

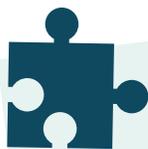
# Fact Sheet:

## FY23 Executive Budget Recommendation

The **Executive Budget Recommendation** for the **New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD)** in Fiscal Year 2023 includes **\$195 million in general fund** spending and **\$30 million from the Early Childhood Trust Fund** to build upon the Lujan Grisham administration's successes in establishing a world-class prenatal-to-age-five system of programs and services. This funding is vital to the department's key strategic priorities to grow investments; advance a diverse, well-compensated, and credentialed workforce; increase quality and access; achieve equity; and enhance authentic collaboration.

The executive recommendation has targeted strategic investments toward a comprehensive early childhood system in New Mexico, most of which are identified in ECECD's Four-Year Finance Plan 2023-2026. The proposed budget would allocate an additional \$3.3 million from the general fund over the current spending level, including increased support for PreK, child care assistance, and early intervention services.

*To continue to build on the successful delivery of the ECECD's programs, the executive recommendation includes funding for the following initiatives, with expected outcomes:*



**\$5.1 million** for **New Mexico PreK** will enhance and expand opportunities for approximately **735** preschool age children and ensure they enter kindergarten ready to succeed.



**\$2 million** will increase access to evidence-based, Medicaid funded **home visiting** services for **800** New Mexico families that will enhance birth outcomes, improve parenting practices, and strengthen their connections to community resources.



**\$1.5 million** will expand access to nutritious meals for thousands of New Mexico students through the expansion of the **summer and afterschool nutrition program** and **\$300,000** will support implementation of NM Grown in **56 preschools** and increase by **3,456** the number of children exposed to healthy foods and promote positive change in parent behavior.



**\$1.475 million** will build on the partnership between ECECD and the state's **23 sovereign nations** and ensure support for Tribal leadership in expanding culturally and linguistically relevant **prenatal to five early childhood** programs in their communities and **\$100,000** will support one full-time equivalent (FTE) employee that will support sovereign nations in applying for early childhood grants and build capacity around grants management and development.



**\$1 million** will provide pay parity for **100 community-based PreK teachers**.



**\$1 million** for **Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation** will support the social and emotional development of thousands of babies, infants and toddlers and the educators who care for and educate them.



**\$766,700** for **Regional Literacy Coaches** will enhance early literacy teaching practices in **443** New Mexico PreK classrooms, ensuring that **7,000** PreK students are kindergarten-ready.



**\$64,073** for a **Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA)** navigator who will help connect families with evidence-based early childhood services, **\$300,000** for data services to improve data linkages that will inform policies and practices, and **\$200,000** will support trauma-responsive training for **1,000 home visitors** and early intervention staff, enhancing their effectiveness in serving CARA families.



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