Updates *with* **Deputy Secretary Mickelson PreK Grant Reminder**

The NM PreK Grant is a competitive, multi-year grant for tribal, licensed child care centers, licensed child care homes, Head Start, school districts, and/or charter schools to offer the NM PreK program according to the established New Mexico PreK Standards.

- The FY25 New Mexico PreK Grant application is open.
- The application is due no later than 3 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2024.
- Only one more office hours via Zoom left:
 - Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Application schedule, office hour recordings, flyer, deadlines: nmececd.org/prekgrant



Updates *with* **Deputy Secretary Mickelson April Advisory Council Dates**

Subcommittee:

Program Quality and Accountability

Thursday, April 25, from 3 – 4 p.m.

Subcommittee:

Early Childhood Professionals Monday, April 15, from 1 – 2 p.m.

Subcommittee:

Public-Private Partnership Monday, April 8, from 9 – 10:15 a.m.

Subcommittee:

Data, Infrastructure and Analysis
Wednesday April 17, from 11 - 12:15 p.m.

Zoom links and meeting materials can be found at: nmececd.org/ecec-advisory-council





FOCUS Redesign Survey

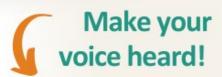
- ECECD is engaged in a multi-year redesign of FOCUS, New Mexico's child care quality rating and improvement system. ECECD is soliciting input from families with young children and those working in the field of early childhood education and care.
- The FOCUS Redesign Survey will be live on Wednesday, April 3, 2024! It takes only 20 minutes to complete, and your answers will be critical to helping ECECD understand the expectation for assessing, improving, and communicating the level of quality in early childhood education and care settings.
- This survey is designed to be completed by anyone invested in New Mexico's quality early childhood education system, including providers, families, higher education, and community partners.

This is your opportunity to share information about improving the quality of child care.

What Does Quality Child Care Mean to you? Make Your Voice Heard

The Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) is launching a multi-year redesign of FOCUS, New Mexico's tiered quality rating and improvement system. A key part of this effort is soliciting feedback from families with young children (under age 5) as well as those working in the field of early childhood education and care, including centers, family child care homes, child care teachers, quality support consultants, and higher education faculty.

This survey is designed to be completed by anyone invested in New Mexico's quality early childhood education system, including providers, families, higher education, and community partners.



Start the survey by visiting bit.ly/4cy9hsD or by scanning the QR code with your phone camera!



The FOCUS Redesign Survey will be live on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

For more information:

Email:

FOCUSredesign@ececd.nm.gov

Webpage: nmececd.org/focus-redesign





New Mexico Cost of Child Care

Prenatal to Five Fiscal Strategies would like to hear what it costs to provide child care from those operating:

- child care centers
- family and group child care homes
- preschool programs
- school age programs
- registered homes (FFN)
- Tribal programs







New Mexico Cost of Child Care

Share your voice!

You will help update New Mexico's cost model which is used to inform Child Care Assistance Program rates. We will ask providers to share valuable information on the cost of care including quality, challenges, and serving special populations.

Provide input by:

- Completing the online survey
- Attending an input session





Scan the QR code to register for an input session and complete





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Who should take which survey?

	Cost Survey	FOCUS Redesign Survey	Family Survey
Center Director			
Family Child Care Owner			
Classroom Educator			
Family Child Care <i>Provider</i>			
Family/Parent			
Consultant/Coach			
Higher Education Faculty			