



South
Central
LAMP

Empowering families since 1993

2022-2023

IMPACT

REPORT



Changing Community Trajectories



Diana Z Pinto, Executive Director

The other day I received a letter from a nonprofit organization that I support that helps conserve land from deforestation. They shared with me that my small donation, added to the other donations they received, had allowed them to save acres of land for future generations. I felt so good about that, and I thought wow, I wonder how much our donors would appreciate knowing that nationally only 10% of infants and toddlers receive early

intervention services, but at South Central LAMP all children we serve receive assessments?

These assessments allow us to refer children to the right services when needed. In the 30 years we have been serving children, we've helped them receive glasses, hearing tests, speech and language services, behavioral support, and autism services - **all free of charge**. Left undiagnosed, these children would have suffered the fate of either struggling as youth with a disability, possibly leading to depression and feelings of low self-worth. Eventually, these struggles would affect their academic career or as adults, possibly limiting career options and job advancement.

Another interesting fact is that adult programs like ours, that encourage positive parenting skills, reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect. If you think about the 30 years that South Central LAMP has been providing these classes, you can't help but realize that, as a collective, we have changed the trajectory of generations.

In America one in eight children face hunger every day. At South Central LAMP our weekly food distribution, food drives, and Family Advocacy resources prevent families from suffering from hunger. We always ensure that all our families receive the services and the support they need, especially when going through tough financial times.

I don't know if you know how much your donations really affect our community. Often, we give to an organization because of the mission, but I think we forget that behind that mission, there are real people struggling to survive.

I share all this with you because I hope it brings you the joy and optimism I feel, knowing that we are a community of people trying to make this world a better place, by creating equity and supporting those who are marginalized. Thank you to my fellow change-makers, for helping us be the change we wish to see in the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Diana Z. Pinto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diana Z. Pinto
Executive Director

South Central LAMP's mission is to provide programs that empower women and their families to reach their full potential in a supportive, nurturing environment through education, building self-esteem, and strengthening community relationships.



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

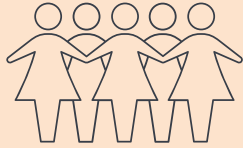
OUR SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS

Daughters of Charity
Sisters of Mercy
Sisters of Notre Dame
Sisters of Providence
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

2022-2023 PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

60 LITTLE LEARNERS

Children (ages 0-5) participated in 37,332 hours of onsite early childhood education, making educational and developmental gains that are crucial for Dual Language Learners



Despite the challenges facing our community, our mothers actively participated in 23,112 hours of parenting and ESL classes, with a retention rate of 95% and attendance rate of 88%, which is remarkable given their personal hardships.

24 AMAZING WOMEN

704 RESILIENT FAMILIES

Our weekly community food program in partnership with St. Francis Center, continues to grow, reaching 2,816 unduplicated individuals.



Our Family Advocate conducted 41 home visits, meeting 1:1 with families to discuss their goals for the year, assess their needs (including mental health), and connect them to resources.

41 ADVOCACY SERVICES

21 EXPL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

In January 2023, we launched a new STEAM after-school program that served 21 children in grades K-2.

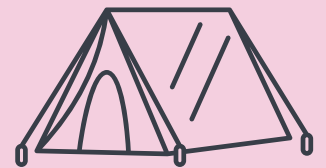


Eighty percent of mothers increased their knowledge of child development, by supporting their children learning at home, and promoting parent-child attachment through intergenerational activities through our Parent Child Interactive Literacy Activities.

80% PCILA

46 CAMP LAMP

Forty-six children and 20 mothers participated in onsite activities with a camping theme, and the families worked together to create campsites with items needed to survive in the wilderness. They also took field trips to the Natural History Museum, the Los Angeles Arboretum and Underwood Family Farms.



In coordination with our partner agencies, we conducted workshops on such topics as Nutrition, Transition to Kinder, Celebrating Diversity, Leadership, Substance Abuse, and Renters Rights. We also held a 5-part financial literacy series.

60 WORKSHOPS

32 SPANISH CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Presented by LAPD Newton Division, the Spanish Citizen's Academy educated 32 community members on domestic violence, gang enforcement, drinking and driving, and mental health evaluations.



Early Childhood Education Program



"The best part about being a teacher is watching these young minds grow up so fast! Their development is so rapid and fun, and I love seeing them become their own person."

- Maria Soriano, ECE Teacher





Child Development Gains

Results of Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 DRDP assessments revealed that *all children made developmental gains*. Children ages 3-5 showed significant gains, as measured by the percentage who advanced to the top developmental levels - which indicate they're ready or nearly ready for kindergarten entry:

	Percentage of Children Pre-Program	Percentage of Children Post-Program
Self-Regulation:	18%	68%
Social-Emotional:	12%	71%
Language and Literacy:	9%	66%
English-Language Development:	31%	52%
Writing Their Name:	24%	78%
Writing All Letters in the Alphabet:	0%	40%
Using Scissors:	61%	92%

Women's Program Highlights



Family Literacy Program Statistics

Pre- and post-program parent surveys revealed improvements in mothers' support of learning at home and engagement in activities that promote parent-child attachment, including:

- 94% of Mothers read to their child three or more times a week
- 94% of Mothers reported talking with their child's teacher about how to support learning at home
- 88% of Mothers frequently play with their child
- 88% of Mothers reported volunteering in their child's classroom
- 76% of Mothers attend PTA meetings at their child's school
- 76% of Mothers sing songs or play music with their child
- 76% of Mothers talk about the letters of the alphabet with their child

Adult Literacy Gains

To measure English language and literacy gains, we administered CASAS (Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems). Of the 19 mothers with a pre- and post-test score, 100% made a gain. Of those who made a gain, 89% achieved significant gains by reaching their goal or beyond. By the end of the year, 96% of mothers also reported practicing English with their children, up from 78%.



Developmental Milestones Workshop 2023

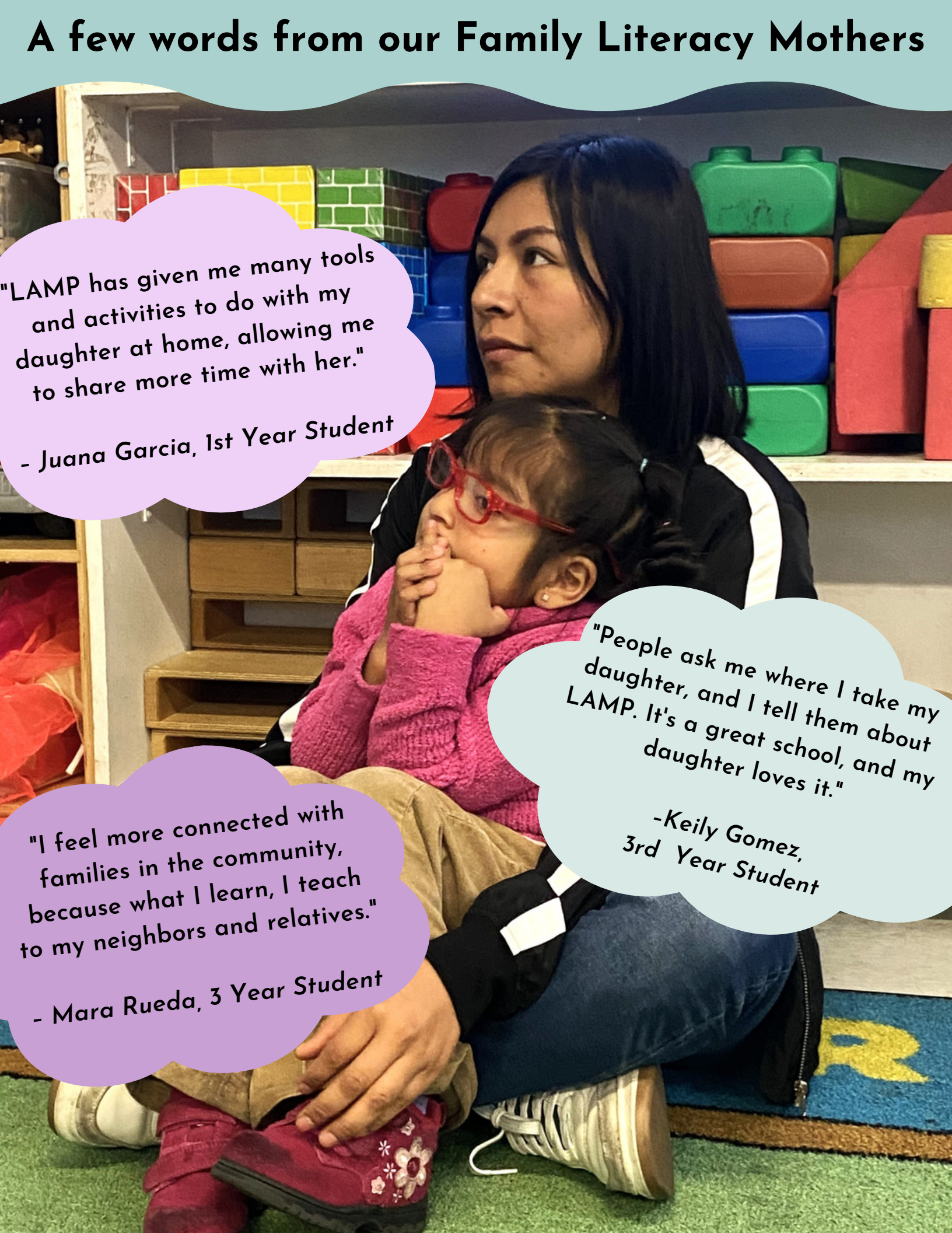
Other Supportive Services

- Home visits with a Family Advocate
- Workshops (Nutrition, Transition to Kinder, Celebrating Diversity, Leadership, Substance Abuse, and Renters Rights)
- Free Hearing and Vision Screenings
- Weekly St. Francis Food Pantry Distribution
- Camp LAMP
- Harvest Festival, Thanksgiving Food & Holiday Toy Drives



International Women's Day 2023

A few words from our Family Literacy Mothers



"LAMP has given me many tools and activities to do with my daughter at home, allowing me to share more time with her."

- Juana Garcia, 1st Year Student

"People ask me where I take my daughter, and I tell them about LAMP. It's a great school, and my daughter loves it."

-Keily Gomez,
3rd Year Student

"I feel more connected with families in the community, because what I learn, I teach to my neighbors and relatives."

- Mara Rueda, 3 Year Student

A few words from our Family Literacy Mothers

A photograph of a woman and a young girl sitting together in a classroom. The woman is wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans, and has a black face mask hanging from her ear. She is smiling warmly at the camera. The girl is wearing a pink shirt with red letters and is also smiling. In the background, there are educational posters on the wall, including one that says "WE LOVE TO READ" and another that says "Manipulatives area".

"I feel more confident in asking for something in stores or with someone who speaks English. I can make appointments with people who speak English, and I understand my daughters when they talk to their friends in English"

*-Elvira Chay,
3rd Year Student*

"Being in the program has helped a lot in boosting my self-esteem, making me believe in myself that I can do it, and I am capable of undertaking many things, including if I manage to speak English."

*- Maria Zarate,
2nd Year Student*

Thank you to our 2022-2033 Community Partners!



Financial Snapshot

REVENUE **\$ 1,743,625**

Grant revenue:	\$ 597,586
Contributions and appeals:	\$ 456,647
Federal and CA State Grants:	\$ 553,374
In-kind revenue:	\$ 76,506
Investment income:	\$ 19,318
Other:	\$ 40,214

EXPENSES **\$1,562,005**

Program services:	\$ 1,170,778
Management and general:	\$ 266,600
Fundraising:	\$ 124,627

GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We express sincere gratitude for the generous support extended to us during fiscal year 2022-2023, by our Community Partners, Congregations, Corporations, Individual Donors, and Foundations. Rest assured, we are committed to responsibly managing your contributions. Our dedication persists in fostering community bonds for families, and delivering essential services to the women and children of South Central Los Angeles.

About Us

South Central Los Angeles Ministry Project (South Central 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.

To learn more about our programs and how you can make a difference in the lives of those we serve, please visit our website at:
www.southcentrallamp.org

You can also find us on social media:
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