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## **Early Childhood**

Education & Care Department

**Economic Recovery Council's COVID-Safe Practices Subcommittee on Early Childhood Education and Care Holds Initial Meeting**  
*Subcommittee Will Focus on Health and Safety Guidance for Child Care and Other Early Childhood Settings*

Santa Fe - In recent weeks, New Mexico's Economic Recovery Council has established a range of subcommittees designed to formulate COVID-Safe Practices (CSPs) for New Mexico's various economic sectors.

Today, the Early Childhood Education and Care subcommittee held its first meeting via Zoom. This CSP is designed to ensure the safety of early childhood education and care professionals, the children in their care, and the families who depend on their services. Members of the subcommittee include:

1. Mark Fidel, Risk Sense, Albuquerque
2. Priscilla Lucero, Community Partnership for Children, Silver City
3. Phoebe Suina, High Water Mark, Bernalillo
4. Crystal Tapia, Noah's Ark, Albuquerque
5. Daniela Baca, UNM Children's Campus, Albuquerque
6. Katherine Freeman, United Way of Santa Fe County, Santa Fe
7. Lupe Nevarez, The Children's Garden, Las Cruces
8. Barbara Tedrow, The Gold Star Academy/ELAC, Farmington
9. Rosa Barazza, Children's World Child Development Center, Alamogordo
10. Patricia Grovey, The Guidance Center of Lea County, Hobbs
11. Dr. Janis Gonzales, New Mexico Department of Health
12. Debra Baca, Youth Development Incorporated, Albuquerque
13. Lieutenant Governor Joey Sanchez, Santa Ana Pueblo
14. Mayra Acevedo, Partnership for Community Action, Albuquerque
15. Alicia Borrego, New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children, Albuquerque
16. Tracey Jaramillo, UNM Taos Kids Campus, Taos
17. Beverly Fierro, Pojoaque Pueblo Early Learning Center, Pojoaque
18. Brian Blalock, Cabinet Secretary Children Youth and Families
19. Gwen Warniment, Deputy Secretary Public Education Department

The subcommittee's work will be rooted in the required [health and safety guidance recently issued by DOH, CYFD, and ECECD](#) – and will adapt as necessary to new information around coronavirus, particularly as it affects young children.