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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Growing up

As you may have heard, United Way of Santa Fe County has changed its name to Growing Up New Mexico: The Early Childhood Partnership. The name change signals our commitment to New Mexico's children and the adults in their lives.

What matters most is the word “up,” because passion and aspiration fuels everything we do. We have directed programs and policy around early childhood education and care, and created the public awareness and political will for investment in early childhood education and care in New Mexico for many years. We will continue to do the same important work, just with a new name. You can find more information at our website, [growingupnm.org](http://growingupnm.org).

We are celebrating our new name with a virtual kickoff weekend, Thursday to Jan. 24. Some examples of our virtual events include a kick-off toast to celebrate early childhood champions, a bilingual music performance for all ages, a talent show for all ages, and updates on policy work, supporting families and our early learning center's COVID-19 response. Go to the registration site: [app.mobilcause.com/e/5K1UUA?vid=fvg1e](https://app.mobilcause.com/e/5K1UUA?vid=fvg1e) to see the full agenda and to register.

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