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Dear Parents and Families,

The 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 will be posted on [NewMexicoKids.org](https://www.NewMexicoKids.org) and www.nmececd.org/ websites on May 14, 2021. This is for your information only and does not affect the child care assistance your family may be receiving.

The CCDF is a federal and state partnership program authorized under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG) of 2014. The CCDF helps fund New Mexico's child care assistance program. This program allows low-income 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.

Your input is very important. There will be a public hearing to receive input on the State Plan on **June 4, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** 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.

Written comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony given at the hearing. You are also welcome to share your written input before 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2021.

Please send any comments or input to Claire E. Dudley Chavez by email or by phone or by mail:

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We encourage you to look at the State Plan and provide any comments or feedback you may have. Copies of the proposed plan may be found at ECECD's website at <https://www.nmececd.org/> and New Mexico Kids org at <https://www.newmexicokids.org/> 20 days prior to the Public Hearing.

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Sincerely,

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