



# Student & Community Services

**We create safe and connecting spaces for over 4,000 children, adults, and caregivers each year. Strengthening families and reducing barriers to provide a supportive community environment for children and youth to thrive.**

## Highlights of our model:

- We work within the context of the child in his/her family and community
- We place a strong emphasis on social connections and emotional wellness
- Parent and resident engagement is a core component in our mission to help children thrive
- Family and community wisdom are essential to our success



## Who We Serve



**4,000**  
children  
and  
adults

**89%**



below Federal  
Poverty Line\*

**51%** no high  
school diploma



**Service  
Planning  
Areas  
4 and 6**



## Real Results



**OVER 13,165**  
mental health sessions  
for families annually

**89%**

of parents participating  
in case management  
showed improved  
relationships with their  
children

**Community  
Transformation**  
**84%** Best Start families  
reported knowing how  
to help others and  
themselves to access  
resources to cope with  
or prevent violence

**2,884**  
Home visits to support  
families and keep  
children safe



\*Federal Poverty Line (FPL) defined in 2018 as an annual income of \$25,100 for a family of four.



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## Resources:

- Individual, Couples, and Family Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Prenatal and Postpartum Psychotherapy for New Mothers
- Social-Emotional Learning
- English as Second Language Classes
- Nurturing Parenting Workshops
- Support Groups
  - Anger Management
  - Postpartum/New Parent
  - Domestic Violence
  - Fatherhood
  - Grief and Loss
- Case Management and Home Visitations
- Nutrition Workshops
- Community Change and Advocacy Groups
- Resident Leadership Development

## Partners:

Cal State University Los Angeles California Strategies	Soluna Group SPIRITT Family Service Team Friday
Child360	Shields for Families
LURN	St. Anne's
Maternal Mental Health NOW	Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Pathways LA	Los Angeles Unified School District
Peace Over Violence	
Projecto Pastoral	



## 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 only 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. In 1980, the agency served a total of 51 children, and since then, PLN has grown into a widely respected charitable organization, serving over 5,000 children, youth and families per year.

## What We Do

### 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– 8<sup>th</sup> 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.