

ECECD Tribal Advisory Coalition First Year Milestones

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ECECD Tribal Advisory Coalition

- ECECD, in partnership with the **University of New Mexico** Family Development Program, established a Tribal Advisory Coalition in the Spring of 2022.
- As of April 2023, 18 members have been appointed or requested to join the coalition, still awaiting 7 representatives to be nominated by their Tribal leaders.
- The coalition will be formed of 30+ members, and we plan to have one representative and alternate from each of the 23 Tribes, Nations and Pueblos in New Mexico.
- Includes a representative from for **the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired** and **New Mexico school for the Deaf** (they have nearly 10% population of Indigenous children/families)

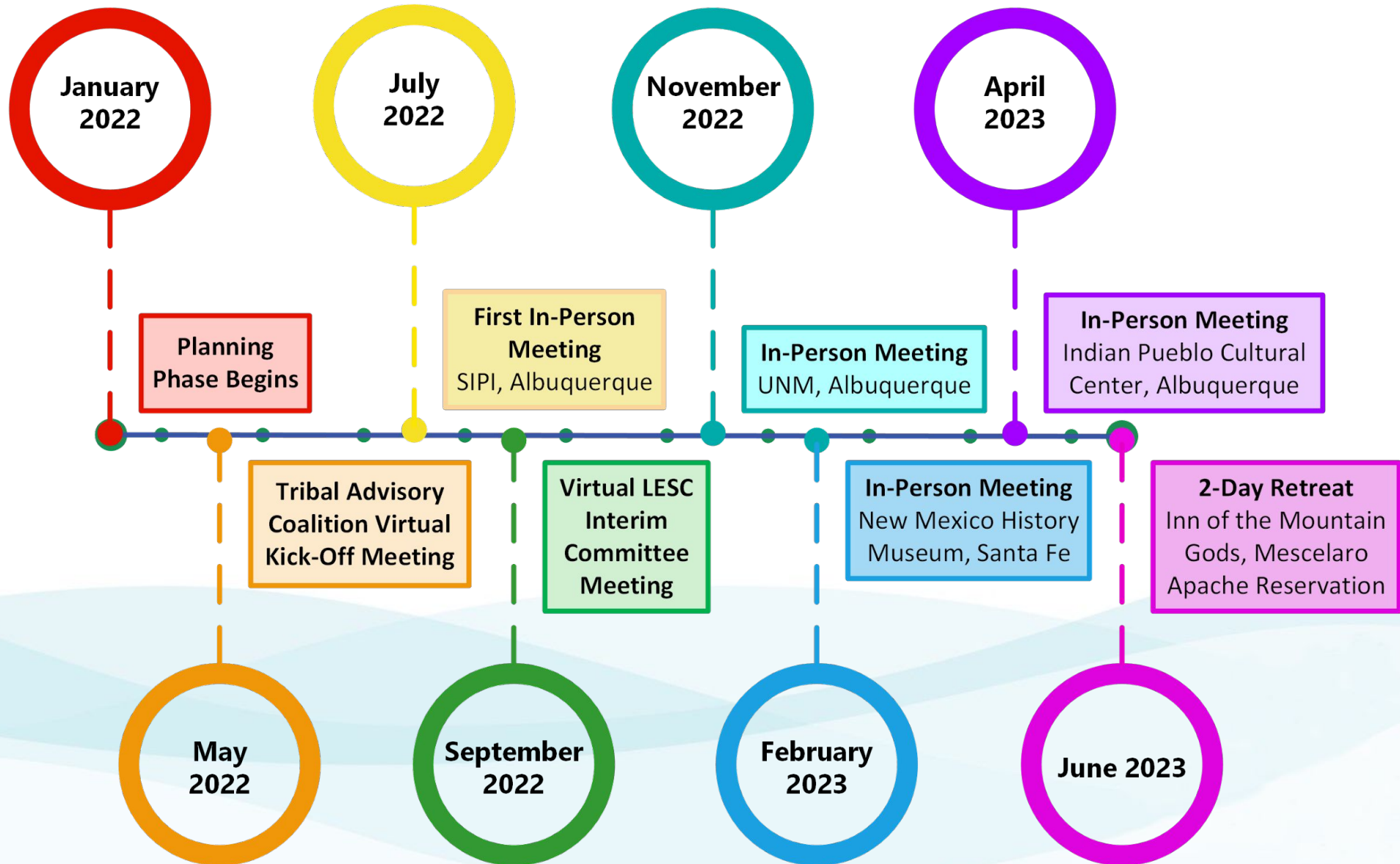


Advisory Coalition Goals

The coalition planning group developed five major goals:

1. Identify the strengths and gaps of early childhood education and care in each community;
2. Learn from each other across tribal communities to develop culturally relevant and appropriate assessments, evaluations and innovative family engagement models;
3. Develop best practices of collaboration in governance and financing structures;
4. Communicate regularly with ECECD and make broad recommendations about tribal early childhood education and care needs;
5. Strengthen ECECD's commitment to equity and quality early childhood education and care for all.

Tribal Advisory Coalition Timeline



Advisory Coalition Member Impressions



Advisory Coalition Mission and Vision

Mission:

The Statewide Early Childhood Tribal Advisory Coalition seeks to advise ECECD on policy, budget and advocacy recommendations and will work in collaboration with the agency to develop a needs assessment plan with an actionable timeline for program improvements in all of New Mexico's Tribal communities.

Vision:

Through both active engagement and inclusive practices that prioritize the overall well-being of tribal early childhood education and care, the Early childhood Tribal Advisory Coalition seeks to be a **collective voice for children, families, and community with essential respect and acknowledgement of each tribes' distinct culture, language and history**. We work in strong partnership to advocate for sound investment and positive legislative outcomes in aligned tribal systems development so that **all native children have access to high-quality Early Childhood Education and Early Intervention**.

Our coalition will model pathways for tribal programs that ensure equitable opportunity and allocation of funds through a steady commitment to equity as a measure of our success. We are committed in creating a positive image of programs that honors the uniqueness of every community and will continuously revisit our collective strengths as the foundation for our work together.

Advisory Coalition Established Goals

- 1. Community, Family and Tribal Engagement and Support**
 - 1. Objective 1:** Family Engagement Education
 - 2. Objective 2:** Tribal Leadership Support, Engagement and Training
- 2. Professional Development Systems Change and Capacity Building**
 - 1. Objective 1:** Professional Education and Tribal Early Childhood Capacity Development



Pictured: Cotillion Sneddy, ECECD Assistant Secretary, and other Native American Early Education and Care and Training Coalition members working on implementation work in April 2023

Established Goals, Continued

3. Coalition Priorities for Collaborative Planning and Investment

1. **Objective 1:** Early Intervention Services
2. **Objective 2:** Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Practice
3. **Objective 3:** Language Revitalization & Culturally Appropriate Program Development

4. Advisory Coalition Development, Meeting Process, Statewide Visibility and Reporting

1. **Objective 1:** Collaborative Learning
2. **Objective 2:** Marketing and Advocacy
3. **Objective 3:** Data and Reporting

June 2023: Mescalero Retreat

- Meeting for a two-day retreat June 8 – 9, at Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero
- Coalition members will experience Mescalero's community and culture first-hand
- **Retreat Objectives:**
 - Will continue to work on implementation work plans started in April.
 - Will present on legislative advocacy that the coalition can engage in for the 2024 legislative cycle.
 - Will present finalized Mission, Vision and Goals.
 - Rename Tribal Advisory Coalition (Tribal Technical Centers/Tribal Advisory Committee)
 - Solicit logo and gather ideas for logo



Questions?

Pictured: Tribal Advisory Coalition work session at New Mexico History Museum, February 2023



Contact

A huge thank you for our Community Presenters **Tai Garcia, Anne Duran** and **Rosario Dick!** If you have any questions regarding the ECECD Statewide Tribal Advisory Coalition, contact:



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