

WHY Senator Cisneros?



**Why did you kill
Early Childhood
Education?**

**Don't you know
New Mexico's children
have fallen to LAST
in the nation in
child well-being?***

* Kids Count report, Annie E. Casey Foundation www.datacenter.kidscount.org/rankings

The bill to give our kids a fighting chance

Study after study has shown that quality early childhood education and development programs (pre-natal to age 5) improve reading scores and enhance a child's chances of later success in school.

This year Senate Joint Resolution 12, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez (D-Belen), opened a way to make this needed investment in our young children.

It would have put a constitutional amendment on the the general election ballot allowing the public to decide whether to divert a small portion (just 1.5%) of the state's enormous permanent fund (\$13 billion and growing) to high-quality early childhood programs—including pre-school, pre-natal education and early diagnosis of developmental disabilities.

New Mexico voters would have gotten the final say. But now you and other voters won't get that chance, thanks to Senator Carlos Cisneros.

...killed by Sen. Carlos Cisneros.

Senator Carlos Cisneros, vice chair of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, moved to prevent the full Senate from even voting on the Early Childhood bill this past February 17th.

Cisneros' move to kill the bill was successful.

Afterwards, Cisneros warned the gallery: "Don't blame any one individual on this committee or in the legislature for that."

Senator Cisneros, we ask you:
Who should be held accountable for killing the bill, if not you?

Call Senator Carlos Cisneros at (505) 670-5610.



**Ask him who should be held accountable
for killing Early Childhood Education.**

For more information about the New Mexico Early Childhood Education initiative www.WhenWillTheyEverLearn.org

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