



Substitute Care Advisory Council
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NOTICE

MEETING OF THE SUBSTITUTE CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (COUNCIL)

The purpose of the Citizen Substitute Care Review Act (NM Stat § 32A-8) is to provide a permanent system for independent and objective monitoring of children placed in the custody of the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) by examining the policies, procedures and practices of the department and, where appropriate, specific cases to evaluate the extent to which the department is effectively discharging its child protection responsibilities. **This is the only legislation in New Mexico for a permanent system of independent and objective monitoring of children in the care of CYFD.**

The Council was created pursuant to NM Stat § 32A-8-4 for the general purpose of overseeing substitute care review boards in their monitoring of children placed in the custody of CYFD to identify systemic policy issues regarding substitute care¹. Per 8.26.7 NMAC, the Council meets at least quarterly.

The Substitute Care Advisory Council (Council) will convene a regular meeting on

Thursday 22 October 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at

Regulation and Licensing Department

505 South Main Street, Suite 118

Las Cruces, NM

and via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85953888202?pwd=56Yks7uwleKj71asgwKlzolyWPaw3u.1>

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The agenda will be available from and posted on the Council's website at <http://www.nmscac.org> at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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¹ Substitute care refers to care for a child or youth whose parents/guardians cannot care for them. Substitute care includes foster care, kinship care, group home, residential treatment center, juvenile justice facility, semi-independent living and emergency shelter. For more information on the Council visit www.nmscac.org.