Who? To serve
What? To provide
How? To do it

The Most Pressing Questions in New Mexico’s Early Childhood Landscape

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CALLS FOR HELP Didn’t Save Them

CYFD hit hard by deluge of new cases

More children being removed from their homes, jump in emergency calls

• More children are being removed from their homes, at least temporarily, new statistics show. And there's been a jump in the calls that require intervention from the Child Protective Services Department.

• A closely watched case that could spawn a lawsuit involving CYFD is being reviewed by the state's Supreme Court. The case involves a 3-year-old boy and his mother, who had argued in court against the removal of their child in December.

• Child Protective Services Department filed 13 legal cases seeking to remove a child from a home in the state's Children's Court.

• The state Children's Court had more than 2,000 cases in 2013, up from 1,757 in 2012.

Colleen Heild, Albuquerque Journal, March 9, 2014

Rick Nathanson, Albuquerque Journal, April 6, 2014
New Mexico’s Early Childhood Care and Education System

- **Prenatal**
- **Birth To 1**
- **1 Yrs. Old**
- **2 Yrs. Old**
- **3 Yrs. Old**
- **4 Yrs. Old**
- **5 Yrs. & Older**

**Home Visiting**

- IDEA Part C Early Intervention – NM FIT Program
- IDEA Part B Early Childhood Special Education

**Child Care**

- Early Head Start
- Head Start

**K-Three Plus, Early Reading Initiative, Education Reforms Across Grades 1, 2, and 3.**
Who?

- Universal and voluntary
- To avoid stigma
- New babies are hard!
Who?

- 2,224 Families Served by Home Visiting
- 84,000 Children in NM, Birth to 3
Number of Clients/Children By Program and Grade
FY14 & SY 2013-14

What?

- New FOCUS Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS)
- Child Care’s Origins
- Learning Through Play
How?

• Large-scale increases from the permanent fund

Or

• Gradual annual increases through the state appropriations process

Both are proposals to increase funding!
Annual Appropriations to Early Childhood Programs, in millions

Source: LFC Post-Session Reviews. Includes home visiting, FIT, child care assistance, PreK, and K-3 Plus
We Agree More Than We Disagree

We are challenged by the 
Who?
What?
and
How?
of early childhood policy, but we have decided to act, which is more than half the battle.
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