

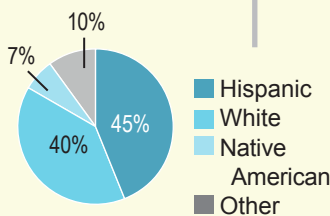
# Otero County

## Investments in Early Childhood Care and Education are Still Needed

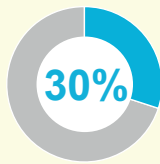
### About this county<sup>1</sup>

Senate Districts: 32, 33, 34  
House Districts: 51, 53, 54, 56

#### Otero County

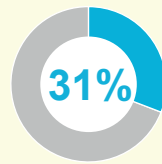
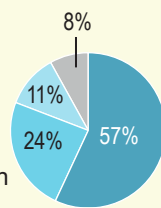


Child population by race/ethnicity<sup>4</sup>



Percentage of children living in poverty

#### New Mexico



### Population served<sup>2</sup> & estimated annual investment<sup>3</sup>

#### Prevention

Home Visiting



**2 Babies** served

For families with babies zero to three



**\$7,602** invested

Child Care Assistance



**481 Children** served

**9** are in high-quality centers

For children under age 12 in families up to 150% FPL



**\$1,991,340** invested

NM Pre-K



**226 4-year-olds** served

Half-day program for 4-year-olds



**\$779,248** invested

#### Remediation

K-3 Plus



**0 K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders** served

Summer reading program for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders



**\$0** invested

Otero County		NM
Total child population .....	16,087	513,903
Children under 5 .....	4,911	141,533
Children under 10 .....	9,975	285,278
Children living in low-income families .....	9,252	262,601
Median household income .....	\$39,263	\$43,872

	Otero County	NM
Number of T.E.A.C.H. scholarships awarded last year .....	32	652

T.E.A.C.H. scholarships allow early education providers to increase their educational and training levels, and lead to higher-quality programs.

<sup>1</sup> About this county data from: Census ACS (demographics); and the New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children (T.E.A.C.H. scholarships)

<sup>2</sup> Population served data from: CYFD and PED, 2014

<sup>3</sup> Estimated investment is based on LFC's average per child investment in FY14

<sup>4</sup> Race/ethnicity numbers may not total 100% due to rounding and/or categories that are not included in the data

\*For detailed sources and notes, please go to [www.nmvoices.org](http://www.nmvoices.org)

## Investments in Early Childhood Care and Education are Still Needed

Funding history <sup>1</sup> (in millions)		Need <sup>2</sup> & policy recommendations	Related indicators <sup>3</sup>
<b>Prevention</b>			
<b>Home Visiting</b>	<p>For families with babies zero to three</p>	<p>Total estimated need .... \$85 m</p> <p>Recommendation: Increase funding to expand high-quality home visiting services to cover more families and children.</p>	<p>The percentage of births that are covered by Medicaid</p>
<b>Child Care Assistance</b>	<p>For children under age 12 in families up to 150% FPL</p>	<p>Total estimated need .... \$143 m</p> <p>Recommendation: End the waiting list for child care assistance and restore services to families up to 200% of the poverty level.</p>	<p>The percentage of working families that are low-income</p>
<b>NM Pre-K</b>	<p>Half-day program for 4-year-olds</p>	<p>Total estimated need .... \$121 m (for full-day)</p> <p>Recommendation: Expand NM Pre-K to a full-day program and fully fund it so high-quality pre-K is available to all 4-year-olds.</p>	<p>The percentage of 4-year-olds enrolled in NM Pre-K or Head Start</p>
<b>Remediation</b>			
<b>K-3 Plus</b>	<p>Summer reading program for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders</p>	<p>Total estimated need ... \$86 m</p> <p>Recommendation: Expand K-3 Plus to serve more students in low-income areas.</p>	<p>The percentage of 4th graders who are proficient and above in reading</p>

<sup>1</sup> **Funding history** amounts include: General Fund, other state funds, federal funds and TANF; Funding history sources: LFC Post-Session Reviews and CYFD  
<sup>2</sup> **Estimated need** is based on: LFC estimates; Catherine Kinney's assumptions and analysis in *Land Grant Permanent Fund: Opportunity for Early Childhood Investment, A Summary of the Evidence and an Example of Possible Fund Uses*, prepared for St. Joseph Community Health in 2012; and NM Voices for Children analysis  
<sup>3</sup> **Related indicators** data from: LFC (Medicaid births); U.S. Census ACS (low-income working families); CYFD and LFC (NM Pre-K and Head Start); and National Assessment of Educational Progress (4th grade reading proficiency)  
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