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NMECDP to Spend Day in Hobbs Discussing the Importance of Expanding NM PreK

Local early childhood education policy organization will meet with providers, educators and policy makers to discuss the benefits and challenges of expansion efforts.

Who: New Mexico Early Childhood Development Partnership, NMECDP. NMECDP is a statewide policy initiative of United Way of Santa Fe County. NMECDP is dedicated to creating the public awareness and political will for investment in early childhood education in New Mexico.

What: NMECDP will highlight the importance of NM PreKindergarten (NM PreK) and the positive impact high-quality early childhood education and care programs for working families.

When: Thursday, December 1, 2016

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Media Availability

NMECDP staff will be available for in studio interviews or to answer questions from the media.

9:30-10:30 a.m.

NM PreK Site Visit to Booker T. Washington Elementary School

A visit to a local NM PreK site to see firsthand the positive impact of early childhood education.

Booker T. Washington Elementary School
1200 E. Humble
Hobbs, NM 88204

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Community Conversation

Join us for a lunch and conversation about expanding NM PreK. All are welcome.

J.F Maddox Foundation
220 W. Broadway St., Ste. 200, Hobbs, NM

Hobbs, NM – NMECDP will spend the day highlighting the importance of NM PreK in Hobbs on December 1. Press is invited to a *NM PreK site visit* at Booker T. Washington Elementary School, 1200 E. Humble and a *Lunch and Community Conversation* at the J.F Maddox Foundation, 220 W. Broadway St., Ste. 200. NMECDP is focusing on a multi-year initiative to expand NM PreK to every 3-and 4-year-old who wants it.

The event will also highlight the positive impact of high quality early childhood education and care programs for working families and how it can empower mothers to stay in the workforce and advance their education.

“We are excited to tour New Mexico to talk about expanding NM PreK,” said Katherine Freeman, President and CEO of NMECDP. “Our children are counting on us to figure out how to expand high-quality PreK programming that ensures they are ready for success the day they start kindergarten.”

The New Mexico Early Childhood Development Partnership, is dedicated to creating the public awareness and political will for investments in early childhood education in New Mexico.

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UNITED WAY OF SANTA FE COUNTY BACKGROUND

Beginning in 2004, UWSFC has served approximately 6,000 families by using a two-generation approach, supporting both the children and families in a series of high-quality early childhood programs designed to prepare children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed.

UWSFC operates a pre-kindergarten program for three- and four- year-old children at the United Way Early Learning Center at Aspen on the campus of Aspen Community Magnet School.