



para los niños for the children

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 dangerous area of Downtown Los Angeles. After reading the distressing story, teacher and social worker Tanya Tull was motivated to take action. With a \$5,000 grant and a lease on a 5,000-square-foot warehouse, she established the first children’s social service agency on Skid Row and the foundation for Para Los Niños. Since then, we have grown to meet the needs of over 6,000 children, youth and families per year.

Our Present

Our model fosters pathways to success through excellence in education, powerful families, and strong communities for children and youth to thrive.



Early Education

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

Our Goal

Children and youth are physically, socially and emotionally healthy.

Families and communities are engaged and empowered.

Children and youth are developmentally and academically successful, and ready for the future.

Leaders execute on an org-wide vision, implement aligned goals, and maintain a culture of compassion and excellence.

THE ISSUE

Children facing poverty experience a myriad of obstacles interrupting their chance at success in school, work and life.

OUR SOLUTION

We believe every child deserves the opportunity to succeed - our schools disrupt generational poverty and empower families to create strong communities.

75%

Percentage of children who after just one year in Early Education show significant improvement in English language, literacy, and social-emotional development



89%

Percentage of parents who reported improved relationships with their children after participating in case management

100%

After School satisfaction rating from Parents and Students



405

Number of work experiences for young adults ages 14-24