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Dear Child Care Providers,

The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) would like to inform you that the New Mexico Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for 2021-2024 is available for review and a public hearing has been scheduled for May 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed plan may be found at ECECD's website at <https://www.nmececd.org/> and at <https://www.newmexicokids.org/> 20 days prior to the Public Hearing.

The CCDF is a federal and state partnership program authorized under the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG) of 2014. The CCDF helps fund New Mexico's child care assistance program. This program allows income eligible families to access child care that promotes the learning and development of their children while they work or pursue education or training. The CCDF program also provides funding to enhance the quality, health, and safety of child care for all children in New Mexico. The State Plan describes how the CCDF program will be administered by New Mexico for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

We encourage you to look at the State Plan and provide any comments you may have as your input is very important. The hearing will be held on May 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. The hearing will be held via internet, email, and telephonic means due to the concerns surrounding COVID-19 and in accordance with applicable public health orders. You can also submit written comments.

Written comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony given at the hearing. Written public comment, including presentation of data, views, or arguments about the proposed plan, from any interested member of the public, may be submitted via email to ECECD-ECS-PublicComment@state.nm.us with the subject line "CCDF Plan Public Comment" or via first class mail to P.O. Drawer 5619, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502 – 5619. Written comments may be hand-delivered to the Old PERA building at 1120 Paseo De Peralta on May 27th, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

To access the hearing by telephone: place call 1-346-248-7799, access code 914 5427 8709. You will be able to hear the full hearing and your telephone comments will be recorded. To access the hearing via the internet: please go to <https://zoom.us/j/91454278709>, and follow the instructions indicated on the screen – Meeting ID (access code): 914 5427 8709#. This will be a live stream of the hearing. You may also provide comment via Chat during the live streaming.

Individuals with disabilities who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact ECECD at ECECD-ECS-PublicComment@state.nm.us or call (505) 231-5820. ECECD will make every effort to accommodate all reasonable requests but cannot guarantee accommodation of a request that is not received at least ten calendar days before the scheduled hearing.

Sincerely,

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