



July 30, 2025

Hello Parents,

Thank you for taking interest in the Cochiti Language Nest Program. We have been working hard on creating a program that fits the needs of our community.

In our application packet you will find valuable information about the Language Nest Program.

We are eager to create a positive influence on the development of Cochiti children and influence school readiness by providing valuable educational and social experiences.

Over the years the Language Nest has gone through some changes. Our goals are to help support Cochiti language and culture learning and to prepare the children for the next steps of their educational journey. However, the Cochiti language, culture and traditions will always be the foundation of the Language Nest.

Attached is the Language Nest Enrollment packet for parents or guardians to complete. Deadline to apply and submit all supporting documents is August 15, 2025, for the first reopening class.

Please turn in all completed forms to the Education Director or Childcare Coordinator at the Cochiti Library. All forms are to be complete and turned in, prior to the deadline will go through the verification process. Due to the limited space in our facility, work, training, education and income will be the main factors in our verification process.

Once the Language Nest is at its capacity, your child will be placed on the waiting list, in the order in which their application was turned in.

If you have any questions or would like to see our facility prior to enrolling your child please call me at 505.908.0205, to make an appointment.

Regards,

Syreeta Arquero
Education Director

Hannah Pecos
Childcare Coordinator



Pueblo de Cochiti Language Nest Program Mission

Our mission at the Language Nest is to provide quality care and comfort in a safe and friendly environment in Pueblo de Cochiti. We encourage participants to embrace the Cochiti Keres language and traditions. We support family teachings to build confidence and respect through tradition. We support and help develop the child's confidence where they can value themselves and others through traditional teachings. Our staff aims to positively impact children's development and school readiness with educational experiences. Our program combines Cochiti culture and traditions along with an early learning curriculum. The curriculum helps support developmental milestones to help children reach their full potential.

Guiding Principles

Cochiti language & traditions are the foundation

Everyone plays a critical role in Cochiti society

Knowledge is power...help keep the culture alive by sharing what you can

Food & Water are sacred

Family is the core to our way of life

We are all related

All children are precious; we treat them as if they are our own

Safety & Security for the children is our number one priority

Respect one another



Joint Required Commitments for Language Nest Families & Providers

As a parent or guardian of a Language Nest child, we ask you to actively participate in various activities, and classes throughout the time your child is in the nest. These classes will help parents/guardians and Language Nest staff be consistent in their teaching and help reinforce the culture at home. Below is a list of the required commitments we ask of parents/guardians and Language Nest Staff members. Please read and initial as acknowledgement.

_____ Parents/guardians will participate in Cochiti Language and Traditional classes at least once a week. Schedule to be shared later.

_____ Parents will participate in monthly Language Nest activities.

_____ Each child's family will choose a mentor with whom they feel comfortable in assisting them with all phases of child rearing, as well as Cochiti tradition. Please note your mentor in the proper area on your enrollment packet and below.

_____ While your child is under the care of the Language Nest, the nurturing and teachings of traditional lifestyles, values of respect, and caring & sharing will be the emphasis for both parents and providers.

_____ Parents will respectively request their extended family members to participate in Language Nest activities. The parents will provide the program with names of extended family members who will actively participate in program activities.

I fully understand the Joint Required Commitments for staff and parents. I agree to participate in events and activities that teach our traditional lifestyle values, as part of my child's enrollment into the Language Nest program.

Name of Child

Date

1. Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

2. Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Print Name of Family Mentor

Additional Family Member

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Signature Childcare Coordinator

Date received



Pueblo de Cochiti Language Nest Responsibilities & Goals

As a child participating in the Language Nest program, we ask for them to:

- ♥ have respect for one another
- ♥ make every effort to listen, learn and speak your Cochiti language
- ♥ participate in traditional activities as much as possible
- ♥ try your best in everything you do

For our parents to:

- ♥ support the Language Nest by being supportive and participating in Language Nest activities
- ♥ follow the program commitments
- ♥ contributing time and in-kind items to help with the operation of the Language Nest
- ♥ committing to learn and/or speak Cochiti language daily in your home
- ♥ attending scheduled parent language and culture classes
- ♥ encouraging and reminding speakers of Cochiti to speak Keres at the nest and at home
- ♥ be an active participant in traditional tribal activities, with your children

For our grandparents and mentors to:

- ♥ visit with children as often as possible
- ♥ share your language, stories and knowledge
- ♥ encourage and praise your grandchildren and all the children of our community, to learn and speak the Cochiti language

For our staff to:

- ♥ care for the children in our Language Nest program
- ♥ consistently speak and teach our Cochiti language to all children of the community
- ♥ provide a nurturing and safe environment for our children and community
- ♥ provide the children with the necessary skills and education, appropriate for their age range
- ♥ make sure they are ready for the next educational level when they leave the Language Nest

I fully understand and acknowledge the Language Nest requirements for the children, parents, families and staff.

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