

## **Head Start Centers and Staff**

### **Zia Head Start**

Location:

1000 Borrego Canyon Road  
Zia, New Mexico 87053  
(505) 867-3553 Ext. 513

Teacher: Elsie Coriz-Sandoval

Teacher Assistant: LeAnn Saiz

Joslyn Lujan

Cook: Felicity Waquie

Maintenance: Byron Shije

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### **Pueblo de Cochiti Head Start**

Location:

272 Cochiti Street  
Pueblo de Cochiti, New Mexico 87072  
(505) 465-2454

Teacher: Audrey Suina

Teacher Assistant: Arlinda Cate

Cook: Jon Calabaza

Maintenance: Vacant

## **Administration Staff**

Head Start Director:

LaVonne Tortalita

(505) 771-5366

Interim Health and Nutrition Manager:

Kevin Tenorio

(505) 771-5385

Education/Transition Coordinator:

Vacant

(505) 771-5369

Family Services Manager:

Vacant

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**Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc.**

### **Head Start Program**

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**Head Start  
Investing in Future  
Generations.**

**Serving Children ages  
3 to 5 years old**



**We believe that every child  
deserves a Head Start!**

## **Our Mission**

Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc. Head Start Program delivers high-quality, comprehensive, early childhood services that focus on the total needs of the child and family, both within an educational setting and within the community. We are committed to working in partnership with others to strengthen and empower families and communities that respect each individual's unique values and cultures.



## **Vision Statement**

**Healthy People, Sustainable  
Communities, Vibrant Cultures**



## **Core Values**

<< Action >>

<< Effectiveness >>

<< Honesty >>

<< Respect >>

## **Our Philosophy**

FSIP, Inc. Head Start Program operates with a philosophy of service to children, parents and our community.

For **Children**, the program offers a safe supportive environment that encourages creativity and positive self-esteem. We have a holistic approach to learning through play including activities that are age-appropriate, culturally sound and educational in nature. We also offer a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks for our children.

For **Parents**, the program offers free preschool services for their children along with many ways to get involved. We also offer our parents an extensive opportunity to resources and to serve on the parent committees and on the Policy Council.

For the **Community**, the program provides support for families through our collaborations with Behavioral Health, WIC, Food Distribution, CACFP, BPS, and other LEA's.



## **Educational Perspectives**

We believe that each child is a unique he or she deserves our respect, attention, concern and the best individualized educational experiences we can offer in a group or individual setting.

We believe that children learn through play, and so it is of extreme importance that a child's play environment be designed as a safe, healthy learning environment, attended by caring adults who provide developmentally appropriate educational opportunities for each child every Head Start day.

We believe that to be better prepared for school, all children need:

- Responsive adults
- Caring and continuous relationships
- A sense of security
- The opportunity to develop trust
- Regulations that promote nurturing practices

