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October 12, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Legislative Education Study Committee

**FR:** Travis Dulany

**RE: STAFF REPORT: REVIEW OF HB 603a (2011), *CHILD CARE REGISTRY***

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**Introduction**

House Bill 603a (HB 603a), *Child Care Registry*, was introduced during the 2011 regular legislative session; however, the bill did not pass. Among its provisions, the legislation would have required the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to develop and maintain a statewide database to be available on the department's website that would track early childhood educators who are employed by child-care centers that participate in state or federal child-care assistance programs or participate in state or federal child-care assistant programs as licensed family child-care providers.

Among the information to be gathered, the database would have published:

- the early childhood educator's name;
- the employing child-care center's name;
- whether the early childhood educator has fulfilled the required 45 hour class and the required 24 hours of on-site training;
- the early childhood educator's status;
- the number of professional development or relevant training hours accrued by the early childhood educator in the current calendar year; and
- the number of years that the early childhood educator has provided child-care.

According to the CYFD bill analysis, the department that suggested it would need to expand its current Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) service in order to comply with the requirements of HB 603a, if it had been enacted.

This staff report outlines:

- the current configuration of the CCR&R service; and
- the potential expansion of the CCR&R service.

### **The Current Configuration of the CCR&R Service**

According to CYFD, the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) requires recipients to provide a child-care resource and referral service, which the department offers through a contract with the University of New Mexico (UNM) for a website known as New Mexico Kids ([www.newmexicokids.org](http://www.newmexicokids.org)). Attachment 1 shows the general information provided by the database for a general search for child-care referrals in Santa Fe. Attachment 2 shows an example of additional information provided for a particular center in the database, selected at random, which may include:

- the name of the program or center;
- the name of the contact person, which is usually the site director or owner;
- the program or center's phone number;
- major cross streets;
- the child-care program or center's hours of operation;
- the child-care program or center's *Look for the Stars* rating;
- ages of children for which the child-care program or center offers services;
- if available, current openings;
- fees and other charges;
- if meals and/or snacks are served;
- other specific information, such as specializations, if the program or center has a certain religious teaching, or if the program or center offers potty training.

Along with the CCR&R service, the New Mexico Kids website also provides:

- *Look for the Stars for Caregivers and Educators*, a rating system for licensed child-care centers and licensed family child-care homes;
- child-care regulations and statutes;
- professional development resources for child-care centers and employees; and
- guidance for parents and guardians seeking child-care.

According to the current contract between CYFD and UNM, the CCR&R budgeted amount totals \$120,000 for FY 12. The breakdown of budgeted costs to provide the service is below:

Personnel Services and Employee Benefits	\$96,665
Contractual Services	\$6,000
Other- Supplies	\$119
Other Operating Costs (Tent & Telecommunications)	\$10,960
Administrative Overhead (5.5%)	\$6,256
<b>Total Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>

### **The Potential Expansion of the CCR&R Service**

According to New Mexico Kids administrators at UNM, the CCR&R service is supported by a product called NACCRAware, which is the software and data hosting service from the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRA). According to UNM Continuing Education personnel, the expansion of CCR&R to incorporate the data fields mandated in HB 603a would be possible through one of two alterations to the current system:

1. *An amendment to the NACCRAware licensing agreement:* Under this option, UNM Continuing Education would purchase additional software and data hosting support from NACCRAware, including increased digital storage space and an application or terminal for licensed and registered child-care centers to enter individual child-care employee information; or
2. *An internally-built child-care registry system:* UNM staff estimate that, under adequate staffing conditions, this option would require at least six to nine months to complete.

Under either option, according to UNM staff, several additional components would need to be in place in order to implement the requirements under HB 603a:

- requirements for licensed and registered child-care centers to self-report the information mandated in HB 603a to New Mexico Kids based on a defined reporting schedule. Because the annual turnover rate for child-care workers in New Mexico can range from 20 to 40 percent, the child-care centers would need to submit information about their employees to New Mexico Kids at least annually in order to ensure accuracy;
- an initial appropriation to purchase, expand, or create additional software mentioned in the two potential options above; and
- additional recurring funding to CYFD in order to fund additional staff to maintain the expanded system.

Cost estimates for either option are not immediately available, but will be provided by presenters from UNM Continuing Education at the meeting.

## Search for Child Care

If you have any questions, please send an email to [virmont1@unmedu](mailto:virmont1@unmedu) or call (505) 277-7900 in the Albuquerque area or 1-800-691-9067 statewide.

Please click on these links for additional help in selecting a child care provider.

[New Mexico Kids Child Care Resource & Referral Parent Letter](#)

[New Mexico Kids Child Care Resource & Referral Program Checklist](#)

[Video vignettes from parents advocating for CCR&R](#)

### Search Results

If you are receiving duplicate results, please contact our office for further assistance and helpful tips.

Programs with a \* may have special requirements to attend.

(FCCH) indicates that the provider is a family child care provider.

(SS) indicates that the provider is a Spanish Speaker and (SSB) indicates that they speak Spanish but are fully bilingual.

**Incomplete Info** indicates that only a limited amount of information was obtained through CYFD Licensing. New Mexico Kids has attempted to contact the provider but has not received a response so the information is incomplete.

[Parents: Tell us about your experience \(a quick, anonymous survey\).](#)

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Last Name	Business Name	Street	City	Zip	Area Code	Phone	Quality Indicators	Website	Details
Hurtig-crosby	La Casita Pre School	438 Alamo Drive	Santa Fe	87501	505	983-2803	STAR LEVEL 5	<a href="http://www.lacasita.edu">http://www.lacasita.edu</a>	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Williams	First Presbyterian Pre School	208 Grant Ave	Santa Fe	87501	505	982-8919	STAR LEVEL 3		<a href="#">More Info</a>
Trujillo	PMS Headstart-La Comde los Ninos	1121 Alto St.	Santa Fe	87501	505	820-1604	STAR LEVEL 3	<a href="http://www.pms-inc.org">http://www.pms-inc.org</a>	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Goats	Santa Fe Children's Project Early	430 La Madera St.	Santa Fe	87501	505	467-4550	STAR LEVEL 3	<a href="http://uwsfc.org">http://uwsfc.org</a>	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Wickstrom	PMS Headstart - Amanecer Early	1320 Agua Fria	Santa Fe	87501	505	988-5893	STAR LEVEL 2		<a href="#">More Info</a>
Romero	Rising Star Learning	1425 Agua Fria St.	Santa Fe	87501	505	983-8366	STAR LEVEL 2		<a href="#">More Info</a>

Abeyta	Center (FCCH) Kid Care	Paseo de la Conquistadora	Santa Fe	87501 505	988- 5452	STAR LEVEL 2		<a href="#">More Info</a>
Cabazos	Santa Fe Boys & Girls Club	730 Alto St	Santa Fe	87501 505	983- 6632	STAR LEVEL 2	<a href="http://www.santafebgc.com">http://www.santafebgc.com</a>	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Woodward	Dragonfly School	935 Alto St	Santa Fe	87501 505	995- 9869	STAR LEVEL 1	<a href="http://www.dragonflyschool.com">http://www.dragonflyschool.com</a>	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Torres	(FCCH) Torres Daycare	Calle Navidad	Santa Fe	87501 505	438- 2037	STAR LEVEL 1		<a href="#">More Info</a>

To see more information on the provider, click on "More Info".

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We cannot guarantee the quality of the child care providers in our database and urge parents/guardians to carefully interview and check references before leaving a child in care. The Office of Child Development, the State of New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department, the University of New Mexico, and the NMKids CCR&R are not responsible for inaccuracies in either the data contained in or disseminated from the referral database, nor are they responsible for action taken in reference to information provided from the referral database. The above agencies are also not responsible for finding, securing, or insuring continued care for children.

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<b>First Name</b>	Paige	<b>Last Name</b>	Hurtig-crosby
<b>Business Name</b>	La Casita Pre School		
<b>Cross Streets</b>	St. Francis & Alamo		
<b>City</b>	Santa Fe	<b>Zip</b>	87501
<b>Phone</b>	983-2803		
<b>Full/Part Time Care</b>	Both		
<b>Age Range For Care Search</b>	2 years to 5 years 11 months 3 weeks		
<b>24-Hour</b>	No	<b>Drop In</b>	No
<b>Before School</b>	No	<b>After School</b>	Yes
<b>Days &amp; Hours</b>			

### Day

Day	Start Time	End Time
Monday	8:30 AM	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM	5:30 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM	5:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM	5:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM	5:30 PM
Saturday		
Sunday		

<b>Accreditation</b>	NAEYC
<b>Quality Indicators</b>	STAR LEVEL 5

<b>License Type</b>	Licensed Center	
<b>Education</b>	Bachelor's Degree	
<b>Transportation</b>	Transportation Not Provided	<b>Elementary Schools</b>
<b>Special Skills</b>	Program has strong commitment to inclusion	

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