

## NM EARLY CHILDHOOD TRANSITION STEERING COMMITTEE

The New Mexico Early Childhood Transition Steering Committee was established to provide guidance and oversight to the NM Early Childhood Transition Initiative in order to:

- Stimulate and support parent involvement
- Support and facilitate the actualization of the transition process and partnerships at the community level
- Identify systems issues and determine strategies that remove barriers to the successful transitioning of child and families from early intervention to other services and supports as they turn three
- Demonstrate commitment to a high level of collaboration based on mutual respect, shared vision and common purpose

## NM EARLY CHILDHOOD TRANSITION STEERING COMMITTEE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

### Welcome to the NM Early Childhood Transition Steering Committee

As a parent representative, your presence on the Early Childhood Transition Steering Committee provides a voice for all parents of children transitioning across New Mexico. A parent perspective is important in the collaborative efforts of this committee. Our work is to build processes and systems that facilitate smooth and effective transitions that are supportive of and engage families.



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Steering Committee Members represent a broad sector of early childhood programs across the state, including Early Intervention, NM Public Education, Special Education Bureau, Child Care, Parents Reaching Out (PRO), Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs (EPICS), Pre-K, Head Start, Home Visitation, State Supported Schools, and other key stakeholders.

Below you will find questions and answers to support you in better understanding the NM Early Childhood Transition Steering Committee, and your role and responsibilities as a parent representative.

### What is the primary role of members on the NM Early Childhood Transition Steering Committee?

Members represent their specific sector of the early childhood system in New Mexico and serve on the state level committee, as part of the vision to enhance collaboration of all partners involved in the early childhood transition process. They receive and share information on state actions, activities, and trends related to early childhood transition. They provide input and guidance to improve early childhood transition systems and services

### Why was I invited to participate in the NM Transition Steering Committee?

As a parent of a child who has transitioned from Part C to Part B services in New Mexico, you have firsthand experience with transition. You were asked to join the Early Childhood Transition Steering Committee, because you bring a unique and important perspective to the group, to improve systems and services.

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## What is my primary role as a parent representative on the NM Transition Steering Committee?

Your input and perspective will assist in determining strategies that would remove barriers. As a parent representative on the Transition Steering committee, you will be asked to provide input, ideas and feedback on larger statewide transition issues and initiatives.

## Will I be expected to share my personal story and experiences around transition with the NM Transition Steering Committee?

Your role is broader, in that you will be representing *all* parents around the state on transition related topics.

There are other groups around the state, such as the FIT Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) and statewide transition teams in each county, which include parent representatives whose function is to share their own personal experiences with the transition process.

## How long will I serve on the NM Transition Steering Committee?

Parent representatives serve one-year term limits, on the Transition Steering Committee.

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## How many NM Transition Steering Committee meetings are held in a year?

The Steering Committee meets three times per year. Typically, meetings take place in September, January and May via ZOOM.

## What Happens if I miss a meeting?

Meeting notes will be e-mailed to you following each meeting.

## Where can I find out more about the transition process in New Mexico?

To get more information about the NM Transition Initiative and the Transition Steering Committee, please visit The Early Childhood Transition Initiative website: [Early Childhood Transition Website](#)