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New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel Membership Requirements:

The State of New Mexico established and maintains an advisory panel to provide policy guidance for Special Education and related services for children with disabilities in the State. According to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel must consist of members appointed by the Governor or any other official authorized under the State law to make such appointments.

The Panel must be representative of the State population and composed of individuals involved in or concerned with the education of children with disabilities, including:

- parents and guardians of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26)
- Individuals with disabilities
- Teachers
- Representatives from higher education institutes that prepare special education and related services personnel
- State and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)
- Administrators of programs for children with disabilities
- Representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities
- Representatives of private schools and public charter schools
- At least one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities
- A representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care

- Representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies

A majority (51% or greater) of the Panel members must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26).

If you are interested in serving on the New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel, please get in touch with Kaity Ellis at (505) 709-7690 or via email at kaitlin.ellis@ped.nm.gov for more information.