

New Mexico's Process of Developing a Statewide Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMH) Program

The Center of Excellence IECMHC Annual Conference

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Agenda

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About *ECECD* Cabinet Secretary *Groginsky*

- Elizabeth Groginsky appointed as the **first** cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) in November 2019.
- More than two decades of executive leadership experience.
- Experience in public and private human service at national, state and local levels.



Pictured: Secretary Groginsky (right) and Assistant Sec. for Native American Early Ed. and Care, Cotillion Sneddy (left), attending the Kewa Pueblo child development center groundbreaking.

About the IECMH Consultation Coordinator

- Kassandra Gonzales, MA, LPCC, IMH-E[®]
- Bachelors of Science in Family Studies
- Masters of Art in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Early Childhood Educator- **7 years**
- Behavioral/Mental Health Clinician- **7 years**
- IECMH Consultation Coordinator - **1 year**





SEED Initiative Vision

The physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being of New Mexico's infants and young children will be nurtured, preserved and promoted through healthy relationships.

Vision for an *Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation* Program in New Mexico



Early Stages

- **August 2020-May 2021**
 - Task force was created
- **May 2021**
 - Statewide Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Report and Three-Year Plan- [Published](#)
- **May 2022**
 - Task force reconvened
 - Developed IECMH Consultation Coordinator job description
- **September 2022**
 - Program Partnership



Task Force

- **28 Members**
- Comprised of experience practitioners and leaders from following sectors in New Mexico
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Health
 - Behavioral Health
 - Early Intervention
 - Consultants
- Convened for a six-month period
- Focus on the five content areas
 - Program Model
 - Equity
 - Workforce Development
 - Policy and Financing
 - Data and Evaluation



Development Stage





Development of IECMHC

- July 2022
 - ◆ Incorporated IECMHC into ECECD Strategic Plan
 - ◆ IECMHC Coordinator position posted
- September 2022
 - ◆ IECMHC Coordinator hired
 - ◆ Recipient of Packard Foundation Technical Assistance
 - ◆ 15 NM Mental Health Professional attended Georgetown IECMHC Certificate program (September 2022 – May 2023)

Early Considerations

- Content Experts in the field of IECMH Consultation
 - Nationally
 - Statewide
- Professional Development Institute
 - Managed internally
- External Evaluators
- Qualifications of Consultants
 - Focused on Behavior Health Agencies and Individual Private Practitioners
 - Licensed or Licensed Eligible
- Creation of Core Team



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ECECD Leadership



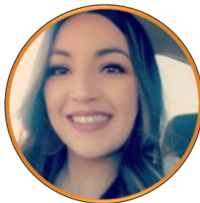
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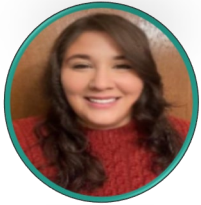
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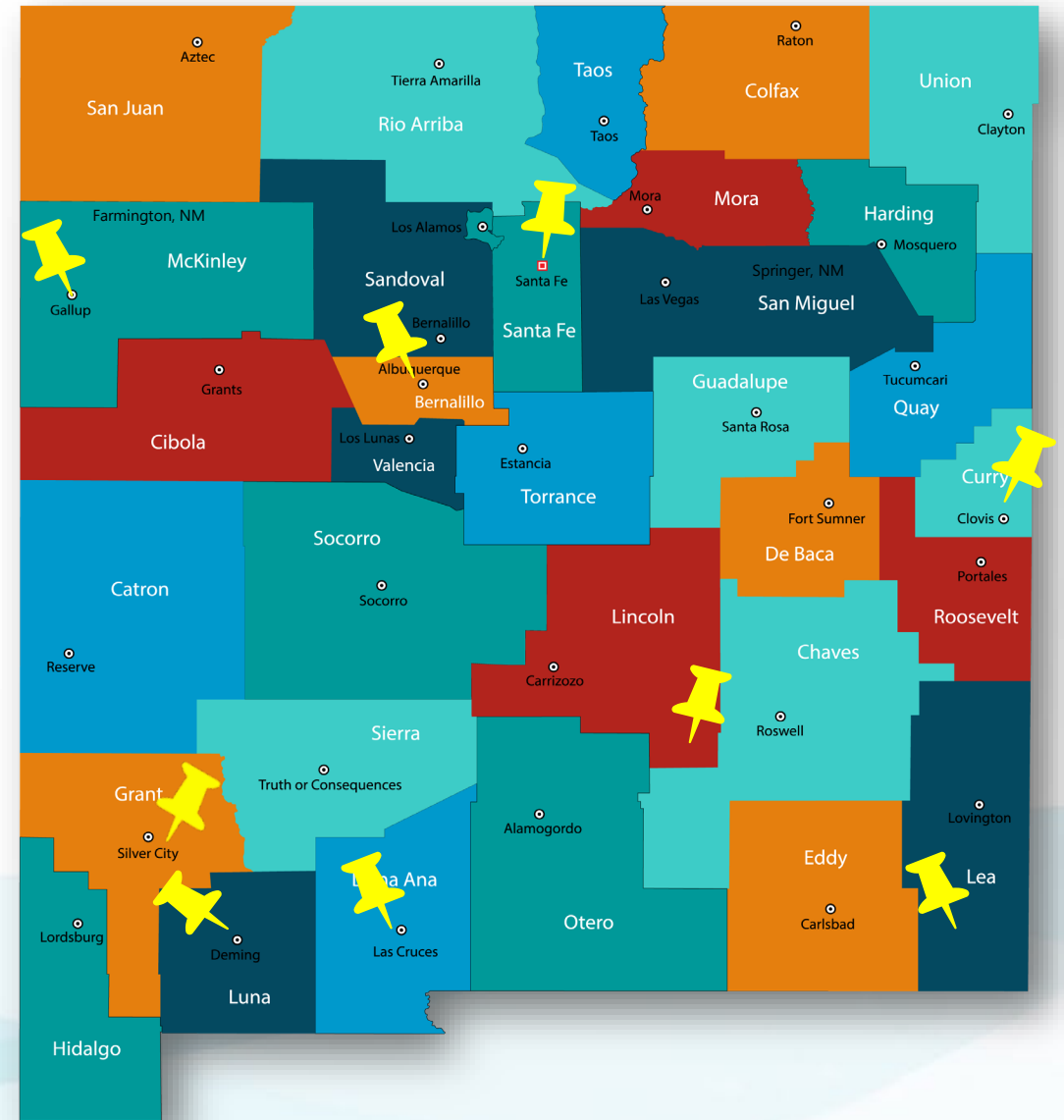


Implementation Stages

Implementation of IECMHC



*Where are
consultants
located in
New Mexico?*



Comments *or* Questions?



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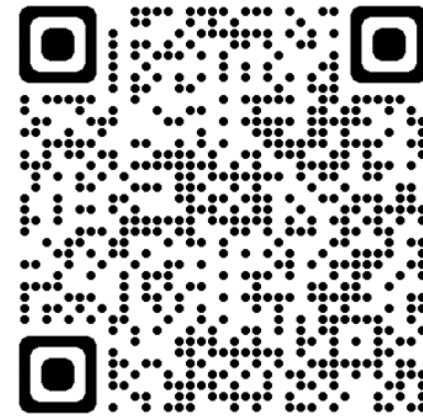


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