



building a brighter future
one child at a time.

Para Los Niños Means "For The Children"



In October 1979, the Los Angeles Times published an article that galvanized a community. The article was the first of many to spotlight the plight of children and families living in the depths of despair in Los Angeles' inner cities; it spoke of children living in the Skid Row area who, while their parents worked, were often kept locked in hotel rooms or left alone to wander the halls and dangerous neighborhood streets. Twenty-five years ago, the problems of children living on or near Skid Row were largely overlooked. There were few services available and no safe place for these young boys and girls. Ninety percent of children in the area did not attend school.

Within a year of the article being published, Para Los Niños' doors opened to serve 45 children in rented warehouse space. A former false eyelash factory came to life with the presence of happy children-eager for a chance to learn and a chance to succeed. The founding of Para Los Niños greatly improved circumstances for children living in Skid Row. Today, we continue to respond to the ever-growing and ever-changing needs of the community. Our proven approach helps children succeed, and builds stronger, more stable families.

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Our Mission
To help children succeed.

Our Vision
To be the leading provider of high-quality services for children.

- Our Core Values**
- Children Come First <
 - Excellence in all Areas <
 - Respecting and Embracing Diversity <
 - Responsive, Compassionate, and Inspiring <
 - to those we Serve
 - Highest Ethical Standards <
 - Transparency and Accountability <
 - Teamwork <

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Programs that work



Para Los Niños has over twenty-five years of experience serving children and families who live in extreme poverty. We have a local and national reputation for award-winning excellence and are one of only 1% of family service agencies nationwide to achieve accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children.

Because we believe that education is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty, Para Los Niños operates programs that directly educate children and youth. Our organization also provides a comprehensive array of social and mental health services that help parents and families create safe, nurturing, and healthy homes in which their children can thrive and build toward a brighter future.

Para Los Niños programs work. They are designed to meet the specific needs of children, from infancy to adolescence and into adulthood. Thanks to friends like you, we are making a crucial difference in young lives.

Para Los Niños' diverse staff is educated and trained to handle the challenges children face in their everyday lives.

Para Los Niños provides age-appropriate, professional, educational programs that support each child throughout all stages of their development. From infancy to college, we empower children from some of Los Angeles' most challenging communities with high-quality primary, secondary and workforce education that gives them the same fighting chance every child should have to fulfill their individual dreams and goals.

Here are some of the educational and developmental programs Para Los Niños offers:

- 🕒 **Child Development Centers**
- 🕒 **After-school Programs**
- 🕒 **Para Los Niños' Charter School**
- 🕒 **Youth Center & Youth Workforce Services**

*Para Los Niños
was founded
so that no child
would be forgotten.*



The power of education

Our Family Services, Family Preservation Programs and Mental Health Program provide assistance to families who are in need of support. In keeping with traditional values of the population we serve, our Family Resource Centers are designed to be hospitable, welcoming and family-like. We make child safety and well being a top priority and work with each family to identify the root cause of their difficulty; giving them the comprehensive mental, emotional and educational support they need to make positive changes.

Family case managers, licensed social workers, family advocates, a psychologist and a consulting psychiatrist administer this growing list of services to families in need:

- 🕒 **Mental health counseling**
- 🕒 **In-home counseling and education**
- 🕒 **Parenting classes**
- 🕒 **Support groups**
- 🕒 **Referrals for medical care, job training and more**

Through these services, Para Los Niños partners with families and enables them to provide healthy, nurturing, supportive environments for their children. This contributes to more productive learning and ensures that the children of these families develop clearly defined goals to ultimately build a brighter future.

The gift of hope

Para Los Niños has a proven, successful track record of taking children and their families over the poverty line and onto a brighter, more productive future. We have a local and national reputation for excellence and uphold the highest standards, while we continue to offer a "hand up" instead of a "hand out" to more than 4,000 families each year.

Through the dedication and innovation of our professional staff, the generous support of our community and contributions from people like you, we can continue to make a difference.

For more information on how you can help build a brighter future for the children or discover more about the impact of our award-winning programs, please contact us:

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