



Our Mission

A Community Member

Educating • Supporting • Serving

Our Motto

Serving Kids • Priority One!

Our Vision

Region 9 your innovative Regional Educational Cooperative providing exceptional services to children, families and communities across NM

Bryan Dooley - Executive Director
Dahn Freed - Deputy Director

Developmental Services – Melina Romero– Director

Program Highlights

- Developmental Services was the first program funded to Region 9 outside of the direct ancillary Services to Lincoln County school districts. Services started in the mid-late 1980's.
- The program may be referred to FIT, Part C, Birth-3, DS, or "The Babies" – We answer to them all.
- Children qualify through 1 or more enrollment eligibility requirements: Developmental Delay, Established Condition, Medical/Biological at Risk or Environmental at Risk.
- The program serves an average of 55-65 families per month.
- The program has oversight through the Early Childhood Education and Care Department. Funds are received by services we provide through Medicaid and State General Funds.
- We offer respite services for Birth-21 years old.
- Our children are transitioned by their 3rd birthday to Part B 3Y programs in school districts.
- Our amazing staff includes 3 employees who are Family Services Coordinators/Developmental Specialists and 6 Contractors, including SLPs, PT, COTA, DS III, and SBHS for Family Therapy.

Home Visiting – Melina Romero – Director

Program Highlights

- Region 9 received Funding from CYFD July 1, 2017 to provide Home Visiting services for 32 families in Lincoln County. In FY 22, we are funded to serve 66 families.
- All staff are trained in the Parents as Teacher Curriculum. The program implements a Group Connection or commonly referred to as "Playgroup" on a monthly basis.
- The program serves families Prenatal through age 5 in the convenience of their own homes.
- Visits range from 1-2 times a month or at least 90 minutes per month. The parent and child must be present together in their home or other community setting.
- Home Visitor offer support, listen, refer to community resources, help families to reach their goals, and provide information on issues such as attachment and brain development.
- Home Visitor educate families on the SafeSleep program and provide a portable cradle and other goodies. Books are provided at each home visit.
- Home Visitors support families to support their children to become happy, healthy, safe, and successful.

Early Head Start – Calla Goeller – Director

Program Highlights

- Early Head Start serves 44 children ages birth to three in Ruidoso (at the Mountain Annie's Building)
- It is a free program for all children and families, but it is targeted for low income families and families in need.
- We provide comprehensive services for children and families including: health, mental health, education, family services, parent education, family engagement, and nutrition.
- We provide free meals to all children including infants using CACFP (state) funds, and we provide diapers & wipes for all children who are not potty training.
- Early Head Start teachers and staff are trained and required to complete specific coursework related to infants and toddlers.

Head Start – Calla Goeller – Director

Program Highlights

- Head Start serves 115 children across Lincoln County in Ruidoso, Hondo, and Capitan
- It is a free program for children 3 and 4 years old
- The program is targeted for low income families, and families with the highest needs
- We provide comprehensive services for children and families including: health, mental health, education, family services, parent education, family engagement, and nutrition
- Our LEA partners provide facilities, custodial services, meals, and special education services
- Head Start teachers focus on preparing children for Kindergarten to become "School Ready"

School Based Health Center – Ashlee McEwen – Director

Program Highlights

- 8 Staff
- Clinical, physical and behavioral health care services free of charge to students located on Ruidoso High School Campus.
- SBHC promotes physical and behavioral health awareness for students in the Region 9 member schools. (Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft, Corona, Hondo, Ruidoso, Tularosa)
- SBHC collaborates with school districts to keep students healthy and in class so they can learn what they need to know to succeed in class and in life.
- Most importantly SBHC helps support students to become better advocates for their own physical and behavioral health.
- Collaboration with Community organizations (DWI, LCCHC, LCJJB)

Educational Services – Dahn Freed – Director

Program Highlights

- Direct Services to Students (ages 3-21)
- Ancillary Services (OT, PT, SLP, School Psych, Social Work, and Educational Diagnosticians, Nursing Services)
- Technical Assistance to Teachers, Administrators, and Support Personnel (Coaching, teacher and principal mentoring, curriculum alignment, NM Teacher Evaluation, Child Find developmental screening, special education)
- Professional Development in General and Special Education compliance (Common Core State Standards, NM Teacher Evaluation, Universal Design for Learning, Multi Layered Systems and Supports, Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act, Reporting Suspected Abuse and Neglect, Crisis Prevention and Teacher Mentorship)

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Program Highlights

- Child Find Screenings for member districts preschool population
- Medicaid School Based Services Billing
- Software Supports (Kuder Navigator Career Assessment , Powerschool IEP, Max Capture)
- Teacher Mentoring
- Dossier Reviewers Coordination, coaching and reviews for PED
- Educator Growth and Development Coordination for Elevate NM (NM Teacher Evaluation System)
- Work Based Learning Initiatives (Wind Energy)
- Technology Training Tech Bits
- 24 employees, 1 vacant position, 3 subs, 6 contractors (Ed Services Staff Directory)

Human Resources

Program Highlights

- Recruitment and selection of highly qualified individuals.
- Process personnel documents as required by State and federal laws.
- Encourage employee safety and wellness through the availability of benefits and monthly Lunch & Learn presentations.
- Establish and assess systems for performance and employee development.
- Enhance employee relations.
- Contribute to Region 9's accomplishment of goals and objectives.

Fiscal Department – Carmen Spann – Director

Program Highlights

- Staff of 7
- To accurately report the financial position of Region 9
- Promotes financial integrity and operational efficiency through ethical behavior, being fair and honest in our work, respecting confidentiality and maintaining a high standard of conduct
- Provides accurate and timely disbursement of payments to Region 9 vendors and expense reimbursements to employees
- Provides reliable, responsive, and timely service in support of Region 9's compensation, benefits, payroll tax related and reporting services
- Fosters prudent fiscal management

Contract & Procurement sub group of Fiscal

Program Highlights

- Support statewide and local initiatives through the release and management of procurement for professional services.
- On behalf of the New Mexico Public Education Department and Region IX we will issue:
 - Request for Proposals - RFP
 - Sole Source
 - Invitation to Bid - ITB
- Our goal is to ensure best value for services.
- Establish best practices for procurement services in accordance with state laws and regulations.
- Provide contract management services

Internal Supports Department – Teresa Barnett – Coordinator

Program Highlights

- 7 Full Time Staff
- Support state agencies through IGAs and all entrepreneurial activities developed by Region 9
- Support local, regional and statewide events – both in person, virtual, and hybrid
 - Onsite professional development support
 - Public agencies & Non Region 9 districts
 - Region 9 & Region 9 member districts
 - Virtual support for professional development and training
- IGA Consultation work with all agencies to identify best practices
- Procurement compliance and monitoring

Technology – Stacy Wren – Director

Program Highlights

- Staff of 5
- Infrastructure Support: Servers, Networks, Wireless. Assist districts with maintenance, procurement, and planning for hardware and software needs critical to student instruction and program management.
- Device Support: Configure and maintain Computers, Mobile Devices and Peripheral Devices
- Software Support: Operating Systems, Applications, Web Apps, Mobile Apps.
- Security/Safety: Network Safety, Systems Security, User Safety (Access-Control, Security Cameras, Lock-Down Systems)
- End-User Support: On-site and Remote Technology Support and Training for Staff and Students
- Testing Support: Configuration and Setup for Testing Platform Software, District Test Coordinator and Test Proctor Training and Support, Device Support During Testing
- Audiovisual Support: LCD Projectors, Document Projectors, Interactive Displays, TVs, Smart Boards, ITV Systems, ChromeCasts, Apple TVs, etc...
- Sorry, we do not support toasters, microwave ovens, or other small appliances.



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