

Early Childhood Education and Care

Professional Development Resources

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Professional Development Quorum eLearning

The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) provides free access to an online professional development program for individual New Mexico educators who work with families with young children from prenatal to age five.

The program, Quorum eLearning, offers:

- 24/7 access
- 180 hours of high-quality interactive online courses
- Topics including developmental milestones, health and safety, language development, etc.
- Courses are available in English and Spanish
- Approved for Continuing Education Units (CEUs)



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Quorum eLearning

Quorum licenses are available to early educators who work in:

- Child Care
- Head Start
- PreK
- Home Visiting programs
- Early Intervention programs
- Spanish-speaking educators, educational assistants in public schools, and Tribal early childhood educators are also encouraged to apply

To obtain a free Quorum license, educators may sign up online.

<https://www.quorumlearning.com/state-initiatives/>



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Quality Initiatives and Professional Development

- The New Mexico Professional Development system supports ECECD's Division of Policy, Research, and Quality Initiatives legislative mandate to provide training and licensure requirements for all individuals in a recognized setting for children from ages 0-8 yrs. Statewide training opportunities are available to NM early learning providers, families and interested community members. Training sessions offered meet the New Mexico Core Competency Areas for Early Care.
- Trainings can be found at <https://nmels.org/>



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Early Childhood Comprehensive Scholarships

- In partnership with CNM-Ingenuity, ECECD provides scholarship opportunities to early childhood professionals working in:
 - ◆ Child care settings (licensed or registered)
 - ◆ State-funded NM PreK program
 - ◆ Head Start/Early Head Start
 - ◆ Home Visiting
 - ◆ Family Infant Toddler (FIT) program
- Scholarship pays 100% of tuition and books (50% books at the Bachelor's level) for certificate/degree pathways in early childhood education
- For more information visit: <http://ececdscholarship.org/>



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Health and Safety Grants

- This grant, of up to \$2,500 is available to early childhood programs that employs between one and 50 employees located in New Mexico.
- This grant will be offered on a first come basis, until funding is available, or until May 27, 2022.
- Funds are available to support student success, including the following:
 - ◆ Health and safety costs that have occurred as a result of the public health emergency such as enhanced cleaning and sanitation to ensure the health and safety of children and early childhood education and care professionals
 - ◆ Other costs that have occurred as a result of the public health emergency, such as staffing increases, technology and furniture purchases, remodeling, creating outdoor learning spaces, or any other expenses associated with supporting student success.



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Grants and RFPs

- For more information, visit: [Grants RFPs and Procurement Opportunities | Early Childhood Education & Care Department \(nmececd.org\)](https://www.nmececd.org)
- For questions and support contact:
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