







# Changing the Future of New Mexico...through a Family Engagement Lens

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#### AVANCE....Who we Are

**Nationally recognized** 

**2 Generation Model** 

9 month curriculum

**Outcome** based











#### **Family Engagement and**

90% of a child's Cognitive Brain Development occurs between 0 to 5 years Early Education is

... the Decisive Point.

Why?

Saves Money National Security Imperative

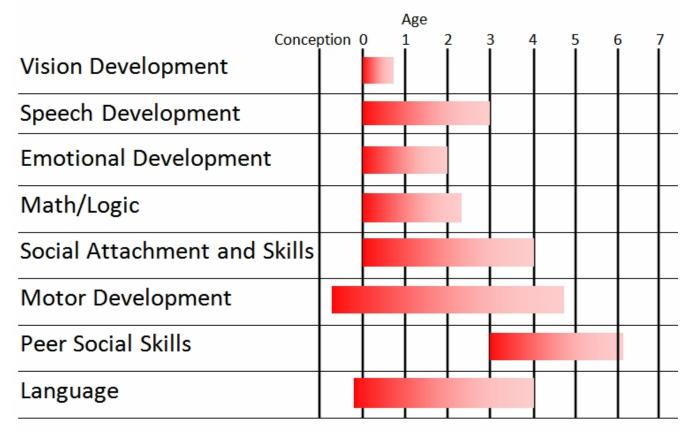








#### Stages of Brain Development in an Infant













# Ready, Willing, And Unable To Serve

75 Percent of Young Adults Cannot Join the Military

Early Education across
America is Needed to
Ensure National Security









#### **Unable to Serve? Why?**

"75% of young adults cannot join the military"

Education

Criminality

Physical Fitness



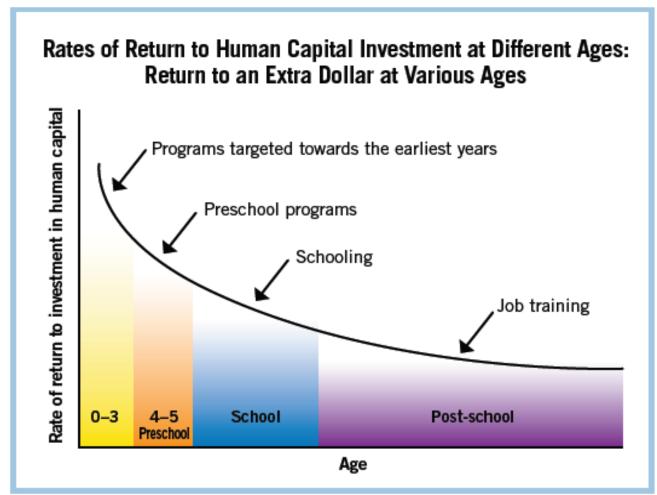






# Institute for a Competitive Workforce (ICW ); US Chamber of Commerce

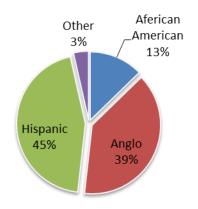
- Investments in highquality early learning programs for children from birth to age five yield high returns
- Every dollar invested today, savings range from \$2.50 to as much as \$17 in the years ahead.



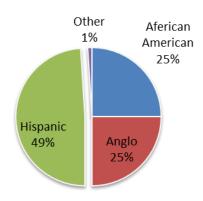


"A growing body of research shows that investments in children-age birth to 5 improve school readiness and result in decreased rates of crime, teen pregnancy, delinquency, substance abuse, and welfare dependency. The science of early brain development helps illustrate how child development, before the age of 5, is the foundation for success in life and a prosperous society." (Dubno, 2)

## Total Texas Juvenile Population by Race 2010



## Percent of Texas Juveniles with Referals by Race 2010



There is clearly a disproportionate number of Hispanic and African American Juvenile referrals compared to the population size.









#### **AVANCE New Mexico**

Intensive Home Visiting
Parent Childhood Education
Program

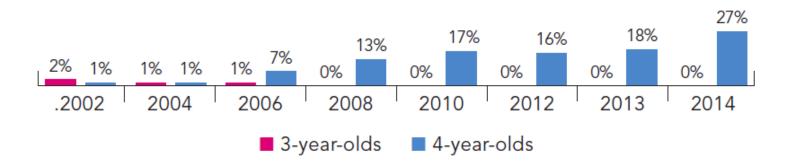
- ✓ Serving over 90 families in Doña Ana County
- ✓ Has a waiting list for interested families





#### **New Mexico PreK program**

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED\*











# How to Get More Funding for Family Engagement *Proven* Approaches

Leveraging HHS and Education Programs

Special Education Referrals

Prioritizing Federal Education Money

Social Impact Approaches

Continue
Day Care
Train the
Trainer
Efforts









# "What will it take to dramatically improve public education in New Mexico?"

"As the Secretary of Education, I call on every educator, student, parent, community member and public servant to share in the responsibility for the success of our children and, ultimately, the future of the great state of New Mexico"

Hanna Skandera Secretary of Education









### **Questions?**

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