

# New Mexico PAC

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# Purpose of the Migrant Education Program

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The goal of the Migrant Education Program is to ensure that all migrant students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma (or complete a GED) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

We are here to help your children!



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We offer program services to help students in areas they are struggling.

This includes academic support through:

Tutoring

ELL classes

Summer School

Counseling

School Supplies

Home visits

Parent meetings



# Parent Advisory Council

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**PAC meetings** are designed to achieve two objectives:  
(1) to develop leadership among **migrant** parents; and  
(2) to educate parents about topics they express interest in or topics that the New Mexico **Migrant Education** office feels are important for **migrant** parents to be informed about.



PAC meeting focus: How to Stimulate your Child's learning through experiences.

# How to stimulate your child's learning through experiences



Express interest in what your children are involved in. Ask questions and learn about what your children are interested in.

Help spark curiosity in your children by asking questions about things in your every day environment.



# How to stimulate your child's learning through experiences

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Offer new materials, games, toys, etc., that are challenging to your students but not impossible to learn.

Help children develop memories by participating in family traditions.



# How to stimulate your child's learning through experiences

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Encourage problem solving by not stepping in immediately when a problem occurs but encourage the child to think about what can be done. Verbalize your own problem solving skills but talking out a situation you are facing.

Make sure your child sees you learn not being afraid to learn new things.



# How to stimulate your child's learning through experiences

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Take trips to interesting places such as a museum, library, or local business to stimulate your child's curiosity and sense of wonder. Offer hands-on experiences during these trips to allow for further exploration. Bring along paper, writing utensils, a camera, or recorder to capture any thoughts or questions.



# How to stimulate your child's learning through experiences



Choose toys for your child that encourages a variety of ways to play. Toys that can only be played with in one way limit children's creativity and opportunities for problem-solving. Some suggestions would be: blocks, connecting toys, cardboard boxes, tracks and cars, paints, pencils, paper, homemade clay, instruments, etc.



# How to stimulate your child's learning through experiences



Don't be afraid to limit screen time and access to technology.

It is actually good for kids to be bored. Unstructured time gives children the opportunity to explore their inner and outer worlds, which is the beginning of creativity. This is how they learn to engage with themselves and the world, to imagine and invent and create.



# How to stimulate your child's learning through experiences



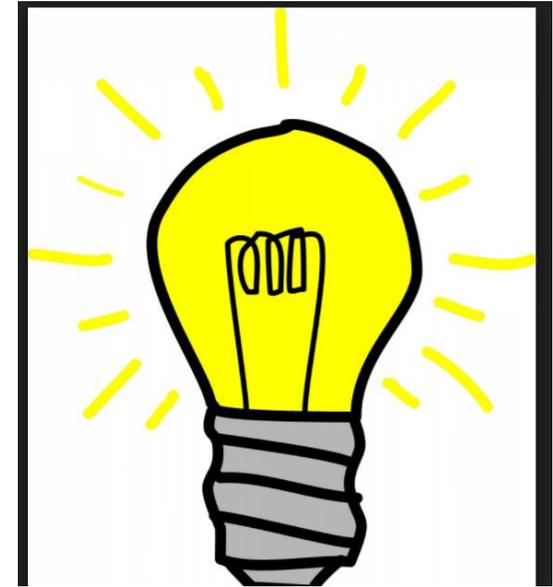
But children need all kinds of other experiences, from building with blocks (motor skills, perceptual abilities) to engaging with other kids (learning how to get along and partner with others) to creative pursuits (becoming a doer, not a passive observer). Children also need to be physically active. Their bodies are designed to move, and if they don't, they have a harder time sustaining attention and staying in a good mood. That's why it's essential to limit screen time.



# Bored? That is good!

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- Play jump rope
- Play with bubbles in the sink
- Plant some seeds
- Use the hose and a tarp to make a slip and slide on your lawn
- Paint your toenails
- Play dodgeball with a soft ball
- Weed the garden
- Make puppets with old socks, buttons & markers.
- Make a list of fun things you can do without a grownup
- Mix liquid hand soap, cornstarch and food coloring into paint and paint the bathtub.
- String beads to make friendship bracelets.
- Use pipe cleaners to make animals
- Use pipe cleaners to make an indoor ring toss game
- Use a basket and string to rig an elevator to hoist stuffed animals up your stairwell
- String a necklace out of pasta
- Practice kicking a soccer ball
- On a hot day, give kids sponges and a bucket of water outside, and let them toss them to each other
- Glue popsicle sticks together to make picture frames, decorate.
- Make and fill a bird feeder
- Make playdoh
- Paint sea shells or rocks
- Make bean bags
- Blow bubbles



# How to stimulate your child's learning through experiences



Let your child know that what she thinks and questions is valued. Listen to his questions very carefully. Your child will have a stronger sense of self-worth and approach challenges with confidence.

Ask questions and set up opportunities to provoke your child to think for herself. Encourage him to come up with original ideas. Wait and listen to them. Show an authentic respect for her ideas.





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Questions or  
Comments?

