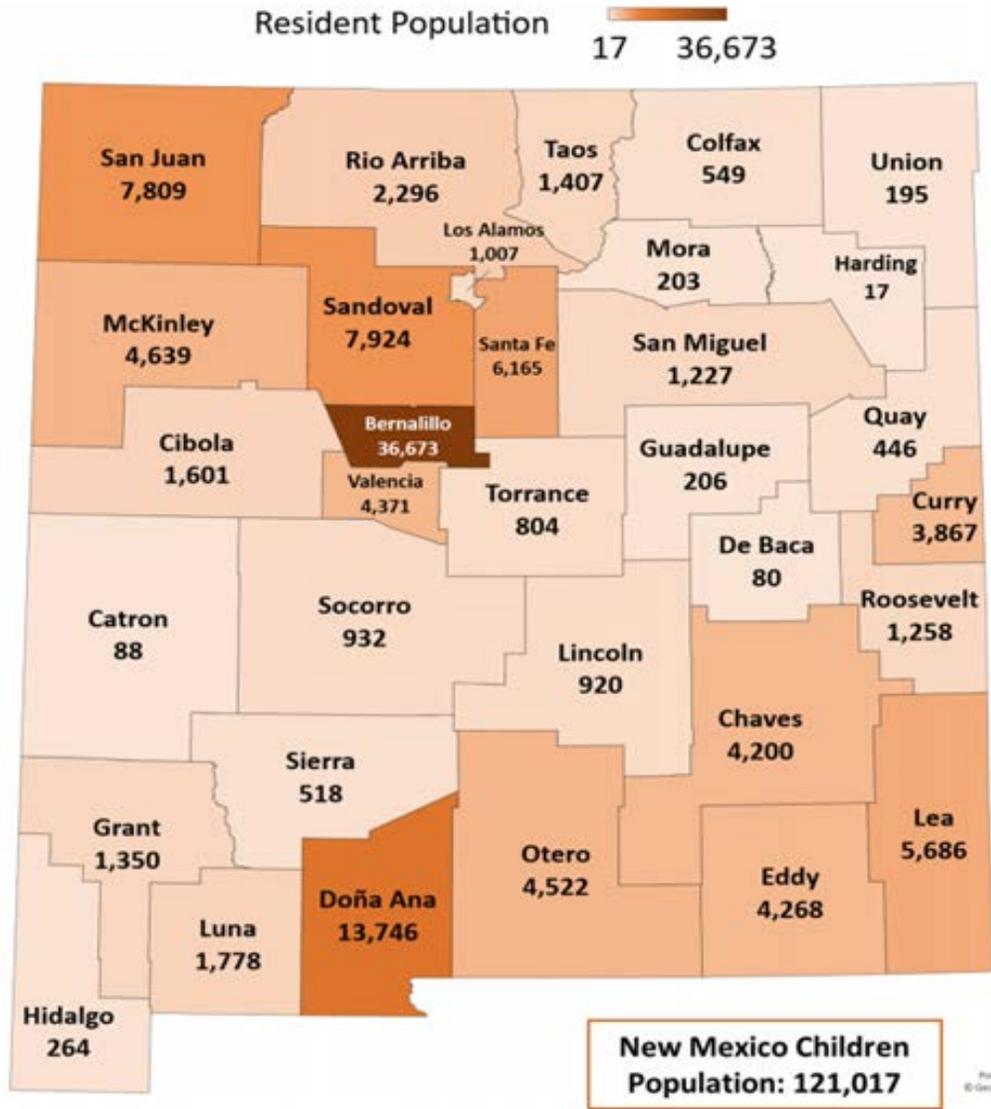
Families Living at or Below 200 Percent
of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

53,665 (33%)

| | Children Birth to Age 5 | Living at or Below 100 Percent of FPL |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Hispanic: | 72,793 | 31.3% |
| Native American: | 13,048 | 40.3% |
| Black/African-American: | 1,063 | 37.1% |
| Asian: | 1,310 | Not available |
| Caucasian: | 28,640 | 17.2% |
| Two or More Races: | 9,211 | 32.3% |
| Other: | 6,575 | 27.4% |
| TOTAL: | 116,978 | 28.9% |

Sources: US Census ACS, 1 year data from 2019, Table S1702; and PRB analysis of ACS data

Sources: US Census ACS, 1 year data from 2017-2019, Tables B01001 (B-I) and B17001 (B)



SOURCE: NMHSD 2021 Data Book

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Federal COVID Relief Funding

Build Back Better - Federal Stimulus

| FEDERAL FUNDING | TOTAL FUNDING | OBLIGATION DEADLINE | LIQUIDATION DEADLINE |
|--|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| CARES Act from the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) | \$29.4 million | Sept. 30, 2022 | Sept. 2023 |
| Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) | \$4.6 million | May 20, 2020 | May 20, 2021 |
| Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) | \$82 million | Sept. 30, 2022 | Sept. 30, 2023 |
| American Rescue Plan - CCDBG | \$123 million | Sept. 30 2023 | Sept. 30 2024 |
| American Rescue Plan Child Care Stabilization | \$197 million | Sept. 30, 2022 | Sept. 30, 2023 |
| Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) | \$368,324 | Sept. 30 2023 | TBA |
| Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers (Part C) | \$1,226,000 | TBA | TBA |

CARES Expenditures and Encumbrances

| Priority | Percent of Funding | Amount of Funding | Timing of Distribution | Individual/Program Benefits |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Child Care for First Responders | 8% | \$2,300,000.00 | March-June | 1,100 Children Served |
| Differential Pay (\$250) | 29% | \$8,467,741.00 | March and April | 17,441 Children Served |
| Incentive Pay for EC Educators | 24% | \$7,177,960.30 | April, May, June | 3,000 EC Professionals/month |
| Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Grants | 19% | \$5,467,515.50 | September | 489 child care child businesses |
| Customer Service Call Center | 5% | \$1,600,000.00 | FY21 | Process child care assistance applications |
| Health and Safety Mini Grant; Testing Support | 9% | \$2,625,239.99 | FY21 | Technical assistance, resources and support, and mini grants |
| Health and Safety Supplies | 1% | \$171,350.00 | Ongoing | 2,200 child care facilities |
| TOTAL | 95% | \$27,809,806.79 | | |

GEERS Expenditures

| Priority | Amount of Funding | Timing of Distribution | Individual/Program Benefits |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| Programming for NM PreK | 3,229,906 | Jan 2021 – May 2021 | Total 1296 children served in Summer Jumpstart. 1,247 children served in the 128-hours, 29 children in a tribal program and 20 children in a 64-hour option. |
| Home Learning Support | 722,627 | Jan 2021 – May 2021 | Online learning programs through Waterford UPSTART and training for professionals on Brazelton Touchpoints. |
| Social-Emotional Support | \$722,627 | Jan 2021 – May 2021 | Professional Development to PreK and Head Start Staff |

New Mexico CRSSA Plan

| ECECD Strategic Priorities | Amount of Funding | Percent of Funding |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Advance a Diverse, Well-compensated and Credentialed Workforce | \$16,220,000 | 20% |
| Increase Access and Quality | \$30,200,000 | 36% |
| Achieve Equity | \$17,200,000 | 21% |
| Enhance Authentic Collaboration | \$5,400,000 | 7% |
| Infrastructure Support for all Priorities | \$3,138,393 | 4% |
| HB2 swapped \$10 million in CRSSA for \$10 million in TANF | \$10,000,000 | 12% |
| TOTAL | \$82,158,393 | 100% |

American Rescue Plan Fund

ECECD will allocate ARP funds in alignment with our strategic priorities

| American Rescue Plan Relief Funds | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Expanded Child Care Assistance | \$123,219,275 |
| Child Care Stabilization Funds | \$197,076,860 |
| TOTAL | \$320,296,135 |

More information about the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department—

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