

# Welcome

Tuesday, August 5, 2025



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## Thank you for your attention!

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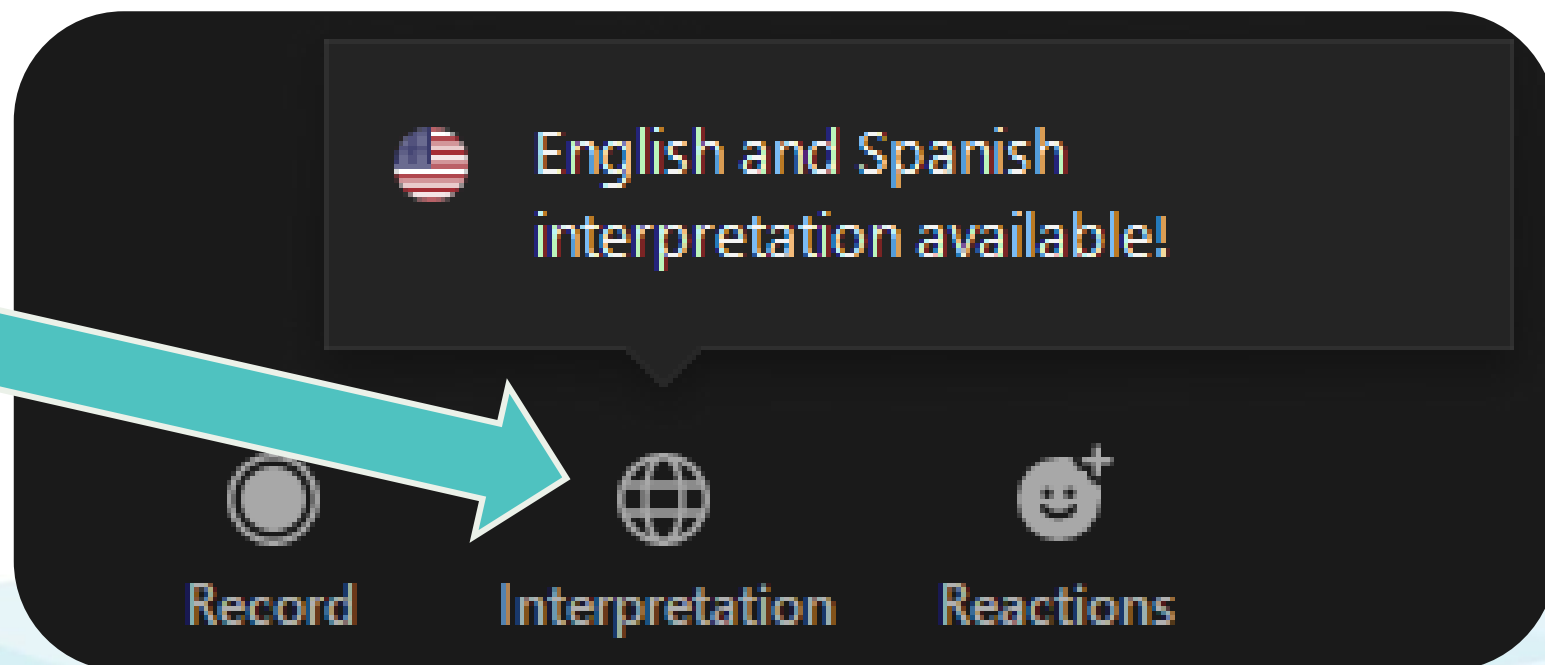
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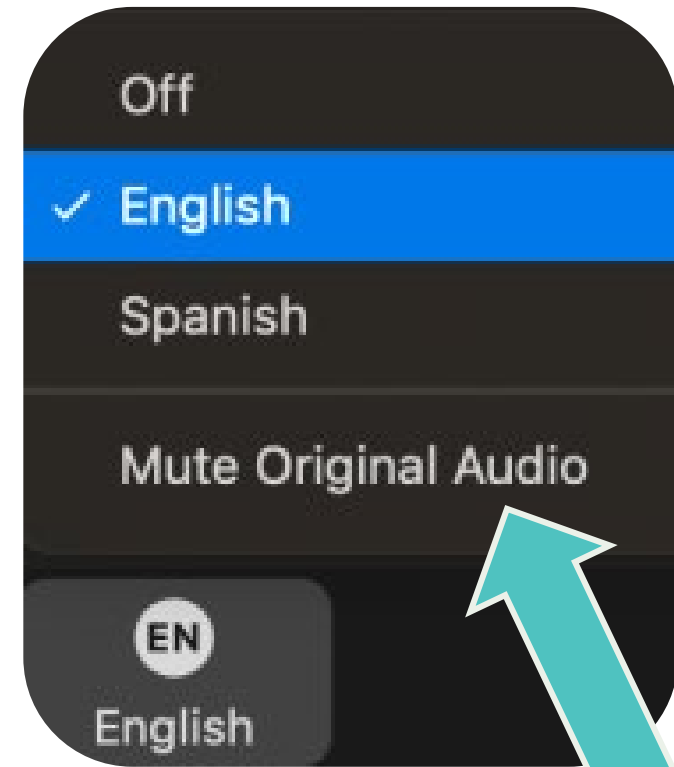
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You will now hear the Spanish interpretation.

**Usted escuchara ahora la Interpretacion en Español**



# Agenda

- Secretary's Updates - Elizabeth Groginsky Cabinet Secretary
- Introduction to Family Connects New Mexico - Kym Halliday Clear, ECECD Nurse Manager
- Early Childhood Community Assessment – Dr. Hella Bel HAGE Amor, Verite Educational Services





# Secretary Updates



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# Birthday Resource Fairs Underway

- ✓ **Friday, July 18, 2025**  
Farmington, NM  
**Hosted by: San Juan County Early Childhood Coalition**  

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- ✓ **Thursday, July 24, 2025**  
Northern NM College, Española, NM  
**Hosted by: Rio Arriba County Early Childhood Collaborative**  

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- ✓ **Wednesday, July 30, 2025**  
Kit Carson Park, 211 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte, Taos, NM  
**Hosted by: Paso a Paso Network and Town of Taos**
- ✓ **Thursday, July 31, 2025**  
Explora  
**Hosted by: Bernalillo and Valencia County Coalitions**  

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- ✓ **Saturday, August 2, 2025**  
Wingfield Park, Center St, Ruidoso, NM  
**Hosted by: ENMU and Ruidoso Area Coalition**



# Birthday Photos!









# One Birthday Fair Left

**Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
San Miguel/Mora Fairgrounds, Las Vegas, NM  
**Hosted by: San Miguel/Mora Early Childhood Coalition**



**Scan the QR code to share the flyer**  
(English and Spanish):

[ECECD-BDAY-Final.pdf](#)



## YOU'RE INVITED: ECECD BIRTHDAY RESOURCE FAIRS!

Let's make this a birthday to remember. Happy 5th, ECECD!

Five years ago, New Mexico launched a bold new agency in the middle of a global pandemic with a vision to center families, uplift early childhood professionals, and invest in our youngest children. Since then, we've made child care more accessible, expanded PreK, strengthened Tribal and local partnerships, and helped lead the national conversation on early childhood investment.

Thanks to our amazing partners, we are celebrating this milestone across the state with ECECD Birthday Resource Fairs hosted by our local early childhood systems-building coalitions. Here's to five years of building something bold, beautiful, and uniquely New Mexican—we're still just getting started!

### LOCATIONS ACROSS THE STATE CELEBRATING ECECD'S BIRTHDAY!

 <p><b>San Juan County Early Childhood Coalition</b> <b>Summer Family Fun Day</b> at Berg Park 400 Scott Ave, Farmington, NM 87401</p>	 <p><b>Bernalillo and Valencia County Coalitions</b> <b>ECECD 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration</b> Explora Science Center and Children's Museum 1701 Mountain Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104</p>
 <p><b>Rio Arriba County Early Childhood Collaborative</b> <b>Family Resource Fair</b> Northern New Mexico College 921 N Paseo De Oñate, Española, NM 87532</p>	 <p><b>PIECE Coalition of Lincoln County</b> <b>Back To School Bash!</b> Wingfield Park, Center St. Ruidoso, NM 88345</p>
 <p><b>Paso a Paso</b> <b>Movies on the Green</b> Kit Carson Park 211 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte Taos, NM 87571</p>	 <p><b>The San Miguel County Early Childhood Coalition</b> <b>San Miguel/Mora County Fair</b> San Miguel/Mora Fairgrounds Rodeo Ground Road, Las Vegas, NM 87701</p>

*All events are FREE to attend.*

Follow @NewMexicoECECD for more information and details on events.



# Governor's Annual Fall Festival

The Office of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham extends an invitation to **New Mexico's child care facilities to participate in the Annual Fall Festival at the Governor's residence this October.** This beloved event is a celebration of community and children, featuring a carnival day filled with games, entertainment, music, food, and prizes.

To make this memorable and enriching experience accessible for children across the state, the Governor's office is exploring transportation assistance and flexible scheduling options for field trips.

## You are invited to attend one of two virtual information sessions:

- Wednesday, July 31, 2025
- Wednesday, August 7, 2025

**RSVP for a session and receive a calendar invitation**, please email Dara Romero, Special Projects Coordinator for the Office of the Governor, at [dara.romero@exec.nm.gov](mailto:dara.romero@exec.nm.gov)



# Upcoming Meetings

## Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

- You can watch the LFC webcast for meetings where ECECD is presenting (including budget hearings, accountability sessions, and agency updates) by visiting the official New Mexico Legislature website [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov)
- Click the "Webcast" link in the navigation menu

## Early Childhood Education and Care Advisory Council

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025 from 1-4 p.m. in Silver City, NM**

- To sign up for public comment, an individual may:
  - Email [jennifer.knapp@ececd.nm.gov](mailto:jennifer.knapp@ececd.nm.gov), or
  - Type in the chat of the Zoom meeting that you would like to sign up for public comment (if you are attending virtually);
  - or sign up in person at the meeting on the registration sheet.
  - [www.nmececd.org/ecec-advisory-council/](http://www.nmececd.org/ecec-advisory-council/)

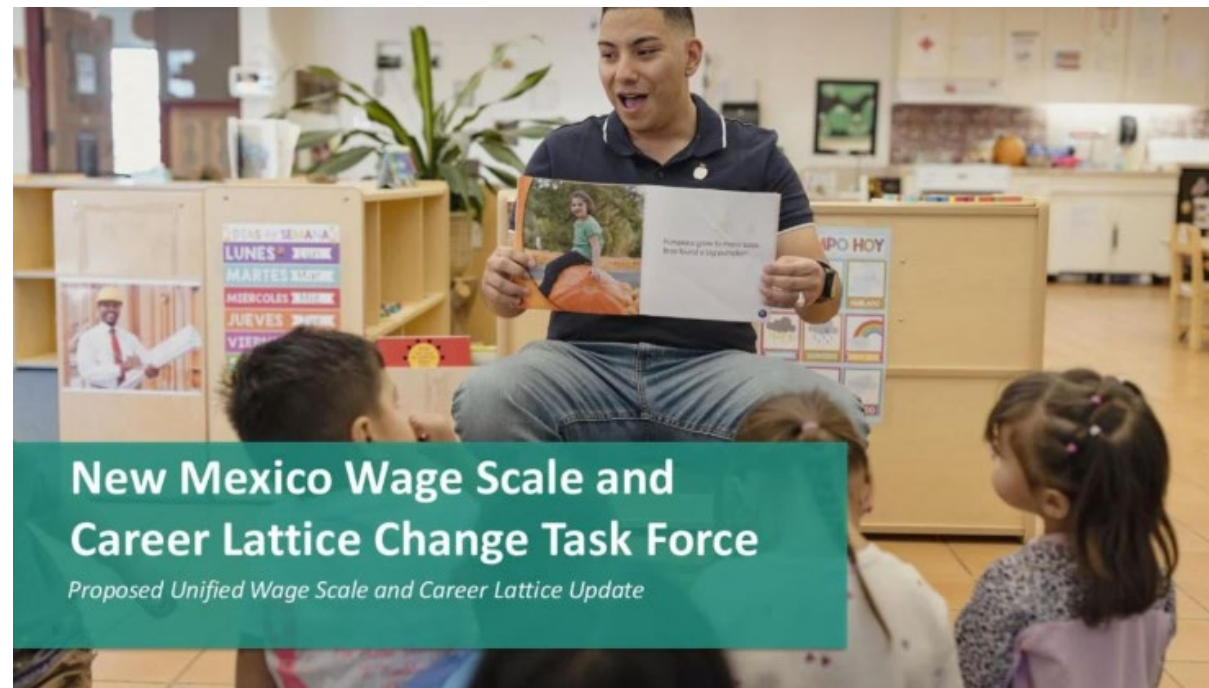
# ECECD in the News Highlights

## SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN

### **Pay, career plan proposed for Early Childhood Department workers**

The Early Childhood Education and Care Department taking its first steps toward a historic project: creating a framework for career advancement among early childhood workers with pay raises based on credentials and experience.

July 25, 2025 | [Click here to read](#)



# Family Connects New Mexico

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ECECD, Family Foundations Bureau

Nurse Manager, Family Connects NM and Families FIRST



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# *About* Family Connects New Mexico

Family Connects® is an evidence-based, universal nurse home visiting model designed to support newborns and their families. Often described as a form of nurse triage, it connects registered nurse (RN) home visitors with families to conduct screenings and match them to appropriate community resources.

- Starting when a baby is around three weeks old, Family Connects New Mexico (FCNM) will offer one to three nurse home visits to every family with a newborn—regardless of income or background.
- During each visit, the nurse will check the newborn's growth, screen for maternal health, and assess the family's strengths and needs to connect them with appropriate community resources.
- Family Connects® nurse home visitors will serve as subject matter experts, helping guide families into ECECD programs and other early childhood support services.

[nmeccd.org/familyconnectsnm](https://nmeccd.org/familyconnectsnm)

# Family Connects New Mexico Timeline

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2019	DOH began exploring Family Connects model
2020	ECECD was born / COVID
2021	ECECD initiated funding of Family Connects NM through an MOA with NM DOH
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCNM / FCI contract in place</li> <li>Kellogg Grant for additional funding</li> <li>UNM contracts for floor access</li> </ul>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCNM Launched in Bernalillo County</li> <li>Wednesday, January 11, 2023 — First FCNM client visit</li> </ul>
2024	Enhanced ECECD / DOH collaboration
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision to transition FCNM to ECECD as part of the Family Foundation Bureau</li> <li>Initial Community Alignment Board meeting with both DOH and ECECD to support transition and community relations</li> </ul>
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, July 7, 2025 — FCNM officially moved to ECECD</li> <li>Monday, July 14, 2025 — Our first ECECD FCNM home visit</li> </ul>

# FCI Key Performance Indicators

Data Driven Decisions for Clients and Community

## Implementation

- Scheduling rate
- Visit completion rate
- Participant demographics

## Community Capacity

- Referral documentation
- Client report of service connection

## Community Need

- Clinical assessment
- Risk stratification by family support matrix domain

## Program Integrity

- Home visit protocol adherence
- Inter-rater reliability



# Plans for the Future of FCNM at ECECD

Initial geographic area for certification under ECECD – anticipated completion spring of 2026:

- UNM metro—all six counties for FCNM footprint under ECECD leadership

Begin Medicaid billing once certification is complete

## Statewide Expansion by 2028

- All newborn babies and families in NM to have access to a nurse home visit
- Extend to all adoptive infants, alternative caregivers, NICU graduates and infant loss families

County	UNM
Bernalillo	1950
Valencia	230
Sandoval	204
McKinley	150
Cibola	37
Torrance	27
Total	2598

2022 EBP data

# With appreciation:

- Governor Lujan Grisham, Secretary Groginsky, and Deputy Secretary Quinones-Miranda for their support of this model, the transition, and their dedication to New Mexico families
- **NMDOH:** For launching implementation and building the foundation of FCNM
- **Community Partners:** For supporting efforts to bring Family Connects to New Mexico
- **ECECD teams** — including FSEI/FFB, HR, IT, OGC/Legal, Communications, and ASD — supported FCNM's transition by providing supplies, onboarding, system migrations, contracting, communications, and financial management



# Next Community Call

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025

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## Questions?

*Email:* [ececd.communications@state.nm.us](mailto:ececd.communications@state.nm.us)

*Website:* [nmeccd.org](http://nmeccd.org)

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