Are you an
Early Childhood Educator?

Join the Early Childhood Networks

Mentor Network

Receive mentor certification, professional development, and ongoing support as you share your experience with the next generation of early childhood educators. Must have an associate degree or higher and at least 3 years of classroom experience to apply. **Applications open May 1 to June 15.** Monthly virtual meetings held August through April. Additional in-person events are held in August and April. Mentor certification is held on the third weekend of July.

Stipend for in-person mentoring (45 classroom hours and 15 collaboration hours): $800 per mentee, per semester (max: 2 in-person mentees)*
Stipend for virtual mentoring (15 collaboration hours): $300 per mentee, per semester (max: 4 virtual mentees)
Stipend for attending virtual monthly meetings: $50 per meeting

Mentee Program

Are you a college student in Early Childhood programs, first-year teacher, or an EC educator seeking professional support? You are eligible to be a mentee! Mentees work with a mentor for 10 to 15 weeks per semester. Mentors provide individualized insight and support growth in the field. **Fall semester applications open August 1 to Sept. 10. Spring semester applications open Jan. 1 to Feb. 10.**

Stipend for in-person mentees: $800 per semester
Stipend for virtual mentees: $300 per semester

*All given stipend rates are for 2026-27 school year and are subject to change.

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Infant Toddler Teacher Network

Earn professional development hours learning about topics you care about from experienced Infant-Toddler Teachers. Virtual monthly meetings (PLCs) are currently held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. English and Spanish-language cohorts available. **Fall semester applications open May 1 to June 15. Spring semester applications open Nov. 15 to Dec. 1**.

Stipend for attending PLCs: $50 per meeting

Directors Network

Discuss best practices and current challenges with Early Childhood Directors across the state. Virtual monthly meetings are currently held on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. **Fall semester applications open May 1 to June 15. Spring semester applications open Nov. 15 to Dec. 1.**

Stipend for attending PLCs: $50 per meeting

Home-based Providers Network

Connect and learn with this supportive community of registered and licensed home-based providers. Virtual monthly meetings are currently held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are offered in English and Spanish. **Fall semester applications open May 1 to June 15. Spring semester applications open Nov. 15 to Dec. 1.**

Stipend for attending PLCs: $50 per meeting

Network Leads

Support and guide educators across New Mexico as an ECN Lead. Leads spend 3 to 5 hours per week on planning and facilitating monthly network meetings and supporting network members. Leads must have an Associate's Degree and 5+ years teaching experience and be eligible for the New Mexico Training Registry.** **Applications open May 1 to June 1.**

Stipend for Network Leads: $1,500 per semester

Regional Connectors

ECN works with Regional Connectors to expand our access and support across the state through regional outreach efforts. Current regions are **Santa Fe**, **Farmington**, **Silver City**, **Las Cruces**, and **Clovis**. Regional Connectors assist with mentor / mentee placements and attend virtual monthly Leadership Team meetings. **Applications open May 1 to June 1.**

Stipend for Regional Connectors: $1,000 per semester

***see ecnetworks.org for more information on lead requirements