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ECECD to Host Call for New Mexico Journalists on Early Childhood Four-Year Finance Plan

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) invites New Mexico journalists to join ECECD Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky at noon on Thursday, January 27th for a virtual presentation on the department's inaugural [Four-Year Finance Plan](#). The legislation that created ECECD in 2019 requires the department to produce the Four-Year Finance Plan on a rolling basis to project the costs of providing a comprehensive and aligned system of early childhood programs and services for families with children aged prenatal-5 years.

The Plan overview will outline how New Mexico can realize its vision of a world class system of early childhood programs and services that supports the growth, development, and lifelong success of our youngest New Mexicans. Secretary Groginsky will provide background on:

- The historic underfunding of early childhood funding structures that has created a system that is fragmented, unstable, and unable to meet the needs of children and families;
- New Mexico's current need for child care, PreK, home visiting, and early intervention services;
- and, what funding will be necessary in coming years to scale programs and services to meet the great need for early education and care in New Mexico.

Following the presentation, journalists will have an opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session with Secretary Groginsky and senior ECECD staff on the Four-Year Finance Plan and the future of early education and care in New Mexico.

WHAT: ECECD Four-Year Finance Plan Call for New Mexico Journalists

WHEN: Thursday, January 27 at 12 PM (Estimated 15-20 minute presentation, followed by Q&A)

WHO: ECECD Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky

WHERE: RSVP to _____ for ZOOM link

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The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) launched in 2020, one of only four cabinet level agencies nationwide that consolidated all early childhood agencies under one roof. ECECD's mission is to optimize the health, development, education, and well being of babies, toddlers, and preschoolers through a family-driven, equitable, community-based system of programs and services. Learn more about how ECECD supports children, families, and the early childhood professionals that serve our communities at nmececd.org. On Facebook and Twitter as @NewMexicoECECD.

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