



Early Education

We apply an integrated approach to educating the whole child within the context of his or her family, by providing a rich learning environment that supports healthy social-emotional, cognitive, and physical development.

Highlights of our model:

- Head Start and Early Head Start education from six-weeks to kindergarten ready
- Teachers work in partnership with parents to provide optimal learning opportunities for children
- Comprehensive services - including mental health, health, nutrition, disability, and family support.



Who We Serve

 **460**
students

6 weeks to 5 years-old




100% families below Federal Poverty Line*

Real Results

83%
of preschoolers kindergarten-ready**



93% of families read to their children at least once a week



1,994
Parents attended over seventy trainings to be the best parent they can be

75%
of the students met or exceeded developmental expectations**

*Federal Poverty Line (FPL) defined in 2018 as an annual income of \$25,100 for a family of four.
**2017-18 academic year data DRDP



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Locations:

The Tina and Rick Caruso Early Education Center
Head Start and Early Head Start (6wks – 5yrs)
845 E. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021

W.M. Keck Foundation Early Education Center
Head Start (3 – 5 yrs)
1521 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Perlita Head Start (3 – 5 yrs)
4118 Chevy Chase Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90039

Magnolia Head Start (3 – 5 yrs)
2828 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505

Cypress Park Head Start (3 – 5 yrs)
1145 Cypress Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90065

Hollywood Head Start (3 – 5 yrs)
5000 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027



Education & Resources:

- Creative Curriculum
- Ages and stages developmental screening
- Disability services
- Behavioral support planning
- Parent workshops and trainings
- Nutrition screenings
- Dental assessments
- Parent leadership opportunities

Our History

In 1979, the Los Angeles Times published “*The Children of Skid Row: A Grim Life*,” an investigative article detailing the harsh realities for children living in the Skid Row area of Downtown Los Angeles. After reading, teacher and social worker Tanya Tull was motivated to take action.

With just a \$5,000 grant and a warehouse, Tull established the first children’s social service agency on Skid Row and the foundation for Para Los Niños. By 1980, the agency served a total of 51 children, and since then, PLN has grown into a widely respected charitable organization, serving over 6,000 children, youth and families per year.

What We Do

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Our early education centers provide over 450 students with high-quality academic and social-emotional education. Starting as young as six-weeks we engage parents to ensure a strong support system for their success well beyond preschool.

TK– 8th Education

Our project-based approach keeps students intellectually enriched and our wraparound support builds social emotional skills, character, and confidence for over 1,100 students at our Gratts Primary School, Charter Elementary School, and Charter Middle School.

Youth Workforce Services

Working with over 2,000 disconnected youth and adults each year, our staff connects participants with opportunities to build their careers and engage in the community. Through workshops, mentorship, internships, and case management, YWS helps students to succeed in school, work, and life.

Student & Community Services

We use protective factors to create safe and connecting spaces for 4,000 children and caregivers each year. Our staff works to strengthen family environments and reduce barriers for children, youth, and adults to thrive