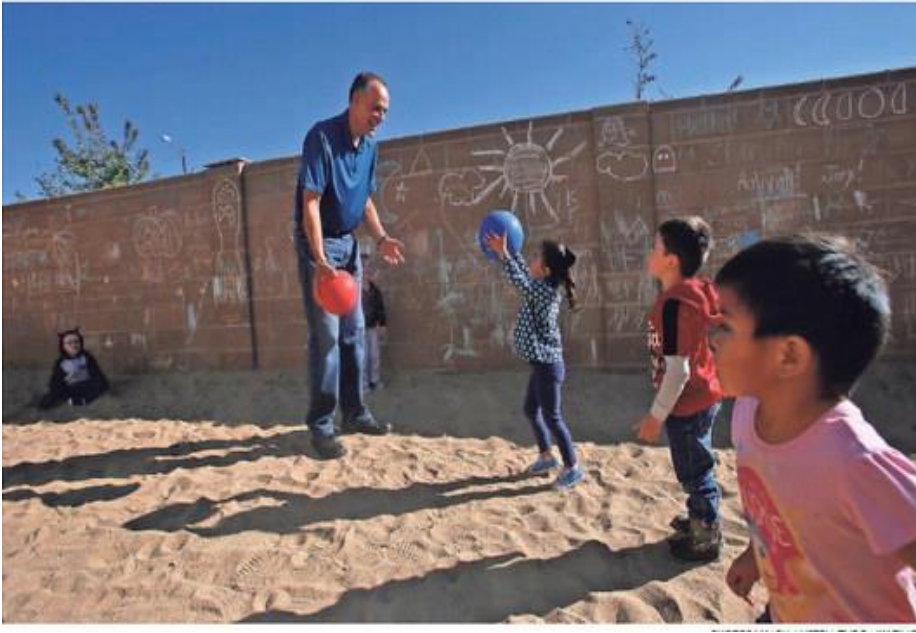


New Mexico Early Childhood Development Partnership members tour Farmington child care center



Farmington Mayor Tommy Roberts plays with students on Thursday during a tour of Smiling Faces Child Care Center in Farmington. Members of the New Mexico Early Childhood Development Partnership, along with community members, toured the center to highlight the importance of New Mexico PreK, a state program aimed at increasing access to pre-kindergarten programs. New Mexico Early Childhood Development Partnership is a program of United Way of Santa Fe County whose members work to expand the state program so every 3- and 4-year-old child in the state can enroll. In San Juan County, about 38 percent of children ages 3 and 4 were enrolled in a preschool program in 2014, according to U.S. Census Bureau data.

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TamaRae Anagal hugs her son, Cooper Anagal, after a visit on Thursday at Smiling Faces Child Care Center in Farmington.



Student artwork hangs in a window on Thursday at Smiling Faces Child Care Center in Farmington.