

BIRTH TO FIVE NEW MEXICO POLICY PLATFORM*

MISSION:

Every child will get a great start in life. New Mexico will increase investments in early care, education and health programs to help children thrive and find success in school and their lives. This investment will reduce the achievement gap and increase future high school graduation rates.

POLICY PRIORITIES:

- Expand access to high quality early care, education and health services for ALL children. Given our current budget constraints and challenges, we must begin with the most underserved and at-risk populations.
- Invest in and support continuous quality improvements for early childhood professionals and programs.
- Support families' role as their child's first and most important teachers beginning with prenatal care and family engagement.
- Develop stable and long-term funding sources for the full continuum of services for young children and their families including early care, education and health.

BIRTH TO FIVE NM PARTNERS**

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