

**South Valley Emerging Early Childhood Group
A Brief History and Highlights**

- October 2013 Staff from the South Valley Early Childhood Alliance and CYFD’s South Valley Investment Zone meet with Commissioner de la Cruz who expresses interest in supporting collaboration around early childhood efforts in the South Valley and offers to host a luncheon.
- November 2013 Representatives of a dozen organizations serving young children and families meets for a luncheon with the Commissioner and other County officials
- December 2013 Two dozen interested persons, including State Senators Michael Padilla and Linda Lopez, meet to explore possibilities for collaboration around early childhood efforts in the South Valley, and agree to meet again.
- February 2014 Participants work on developing our collective vision for the South Valley, identify principles for collective action, and begin to identify potential working groups.
- March 2014 We continued to learn more about each other; took a “data tour” of the South Valley; and committed to four action teams with identified leaders, members, and next steps.
- May 2014 Four Action Teams report back on their purpose and plans: Data, Resource Mapping and Gap Analysis; Family Education and Professional Development; Community Family Hub; Public Awareness and Advocacy
- March 2015 After meeting with the Community Family Hub Action Team, Senator Michael Padilla successfully introduces Senate Memorial 106 to study the feasibility of implementing a coordinated call-in helpline pilot project in Bernalillo County. The Action Team assumes leadership the study.
- March 2015 CYFD awards First Choice Community Healthcare, in partnership with the South Valley Early Childhood Group, a planning grant to develop a comprehensive, coordinated “system of systems” to support young children and families in the South Valley.

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| May 2015 | First Choice Community Healthcare and the South Valley Early Childhood Group submit a “system of systems” plan to CYFD and begin to develop and implement an action plan and timeline. |
| March 2016 | Formalized a partnership with the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office, including a community information hub at the South Valley Command Post for visitors and staff. |
| Spring 2016 | Reviewed and refined our vision and mission statements. |
| Summer 2016 | Developed governance structure, policies and procedures in line with our vision and mission |
| October 2016 | South Valley County Commission Candidates Forum |