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The Honorable Susana Martinez
Governor of the State of New Mexico
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Ms. Frances Ramirez-Maestas, Director
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Dear Governor Martinez, Mr. Abbey, and Ms. Ramirez-Maestas:

I am pleased to provide you with the *New Mexico PreK Program Annual Report for School Year 2012-2013*. This Annual Report fulfills the Children, Youth and Families Department's and the Public Education Department's responsibility under the statutory requirement of the New Mexico Pre-Kindergarten Education Act:

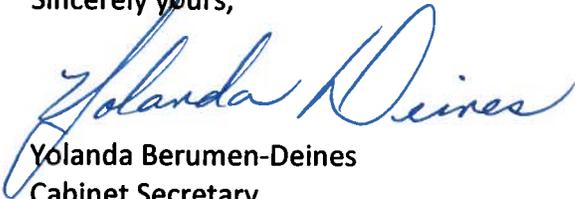
32-A-23-4. NMSA 1978. Voluntary pre-kindergarten; interagency cooperation; contracts; contract monitoring; research (2005)

- A. The children, youth and families department and the public education department shall cooperate in the development and implementation of a voluntary program for the provision of pre-kindergarten services throughout the state.
- D. The departments shall provide an annual report to the governor and the legislature on the progress of the state's voluntary pre-kindergarten program.

This Report illustrates the benefits of a mixed-delivery system using both community and public school providers. It also illustrates progress being made to ensure that NM PreK services are being provided within the Early Childhood Investment Zones, identified through the analysis of socio-ecological and academic risk data in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Health.

The Children, Youth and Families Department looks forward to continuing our collaboration with the Public Education Department to support increased child outcomes across the early childhood years of birth through age eight. Using a common set of high standards while targeting areas of high need ensures the efficient and effective delivery of NM PreK and other early childhood care and education services.

Sincerely yours,



Yolanda Berumen-Deines
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Children, Youth and Families Department