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ECECD Hosts Early Childhood Day at the Roundhouse

"Leading the Nation, Building Our Future"

SANTA FE – On Thursday, January 18 the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) will host the third annual Early Childhood Day at the Roundhouse. The event will highlight how New Mexico has become a national leader in early childhood education and care, building a bright future for generations of New Mexicans. Early childhood stakeholders will table in the Roundhouse Rotunda beginning at 8 a.m., hosting activities for visiting early childhood classrooms. The main program featuring Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and ECECD Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky will begin at noon.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY SCHEDULE

- **8 a.m. – Event opens to public (Roundhouse Rotunda)**
 - ECECD and external partners host tables with information on early childhood programs and services, children's activities, snacks, and prizes for families and young children
 - Model classrooms set up for play and exploration courtesy of Lakeshore and Kaplan

- **Storytime at the Lakeshore Model Classroom (Roundhouse Rotunda - West Wing):**
 - 9:30 a.m. - Storytime with Ms. Fran McAdams from Presbyterian Medical Services Head Start in Santa Fe County
 - 10:30 a.m. - Storytime with Alax! (from the [Early Show with Alax](#)) joined by Ms. Jenn Anderson from Santa Fe Public Schools
 - 11:30 a.m. - Storytime with ECECD Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky

- **11 a.m. – Special appearance on Senate Floor by Alax, ECECD Intergalactic Ambassador of Care**

- **Noon to 1 p.m. – Main Program (Roundhouse Rotunda):**
 - ECECD Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky
 - New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
 - Reading of 2024 Early Childhood Day proclamation
 - Premiere of Ask Alax, Episode 3
 - Special guests and speakers

- **4 p.m. – Event ends**

More information available at <https://www.nmececd.org/earlychildhoodday2024/>

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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](#).