



Agenda **Regular Meeting of the Children
and Youth Commission**
November 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM
Meeting Virtually

Procedures for Children and Youth Commission Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approval of 11/21 meeting agenda - ,
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of 9/26 meeting minutes
- ,
5. Presentations
 - a. Growing Up New Mexico program updates
- ,
 - b. Children and Youth Commission Grantee Site Visit Updates
- ,
6. Action Items
 - a. Discussion and approval of 2025 Children and Youth Commission meeting calendar
- ,
 - b. Discussion and vote on on meeting preference (in person, virtual, hybrid)
- ,
 - c. Discussion and approval of CYFD contract amendment (Sierra Vigil-Trujillo, Youth and Family Services Division Project Administrator)
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7. Discussion Items

8. Matters from Staff

a. Tumbleweeds Magazine article request (Christa Hernandez, Youth and Family Services Division Program Manager)

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9. Matters from the Commission

10. Matters from the Chair

11. Next Meeting: _____

12. Adjourn

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MINUTES

CHILDREN AND YOUTH
COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
ATTEND VIRTUALLY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Member Richard Lindahl
Member Lisa Salazar
Co-Chair Crystal Ybarra
Co-Chair Chanelle Delgado
Member Sarah Amador Guzman
Member Deseray Gallegos

Members Excused:

Member Craig Hay
Member Jimmy Montoya
Member Nora Jean Salazar

Others Attending:

Christa Hernandez, Clerk
Natalie Skogerboe, Attendee
Ana Coghlan, Attendee

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Approval of 9/26 agenda

MOTION: Member Lindahl moved, seconded by Member Salazar, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Lindahl, Member Salazar, Co-Chair Ybarra, Co-Chair Delgado, Member Amador Guzman, Member Gallegos

Against: None

Abstain: None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of 7/25 minutes

MOTION: Member Amador Guzman moved, seconded by Member Lindahl, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Lindahl, Member Salazar, Co-Chair Ybarra, Co-Chair Delgado, Member Amador Guzman, Member Gallegos

Against: None

Abstain: None

5. **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

6. **PRESENTATION**

- a. Youth Shelters and Family Services program updates

An overview of the funded Children and Youth Commission program was provided to the Commissioners.

- b. Girls Inc. program updates

An overview of the funded Children and Youth Commission program was provided to the Commissioners.

- c. Juvenile Probation updates (Deseray Gallegos)

Updates were provided by the Juvenile Probation Office.



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7. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**

- a. Small grant review updates

An overview of the funded Children and Youth Commission small fund grantees was provided to the Commissioners.

8. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION**

9. **MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**

10. **NEXT MEETING: November 21 2024**

11. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:31pm

Christa Hernandez

Liaison

Chair

EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT KAUNE

Early education and care in our classrooms support children to develop the skills they need to work, play, and thrive.

Our three infant and toddler classrooms opened recently, expanding services to **children as young as six weeks old**.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Great Start Family Support and **Growing Up New Mexico Home Visiting** provide prenatal and postpartum support, referrals, guidance, and resources. Weekly visits can begin prenatally and continue until age five.

Great Start and **Home Visiting** enrollment grew **by approximately 60%** over the past year.



ESCALONES - CHILD CARE BUSINESS

ESCALONES - Child Care Business Support helps child care providers to grow and strengthen their business and caregiving. ESCALONES offers four key programs throughout New Mexico:

- **THE (Training Home Educators) Accelerator**
- **Local Networks**
- **Individualized Coaching**
- **ESCALONES Rewards**

ESCALONES Rewards, in partnership with the City of Santa Fe, received national recognition for an economic equity initiative. Santa Fe was one of only seven cities nationwide to be selected.



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OUR INTERCONNECTED PROGRAMS



Great Start Family Support & Growing Up NM Home Visiting – In-home visits begin prenatally with the option to continue through age five. Our trained professionals answer questions and provide regular check-ins and guidance including lactation consultation, developmental assessments for children, plus referrals to community resources and services.



Infant and Toddler Care – Three full-day, full-year classrooms for infants and toddlers, ages six-weeks to two years. Our newest program expands child care options for families in Santa Fe while preparing our youngest learners for success in school and life.



PreK and Early PreK – Six full-day, full-year Reggio Emilia inspired classrooms for three- and four-year-olds. Growing Up New Mexico's five-star program prepares children and families for social and academic success in kindergarten and beyond.



Bridges to Opportunity – This innovative, multi-generational program promotes long-term stability and resiliency, and provides families the opportunity to thrive. Our coaches offer guidance and connections to community resources for any adult in a household with young children.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library – This monthly book delivery program promotes early literacy to nearly 2,500 young children in Santa Fe County. Families can sign up as soon as a baby is born and will receive an age-appropriate book each month until their child turns five.



ESCALONES - Child Care Business Support – An initiative supporting hundreds of child care and education providers throughout New Mexico. We support providers to increase their quality of care and strengthen their business through four key programs: **THE (Training Home Educators) Accelerator**; **Local Networks**; **Individualized Coaching**; and **ESCALONES Rewards**.



Policy and Advocacy – All programs and operations inform our policy work, along with deep community listening. Our goal is to grow an efficient and effective education and care system in New Mexico. By working through public and private partnerships, we advocate for concrete improvements and provide information and analysis for key decision makers. We also support the development of family leaders through a Santa Fe and Statewide Family Leadership Council.



GROWING UP New Mexico

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERSHIP

BRIDGES TO OPPORTUNITY

Who are we?

- We provide one-on-one guidance for families using a family-centered coaching model
- We use a multi-gen approach
- The program promotes long-term resiliency
- We connect families to community resources

Why coaching works?

Our dedicated team provides:

- Individualized one-on-one support to family members
- Families are met with compassion and without judgement
- Family members are empowered to be their child's best advocate
- Families are coached to achieve long-term stability

Coaching Outcomes

- Number of families served: 141
- Number of children served: 246
- Number of families who secured childcare: 39
- Number of families housed: 21
- Number of parents/primary caregivers who secured employment: 23



CONTACT US

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City of Santa Fe Children and Youth Commission 2025 Meeting Calendar

Fourth Thursday of every odd month
3-5pm

- January 23rd, 2025
- March 27th, 2025
- May 22nd, 2025
- July 24th, 2025
- September 25th, 2025
- November 20th, 2025**

** meeting date adjusted for the holiday

From: [Jen Schroer](#)
To: [HERNANDEZ, CHRISTA](#); [BLAIR, JOHN W.](#); [Justin Schroer](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Szpak](#); [Advertise with Tumbleweeds Magazine](#)
Subject: Re: Children and Youth Commission Strategic Plan
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:11:16 PM

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Hello Christa,

Thank you for your questions. Please see my response in [blue](#).

Would the Commission be drafting and providing the article? [Yes](#)

Would the Commission be interviewed and someone from the magazine would be the one to draft the article? [No interview. It is an opportunity for the commission to write its own article and share its work with the community.](#)

What is the general price point for this type of article? [Free](#)

Would it be possible to run an advertisement on the Commission instead of an article? [Yes. @Justin Schroer will respond with additional information about advertising.](#)

From: HERNANDEZ, CHRISTA <chernandez@santafenm.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 9:09 AM
To: Jen Schroer <jen@tumbleweedsmag.com>; BLAIR, JOHN W. <jwblair@santafenm.gov>
Cc: Jennifer Szpak <Jennifer@tumbleweedsmag.com>
Subject: RE: Children and Youth Commission Strategic Plan

Good Morning Jen,
Thank you for the email and inquiry.

I met with the Children and Youth Commission co-chairs yesterday and they asked me to clarify the following with you:

- Would the Commission be drafting and providing the article?
- Would the Commission be interviewed and someone from the magazine would be the one to draft the article?
- What is the general price point for this type of article?
- Would it be possible to run an advertisement on the Commission instead of an article?

Thank you!

Christa Hernandez
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From: Jen Schroer <jen@tumbleweedsmag.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 3:54 PM
To: HERNANDEZ, CHRISTA <chernandez@santafenm.gov>; BLAIR, JOHN W. <jwblair@santafenm.gov>
Cc: Jennifer Szpak <Jennifer@tumbleweedsmag.com>
Subject: Children and Youth Commission Strategic Plan

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Hello John and Christa,

I hope you and your family are doing well. As you may know, my husband and I are the owners of Tumbleweeds Magazine which is a parent resource for Northern New Mexico. I would like to know if you would be interested in contributing an article to the magazine and sharing the Children and Youth Commission Strategic Plan's progress and milestones with our readers. We have an article opening for the Winter issue which publishes January 1, 2025.

Please let me know if this is of interest and Jennifer Szpak will provide additional information.

Kindest Regards,
Jen