

# IMPACT REPORT

2017-2018



## OUR FOUNDING CONGREGATIONS

The Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary

California Province of Holy Faith

Sisters of St. Louis (Monaghan)

Sisters of St. Joseph in California

Sisters of the Holy Family

Society of the Holy Child Jesus

US–Ontario Province of the Sisters of the  
Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

Sisters of Social Service of Los Angeles

## OUR SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS

Daughters of Charity

Sisters of Mercy

Sisters of Notre Dame

Sisters of Providence

Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

South Central LAMP's mission is to provide a supportive nurturing environment for economically poor women and their families by offering programs that empower women and their families to reach full potential, build self-esteem, utilize resources and strengthen mutual interdependent relations.

South Central Los Angeles Ministry Project (SC LAMP) was founded in response to the 1992 civil unrest in Los Angeles by a collaboration of congregations of Catholic women religious. They walked through the devastated neighborhood and asked how they could better support the community and its families.

The Sisters heard a strong desire from mothers to enhance their parenting skills, improve their English literacy, and prepare their children for school and later success in life. In dialogue with the local community, the founders developed family-centered programming that has grown to include: English as a Second Language (ESL) courses; parenting classes; early childhood education programs and other initiatives that support family needs in the community.

## **OUR MISSION**

*The mission of South Central Los Angeles Ministry (SC LAMP) is to provide a supportive, nurturing learning environment for at-risk women and families. This is accomplished by offering educational programs that empower women and their families to reach their full potential, build self-esteem, and strengthen familial and community relationships.*

# ADULT LEARNING OUTCOMES



## English as a Second Language

Our three levels of ESL classes focus on equipping mothers with the language proficiency necessary for personal, vocational, academic and citizenship goals so they may participate fully in society and support and advocate for their children. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30am-10:30am, and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30am-12pm.

*100% of graduates reported feeling confident in being able to use English to find work.*

## Parent-Child Interactive Literacy Activities (PCILA)

Mothers join their children in the classroom three times weekly for one-hour sessions to engage in meaningful and stimulating literacy activities together. PCILA involves mothers as partners in the learning and development of their children, encourages them to spend time sharing the joy of reading with their children, and fosters positive parent-child interaction.

*100% of mothers agreed that they are their child's first teacher and home is their first school.*

“Thanks to the wisdom shared with me throughout these three years, my daughter and I have learned many things that unite us more. I take new friendships with me with those who have shared moments with me here. Today I can say that I understand when my children speak English and can help them with their homework. Thanks to South Central LAMP my life in this country has a better future.” ~SC LAMP Mother

## Parenting Education

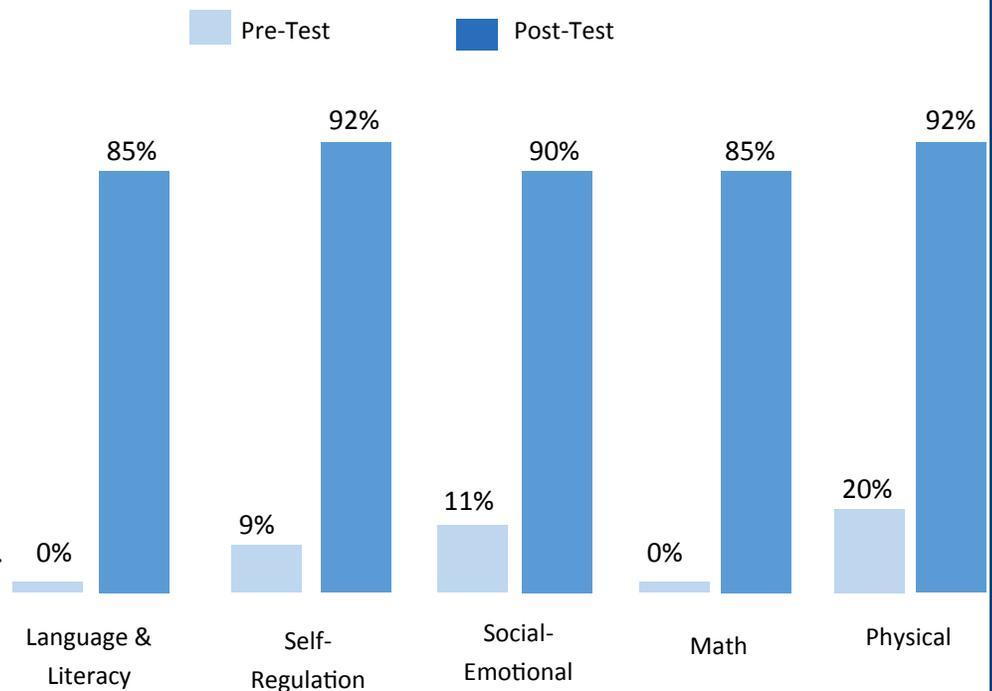
Our parenting classes help mothers create a healthy home environment, prepare their children for kindergarten, and develop their leadership and advocacy skills. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00am-12pm and on Fridays from 8:30am-12pm.

*100% of our Mothers make the transition from one level to the next each year.*



# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) FOR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5

While their mothers are in class, children attend a licensed ECE program based on The Creative Curriculum, which shows early childhood educators how to intentionally infuse literacy practices into their classroom and use the environment as a natural source to create literacy-related experiences. We are especially proud of our kids language and literacy skills, as most are English Language Learners.



*Children who participate in our early childhood education programs are Kinder Ready by age 5. Principals at the local schools have stated that incoming students who have attended SC LAMP are better prepared for kinder and their families are more active in their classrooms and at school.*

## CAMP LAMP



CAMP LAMP is unique in that it invites both mother and child to participate. This program is particularly important because most of our families do not have easy access to transportation, limiting their opportunities to explore outside of their community. We want our kids and families to realize all the opportunities out there for them. Field trips and activities focus on providing experiences in the arts and sciences, two very important areas that do not always get promoted in the children's schools. Field trips of this kind can have a tremendous impact on children. They not only create memories, but also allow them to dream outside of their circumstances.

# DREAMING BIG

## What is Next for SC LAMP?

We are so excited that the STEAM afterschool program we have been working so hard to implement is on the horizon. STEAM programming can not only impact a child, but a community itself! Employment in the STEAM sector is growing and provides opportunities that lead to better paying jobs. Introducing STEAM to our kids opens their eyes to careers they may not have heard of before, and encourages them to be scientists, engineers, chemists and doctors. Introduction to STEAM early in life allows kids to dream and see themselves, not just as spectators in these fields but as future participants in these industries. They can actually be part of the team of people finding solutions and bettering the world for communities like the ones they came from themselves!



*“South Central LAMP is an organization that is very important for our community because it helps us learn about our rights, what happens within our community, and above all, the education of our children.” ~ SC LAMP Mother*



To learn more about South Central LAMP and how you can help, please visit [www.southcentrallamp.org](http://www.southcentrallamp.org) Or call (323) 234-1471 to learn more about how you can help.