



Elizabeth Groginsky

Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department

Elizabeth Groginsky has more than two decades of executive leadership experience administering public and private human service organizations at the national, state and local levels.

Prior to her appointment as Secretary of New Mexico's Early Childhood Education and Care Department, she served as the assistant superintendent of early learning for the District of Columbia, where she administered a \$160 million annual budget that funded programs to ensure equal access to quality services for the District's most vulnerable children and their families. In 2009, D.C. was first in the nation to pursue universal pre-K and today has the highest U.S. participation rate, with 85 percent of 4-year-olds and 75 percent of 3-year-olds.

Before joining the D.C. Superintendent's office, Elizabeth directed early childhood education for United Way Worldwide, where she helped expand the number of communities collecting and using population-based early childhood data. In addition, Elizabeth served as the first executive director of the Early Childhood Data Collaborative, a national coalition to improve state policies and practices in the development and use of early childhood data systems.

Elizabeth also has extensive experience with Head Start programs. She began as a family services coordinator, later administered a county program, and then directed the Head Start Collaboration Office for the State of Colorado. In Washington, D.C., she oversaw one of only eight state Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grants.

Elizabeth holds a master's degree in social sciences from the University of Colorado at Denver and a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland.