

J PAUL TAYLOR TASKFORCE 2015 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

I. PROPOSED BILLS FOR SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

- HSD to build infrastructure to increase utilization of and compliance with EPSDT and incorporate Adverse Childhood Experiences screening. Establish a reimbursement structure for treatment needs based on pediatric medical necessity without requirement of an SED diagnosis of infants and young children. Require that EPSDT screens with incorporation of ACEs be administered to children on a regular basis.
- Establish a Differential Response System to be applied in low and moderate risk cases of child abuse and neglect.
- **Access to Early Intervention Services:** Establish billing codes and reimbursement structure to allow providers to bill for wraparound services for at risk families and children. Eliminate the requirement of a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) for infants and young children. Reinstate FIT services to children identified as being at risk to the same level as other FIT services. Expand home visitation and give *priority* to providing services to identified high-risk children and families, including families with histories of child abuse or neglect and families that have been involved with the child protection system.
- Establish a permanent early childhood data collection entity to coordinate, align and analyze early childhood data collection and reporting; and assure access for researchers monitoring early childhood outcomes to create evidence based local programs and for program administrators working on replication and sustainability of service models; and project trends and service system needs

II. POLICY BILL FOR NM EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

III. MEMORIAL TO CONTINUE JPT TASKFORCE FOR YEAR 3 -

Continue the task force for another year for its work in improving collaboration among stakeholders and to support the implementation and sustainability of the projected system including developing reimbursement and billing code modifications and data collection for program evaluation. Recommend best practice for trauma informed community service and state delivery system. Establish recommendations for a workforce development training plan to sustain the infant and early childhood mental health plan