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Sunland Park to host Early Childhood Education and Care Advisory Council meeting Oct. 4

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) leadership will be travelling to Sunland Park, NM, on October 4 for a meeting of the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Advisory Council. An early childhood advisory council is required under federal law and helps advance the agency's vision of creating a comprehensive, equitable and family-focused early childhood education and care system that helps all families and young children thrive. The Council engages with a wide range of stakeholders to provide input and guidance on the agency's work.

The October 4 meeting of the ECEC Advisory Council will include:

- Local Early Childhood Coalitions from Dona Ana County presenting on their strategic plans
- Discussion of the council subcommittees
- Overview of the innovative cost modeling approach to setting child care subsidy rates
- The agency's preparations for the 2025-2027 Child Care Development Fund plan

ECECD Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky will be in attendance with press availability in Las Cruces from 10 a.m. – 12 noon and in Sunland Park from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

ECEC Advisory Council meeting details:

When: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 1 - 4 p.m.

In-Person Location:

Chamber of Commerce Council Chambers Building,
1000 McNutt Road
Sunland Park, NM 88063

Zoom: nmececd.org.zoom.us/j/83418210724

Spanish translation services will be provided to ensure everyone can participate fully.

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Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham launched the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) in 2020, making New Mexico among the first states to consolidate all early childhood programs and services under a single cabinet-level agency. Under this administration, ECECD has led the nation by expanding access to free New Mexico PreK, overseeing the largest investment in early childhood infrastructure in state history, and implementing cost-free child care for a majority of New Mexico families. Learn more about how ECECD supports children, families, and the early childhood professionals that serve our communities at nmececd.org. On Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as [@NewMexicoECECD](https://www.instagram.com/NewMexicoECECD).