

### Who Is the Early Childhood Action Network:

The Early Childhood Action Network is a broad-based policy advisory committee of diverse stakeholders established at the invitation of the LI Governor. It's members includes families, early childhood experts from health, early learning education, child development, business, media and key state agency staff. This group has been developing a New Mexico Early Childhood Strategic Plan and Action Agenda since the Spring of 2004 with funding from Federal State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant (Maternal Child Health Bureau, HRSA, DHHS). For full strategic plan and other policy documents please consult [www.earlychildhoodnm.com](http://www.earlychildhoodnm.com).

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# Early Childhood Action Network Investment Agenda

## Kids And Families First

### Investing in New Mexico's Economic Future: Our Children and Families

There are few economic development strategies that yield higher returns on investment than early childhood development programs. This is because the most formative and crucial years in the development of a human being are from the womb to the kindergarten classroom. It has been shown that disparities in a young child's access to positive and nurturing experiences in their families and communities by age six accounts for a significant educational gap at age 18. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis researchers have identified that investing in early childhood programs produces an annual rate of return of 16% of which 80% accrues to the general public. New Mexico's investment choices show up in our national rankings. New Mexico has fallen in ranking from 46th in the nation to 48th in indicators of child well-being. It is time that New Mexico policy makers make better investment choices so that New Mexico will both advance in economic productivity as well as be a wonderful state in which to raise children.

**Currently in New Mexico, we are expending 21% of our state budget on the cost of bad results: higher cost for special education services, school failure, incarceration, welfare costs and lack of a well-educated work force**

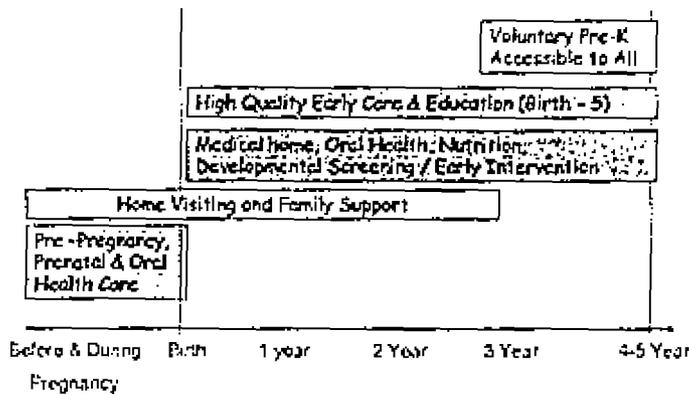
### An Early Childhood System For New Mexico's Young Children and Families

To make a difference in indicators of child well-being, it will take a comprehensive and well coordinated long term policy agenda and investment to make a difference or, in economic terms, a diversified early childhood investment portfolio. Silver bullet-single solutions will not be sufficient to make a measurable impact on child well-being. New Mexico needs to invest in an early childhood system that is high quality and effective to realize a return on investment. Such a system has the

**Recent research shows that high quality early childhood intervention programs yield benefits in academic achievement, behavior, educational progression and attainment, labor market success**

following characteristics: 1) Family engagement; 2) Well-trained early childhood personnel; 3) Small child to staff ratios; 4) Services with high saturation and intensity; 5) High degree of connection between the various early childhood services: Example: home visiting services well connected with medical home, child development services and early learning services. The agenda that follows moves New Mexico in the right direction.

### A Vision for Early Childhood System in New Mexico



**Families involved in decision-making results in effective services for all New Mexico.**

**The critical ingredients of a comprehensive early childhood system for young children and their families to achieve success are listed in Figure 1. These critical interventions can be considered as New Mexico's investment portfolio for the future well-being of the state.**

**Family Involvement is the Foundation of The Early Childhood System**

## **FY 2008 – FY 2012 Policy Recommendations**

### **Early Childhood Action Network**

The 2008 – 2012 Policy Recommendations identify key early childhood investments that are targeted to ensuring that every child has access to what it will take to improve their well-being: involved families, health insurance, medical home, home visiting, early care and education as well as early intervention services. It will take a coordinated investment approach to make a measurable difference in indicators of early childhood. We can learn from one area where we have a demonstrated track record in vastly improving child well-being. A \$21 million investment was made (\$18 million Federal, \$1.8 SGF and \$1 HMOs) in FY 2005 to improve the rate of childhood immunizations. By getting serious about improving immunization rates, we have gone from 65% of children between 19 and 35 months being immunized to 81%. Of all well-being indicators for young children, this is the only indicator where New Mexico exceeds the national rate.

## **FY 2008 – 2012 Policy Recommendations**

### **1. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

- 1.1 An Organized Statewide Family Policy Partnership
- 1.2 Early Childhood Public Awareness and Promotion Campaign

### **2. HEALTH:**

- 2.1 Voluntary Universal Home Visiting
- 2.2 Prenatal, Pre-Pregnancy, and Dental Services
- 2.3 Medicaid Funding and Increased Access
- 2.4 Quality Initiatives to Improve Developmental Care in ALL Early Childhood Settings
- 2.5 Early Intervention Service System
- 2.6 Infant Mental Health

### **3. QUALITY EARLY LEARNING**

- 3.1 Child Care Assistance
- 3.2 Initiatives to Improve Quality in ALL Learning Settings
  - 3.2.a. Training and Technical Assistance Programs (TTAPs)
  - 3.2.b. T.E.A.C.H. New Mexico
  - 3.2.d. Other Quality Initiatives
- 3.3 New Mexico Pre-K



## Early Childhood Action Network: 2008 Policy Recommendations Summary

	FY 2008 Budget Suggestions	Why is This Investment Important to New Mexico's Future?
<b>FAMILY INVOLVEMENT: Parents and families are engaged as partners in designing the services, supports and education they need to do the hard work of raising New Mexico's children</b>		
• <i>An Organized Statewide Family Policy Partnership</i>	\$500,000*	Develop a formal mechanism like the Youth Alliance for families to partner with policy leaders to have an organized voice in the state policies and programs that impact them.
• <i>Early Childhood Public Awareness and Promotion Campaign</i>	\$400,000*	Develop an on-going parenting education and media campaign to provide early childhood information to families and to the general public to increase awareness of the needs and development of young children.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	
<b>HEALTH: All New Mexico's young children will be physically and mentally healthy, have a high quality medical home and all developmental issues will be addressed prior to kindergarten.</b>		
• <i>Prenatal, Pre-Pregnancy, and Dental Services</i>	\$950,000*	Implement a pilot family support program in five underserved communities. Provide pre-pregnancy, pregnancy and dental services.
• <i>Medicaid Funding and Increased Access</i>	Support Governor's Request	Support full funding to maintain current Medicaid programs. Expand Medicaid coverage to adults up to 100% of FPL. Expand outreach to eligible children and families. Simplify Medicaid Application Process.
• <i>Voluntary Universal Home Visiting</i>	\$6.5 million+	Phase in a statewide system of voluntary universal home visiting for families with newborns and young children. Home visiting reduces child injury and abuse, reduces substance abuse, improves family well-being, and school readiness. Build on existing programs such as Families First.
• <i>Quality Initiatives to Improve Developmental Care in ALL Early Childhood Settings</i>	\$500,000*	Improve developmental screening, referral and early intervention services to ensure that all developmental concerns are addressed prior to kindergarten. (\$100,000 for quality improvement in medical homes; \$400,000 for community pilots to that links all early childhood services into a system of care).
• <i>Early Intervention System</i>	\$ 4.3 million+	Assure capacity to respond to demands for early intervention services through the Family Infant Toddler Program.
• <i>Infant Mental Health</i>	\$500,000*	Train early childhood providers in new infant mental health practices.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12.75 Million</b>	
<b>QUALITY EARLY LEARNING: All New Mexico's children will have access to high quality early learning and care system that meets the needs of working families.</b>		
• <i>Child Care Assistance</i>	\$ 10 million+	Ensure that low income families achieve economic self-sufficiency through work and high quality child care assistance. Expand child care assistance to 200% of poverty; develop a plan for ensuring gradual transition off child care assistance and reward programs for quality improvements with higher reimbursement rates.
<b>Initiatives to Improve Quality in ALL Early Learning Settings:</b>		
• <i>Training and Technical Assistance Programs (TTAPs)</i>	\$ 2 Million+	Ensure that all young children and families in New Mexico have access to five- star early care and education programs. Fund TTAPs to support achievement of AIM HIGH quality standards for early childhood programs, out-of-school time programs, and family homes statewide.
• <i>T.E.A.C.H. NEW MEXICO</i>	\$2 Million+	Ensure that all New Mexico children will have access to highly qualified early childhood educators in child care and early learning settings. Provide scholarships to early childhood educators to improve their early childhood practice and provide increased compensation commensurate with increased educational achievement.
• <i>Other Quality Initiatives</i>	\$4.2 Million+	Support Quality Initiatives in NM including Child Development Grants to Early Childhood Programs (1.6 Million); Grants for Extended-Day Head Start Programs (1.6 Million); Head Start Type Grants to Community Based Programs (.5 Million) and Inclusive Child Care Grants (.5 Million).
• <i>New Mexico Pre-K</i>	Support Governor's Request	Continue the phase-in of Pre-kindergarten until it is available in all New Mexico communities
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18.2 Million</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31.85 Million</b>	Plus governor's request for NM Pre-K & Medicaid

Note: \* New Program, New Dollars; +increased dollars over FY 2007

FY 2008 – FY 2012 Policy Recommendations

<b>FAMILY SUPPORT &amp; FAMILY INVOLVEMENT</b>						
<i>RECOMMENDATIONS requiring \$\$</i>	<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010</i>	<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>WHAT WILL THIS INVESTMENT DO?</i>
1.1 An Organized Statewide Family Policy Partnership	\$500,000 New Dollars	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	Develop a formal mechanism like the Youth Alliance for families to partner with policy leaders to have an organized voice in the state policies and programs that impact them.
1.2 Early Childhood Public Awareness and Promotion Campaign	\$400,000 New Dollars	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	Develop an on-going public promotion and wide-scale media campaign to provide early childhood information to families and to the general public to increase the awareness of the needs and development of young children.  Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invest in social marketing including developing common messaging to increase public awareness and promote knowledge on early childhood.</li> <li>- Support existing systems such as the 1-800 Baby Net line to assure that once families have information, they have a way to find answers to their questions or obtain assistance.</li> </ul>
<i>Low Cost or No Cost Recommendations</i>	<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010</i>	<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>WHAT WILL THIS REC DO?</i>
► Increase representation of an additional two Medicaid families on the Medicaid Advisory Committee.						Ensure adequate representation of families who are consumers of Medicaid to assist Medicaid to develop policies that support more effective family utilization of Medicaid
► Pool resources currently spent on producing public promotion materials. Maximize current resources used for public promotion.						Many existing early childhood programs produce public promotion materials. Use existing resources such as the Ad Council.

FY 2008 – FY 2012 Policy Recommendations

**HEALTH:** All New Mexico's young children will be physically and mentally healthy, have a high quality medical home and all developmental issues will be addressed prior to kindergarten.

<i>Low Cost or No Cost Recommendations</i>	<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010</i>	<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>WHAT WILL THIS RECOMMENDATION DO?</i>
<p>▶ Support the study to design a comprehensive health system in New Mexico.</p> <p>▶ Ensure that the range of early childhood preventive health services are included in the study. Assure early childhood representation on the task force that is being formed.</p>	No Cost / Low Cost					<p>Develop a plan for a comprehensive health system that addresses the health care needs of families with young children.</p> <p>The study is taking place. ECAN will track progress.</p>
<p>▶ End the auto-closure policy.</p>	No Cost / Low Cost					<p>Ensure continuity of health care coverage for all children. Currently there is no grace period and no recertification; eligibility is automatically cut-off without warning.</p> <p>Additionally, all children should include grandchildren who are being raised by their grandparents. There are barriers to grandparents enrolling their grandchildren. For example, grandparents cannot obtain birth certificates, a requirement for enrollment.</p>
<p>▶ EPSDT policy should require comprehensive screening including social and emotional development and screening for maternal depression.</p>	No Cost / Low Cost					<p>Addressing maternal depression promptly has been shown to improve maternal/infant attachment and improved social emotional development.</p>
<p>▶ EPSDT policy should be changed to require use of validated screening tools to screen for developmental conditions in medical offices as part of well-child checks.</p>	No Cost / Low Cost					<p>Ensure all developmental conditions in young children are detected and addressed as early as possible</p>

FY 2008 – FY 2012 Policy Recommendations

**HEALTH continued.....**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS requiring \$\$</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>WHAT WILL THIS INVESTMENT DO?</b>
2.1 Voluntary Universal Home Visiting	<i>Phase in services to 10% of all births. (2,700 new births/year at \$2,500/ family.</i>  \$6.5 million	<i>Phase in Services to 25% of all births. (6,750 new births/year at \$2,500/ family</i> \$16.8 million	<i>Phase in Services to 25% of all births.</i>  \$16.8 million	<i>Phase in Services to 25% of all births.</i>  \$16.8 million	\$68 million total by 2012	Develop a plan for statewide home visiting system which includes ensuring that research based approaches are used to ensure program effectiveness and positive changes in 5 children's cabinet outcomes. The system should build upon existing programs. Utilize the already existing infrastructure established through Families First to maximize Medicaid funding for home visiting throughout the state.
2.2 Prenatal, Pre-Pregnancy and Dental Services	\$950,000 New Dollars	\$950,000	Amounts to be determined based on evaluation of program			Support healthy births and healthy mothers by providing coordinated pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, dental care services in 5 underserved communities.
2.3 Medicaid Funding and Increased Access	Governor's Request	Recurring	Recurring	Recurring	Recurring	Support full funding to maintain current Medicaid programs. Expand Medicaid coverage to adults up to 100% of FPL Expand outreach to eligible children and families. Begin the phase in 2008. Phase 1: Adults with eligible children. Phase 2: Childless adults. Simply Medicaid Application Process.
2.4 Quality Initiatives to improve Developmental Care in ALL Early Childhood Settings	\$500,000	\$500,000	Amounts to be determined based on evaluation of program			Improve developmental screening, referral and early intervention services in New Mexico communities. Goal is to support families to promote positive growth and development of their young children and to ensure that all developmental concerns are addressed prior to kindergarten.
	\$100,000 for quality improvement in medical homes. This amount receives an administrative match from Medicaid of 50% making this a \$200,000 program; \$400,000 for community pilots to develop a system of developmental care that links early childhood services into a system of care					
2.5 Early Intervention Service System	\$4.3 million  Addition to base funding	Maintain base and adjust provider rates for inflation	Amounts to be determined based on needs of families for early intervention services.			All children with potential or identified developmental conditions will receive timely evaluations and be referred for early intervention services as soon as possible and prior to kindergarten. Federal funding for the FIT program has been reduced. Inclusion of children who are AT-RISK for developmental delays must be maintained in the service delivery model.

**FY 2008 – FY 2012 Policy Recommendations**

<b>HEALTH continued.....</b>						
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2.6 Infant Mental Health	\$500,000 New Dollars	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	Training of early childhood providers in new infant mental health practices. (Health, Home visitors, promotoras, child care and early childhood educators, early intervention specialists, public health personnel) Consider obtaining %50 Medicaid match for this quality improvement effort

<b>EARLY LEARNING: All New Mexico's children will have access to high quality early learning and care that meets the needs of working families.</b>						
<i>RECOMMENDATIONS requiring \$\$</i>	<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010</i>	<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>WHAT WILL THIS INVESTMENT DO?</i>
3.1 Child Care Assistance	\$10 million	Determine future budget after a study is done to evaluate the cost of a gradual transition off of subsidized child care as well as the cost of higher reimbursement to child care programs who have achieved AIM High standards.				Low income families will achieve economic self-sufficiency through work and high quality child care assistance.  Working families up to 200% of poverty are eligible for child care subsidies and will remain eligible up to 250% of poverty.
<b>3.2 Initiatives to Improve Quality in ALL Early Learning Settings:</b>						
3.2 (a): Training and Technical Assistance Programs (TTAPs)	\$2 million	Determine future budget based on expanded role of TTAP's in supporting early education and care centers to achieve AIM High Standards and to add a training program to increase developmental observation and screening in early education settings				All young children and families in New Mexico should have access to 5 Star AIM HIGH early care and education programs. Fund TTAPs to support achievement of AIM HIGH quality standards for early childhood programs, out-of-school time programs, and family homes statewide so that all children have access to high quality early learning.
3.2(b): T.E.A.C.H. NEW MEXICO	\$2 million	Determine future budget based on following goal: By 2012, 10,000 early childhood educators will have received TEACH scholarships				All New Mexico children will have access to highly qualified early childhood educators in child care and early learning settings. Provide scholarships to early childhood educators to improve their early childhood practice. Teacher's compensation should increase commensurate with their educational credentials. Goal is by FY 2012, 10,000 scholarships will have been distributed.  Research demonstrates that teacher qualifications are a leading indicator of high quality early learning. Teachers with bachelor's degrees in early childhood are most effective in teaching young children.

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3.2 (c): Early Childhood Quality Initiatives in New Mexico	\$4.2 million	Amounts to be determined based on further assessment of program need				Early Childhood Quality Initiatives in New Mexico include Child Development Grants to Early Childhood Programs (\$1.6 million); Grants for Extended-Day Head Start Programs (\$1.6 million); Head Start type grants to community based programs (\$.5 million) and Inclusive Child Care Grants (\$.5 million).
3.3 New Mexico Pre-K	Support Gov's Request	Support Gov's Request	Support Gov's Request	Support Gov's Request	Support Gov's Request	Continue the phase-in of Pre-kindergarten until it is available in all New Mexico communities.
<i>Low Cost or No Cost Recommendations</i>	<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010</i>	<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>WHAT WILL THIS RECOMMENDATION DO?</i>
▶ Support capacity in all New Mexico regions to strengthen the early childhood system.						Develop a plan to build upon current infrastructure (such as TTAPs) to assure the availability of early childhood regional systems. CYFD/Office of Child Development to lead. Fund plan starting in 2009.
▶ Create capacity for access to developmental screening for children.						Build developmental observation and screening into requirements for registration and licensure as well as into the AIM HIGH program that ensures quality in early learning.

**INVESTMENT IN NEW MEXICO'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM**

<i>Low Cost or No Cost Recommendations</i>	<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010</i>	<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>WHAT WILL THIS RECOMMENDATION DO?</i>
▶ Early Childhood Investment Committee						Form an Early Childhood Investment Committee to develop a comprehensive investment strategy to fund a comprehensive and connected early childhood system that addresses 5 Children's Cabinet Outcomes. The committee should include partners from business, medical, faith, etc.



**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

➤ Organized Statewide Family Policy Partnership	\$500,000*	Create a formal mechanism for families to partner with policy leaders to have an organized voice into policy.
➤ Early Childhood Public Awareness Campaign	\$400,000*	Implement a public promotion campaign for families and the public on the developmental needs of young children.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	

**HEALTH**

➤ Voluntary Universal Home Visiting	\$6.5 million+	Phase-in voluntary universal home visiting statewide using the existing infrastructure built upon existing infrastructure programs, e.g., Families First, Healthy Families, First Born.
➤ Prenatal, Pre-Pregnancy, and Dental Services	\$350,000*	Implement prenatal, pre-pregnancy & dental services in 5 underserved communities.
➤ Medicaid Funding and Increased Access	Governor's Request	Support full funding to maintain current Medicaid programs. Expand Medicaid coverage to adults up to 100% of FPL. Expand outreach to eligible children and families. Simplify Medicaid Application Process.
➤ Improve Developmental Care	\$500,000*	Implement developmental services so no child reaches school with an undetected developmental condition. (\$100,000 for improving quality of medical homes; \$400,000 for community pilots that link early childhood services.
➤ Early Intervention System	\$ 4.3 million+	Assure capacity to respond to demands for early intervention services through the Family Infant Toddler Program.
➤ Infant Mental Health	\$500,000*	Train early childhood provider training in new infant mental health practices.
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**QUALITY EARLY LEARNING**

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➤ Initiatives to Improve Quality in ALL Early Learning Settings:		
Training and Technical Assistance Programs (TTAPs)	\$ 2 Million+	Fund TTAPs to support achievement of AIM HIGH standards for early childhood programs, out-of-school time programs and family homes statewide.
T.E.A.C.H. NEW MEXICO	\$2 Million+	Provide scholarships to early childhood educators for higher education and to increase compensation for increased educational achievement.
➤ Other Quality Initiatives	\$4.2 Million+	Support quality initiatives through grants to child development (\$1.6 Million), extended-day Head Start (\$1.6 Million), Head Start look-alikes (\$1.5 Million), and inclusive child care (\$1.5 million) programs.
➤ New Mexico Pre-K	Governor's Request	Continue to phase-in Pre-kindergarten until it is available in all New Mexico communities
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18.2 Million</b>	

**TOTAL \$31.85 Million Plus governor's request for NM Pre-K & Medicaid**

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