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

Statewide early learning 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) 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 learning in New Mexico.

What: NMECDP will highlight the importance of NM PreKindergarten and the positive impact high-quality early learning programs for working families.

When: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

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

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

Western University Child Development Center

Sechler-Rhoades Hall
1000 W. College Avenue
Silver City, NM 88062

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.

**Student Memorial Building Meeting Room
Western New Mexico University**

1000 W. College Avenue
Silver City, NM 88062

Silver City, NM – NMECDP will spend the day highlighting the importance of the New Mexico Prekindergarten program (NM PreK) in Silver City on October 4. Press is invited to a ***NM PreK site visit at Western University Child Development Center***, Sechler-Rhoades Hall, 1000 W. College Avenue, Silver City, NM 88062 and a ***Lunch and Community Conversation at the Student Memorial Building Meeting Room, Western New Mexico University***, 1000 W. College Avenue, Silver City, NM 88062.

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 Claire Dudley Chavez, Executive VP for Policy and Stakeholder Engagement, 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.”

Early childhood education and care is the sole mission of United Way of Santa Fe County, with a commitment to ensuring that every child receives an opportunity to succeed in school and in life. UWSFC is committed to engaging the entire community, bringing together people and resources to create opportunities for children and families to achieve their dreams and aspirations.

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