

# SOUTH CENTRAL LAMP

IMPACT REPORT

2020.2021

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



# With Gratitude

Dear Friends,

Since the onset of the pandemic, South Central LAMP has stayed true to its mission and supported a community that has come to trust our agency. However, we could not have done this without your help. We thank you for believing in our work, offering your support, and trusting that your contributions help transform the lives of everyone that comes to our agency.



DIANA Z. PINTO  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SOUTH CENTRAL LAMP

We ended the 2021 program year celebrating everything we were able to accomplish, despite all the challenges we faced as a community. As an agency, with the guidance and leadership of our dedicated Board of Trustees, we adopted an updated five year strategic plan that remains community-focused and mission-centered.

Over the course of the next few years, our goal is to bring to life what we renewed as our vision in the new five year strategic plan. We're excited to see our visions become reality one step at a time. While our mission remains the same, I know that by the time we complete the goals in our strategic plan, South Central LAMP will have evolved and expanded our impact.

I will be honest, change is always worrisome. But this time, I'm so excited because I know that every time we grow and evolve as an agency, we become better - better for our families, for our staff, and for our community. So please join me in this exciting new phase for South Central LAMP - onward and upward!



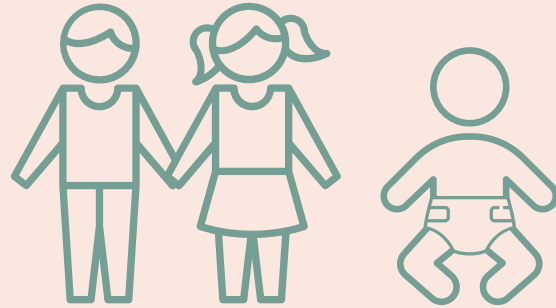


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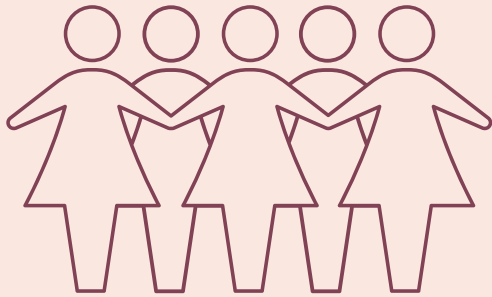
# Program Snapshots

## 78 LITTLE LEARNERS

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



## AMAZING WOMEN 22



Despite the challenges of the pandemic and the additional challenges facing our community, mothers actively participated in parenting and ESL classes, complemented by family advocacy services and linkage to additional resources

## 361 RESILIENT FAMILIES

Due to the pandemic, we expanded our weekly community food program in partnership with St. Francis Center, reaching 1,566 unduplicated individuals



## CAMP LAMP 43



Children and 11 mothers participated in onsite activities focused on social-emotional and physical development, as well as virtual field trips to the LA Zoo and California Science Center





ALL CHILDREN IN OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
PROGRAM MADE DEVELOPMENTAL GAINS.

These gains have been crucial for our students, who are all Dual Language Learners, as the pandemic has substantially disrupted the early childhood education system, especially for our community.





## Child Development Gains

Results of pre- and post-program assessments (DRDP) of children (ages 3-5) showed developmental gains, with all participants advancing substantially to the higher developmental levels in each domain as follows:

	Pre-program score	Post-program score
Social-Emotional:	14%	43%
Language and Literacy:	10%	41%
Math:	24%	44%
English-Language Development:	10%	42%
Writing Their Name:	37%	71%
Using Scissors:	61%	86%



## Adult Literacy Gains

We are proud that a remarkable 79% of the women in our ESL Program increased their language assessment score. Teachers reported students consistently attended virtual ESL classes with attention and enthusiasm; completed at-home language practice and assignments; and applied concepts learned when interacting verbally during class sessions.

In addition, 100% of mothers in our first-year parenting class made substantial gains in their knowledge of the “First Five Years” workshop series, which is important as parents who are informed about age-appropriate milestones are better able to support their child’s development.

## Other Supportive Services

Community workshops were held virtually, including regular yoga workshops, as well as on-site special events and holiday celebrations – with all safety precautions in place – including a Harvest Festival book distribution, holiday toy giveaway, Valentine’s Day goody bag distribution, Dr. Seuss festival, and graduations.

Of course, your generous contributions helped provide Mothers with Free English as a Second Language and Parenting Classes, Family Advocacy and other Supportive Services. As a result, Mothers reported feeling significantly less anxious, depressed, and overwhelmed by the end of the program year.



# Parent Engagement Is Tied to Academic Success

Parenting classes were divided into three smaller groups, allowing for deeper engagement, greater dialogue and mutual support. Monthly virtual support meetings were held to help families feel less alone and to allow them to communicate their needs. Remote learning and virtual meetings were made possible by generous donations of iPads and Hotspots which made learning accessible to both Mothers and children.



With a retention rate of 95% and attendance rate of 88%, the Mothers' commitment to our program was evident, which is remarkable given their personal hardships due to the pandemic.

86% of Mothers reported reading to their child 3-4 times per week.

91% of Mothers reported actively playing to their child 3-4 times per week.

91% of Mothers reported singing to their child 3-4 times per week.

94% of Mothers reported talking about letters of the alphabet with their child 3-4 times per week.

97% of Mothers reported engaging child in play with crayons or other writing instruments 3-4 times per week.

89% of Mothers reported feeling confident in their ability to support their child's transition to kindergarten.



# Some Heartfelt Thank You Notes From Participating Mothers...



"I have two children and I am thankful for the English classes and the workshops on cancer, the pandemic and vaccinations, and how to read to my children and all the number of other workshops that South Central LAMP provides. I am very grateful for the food cards we received during the pandemic, and for the pampers, and for the food we received and the hotspots for the internet. It helped us get through these difficult times, and I am so thankful."

"I have been at South Central LAMP since my baby was six months-old. He is now 3 and I am so thankful for his education. He is advanced and I am learning a second language – English. I am grateful for the food cards and food during Thanksgiving and throughout the year. I am grateful for all, including Pampers when my baby was little, and everything the agency gives me."



# Financial Snapshot

**\$ 1,182,703**      **REVENUE**

Grant revenue:	\$ 531,664
Contributions and appeals:	\$ 323,257
Federal and CA State Grants:	\$ 264,471
In-kind revenue:	\$ 49,019
Investment income:	\$ 7,842
Other:	\$ 6,450

**EXPENSES**      **\$1,149,968**

Program services:	\$ 845,606
Management and general:	\$ 197,699
Fundraising:	\$ 106,663

## OUR SUPPORTERS MADE IT HAPPEN

We are incredibly grateful for our individual donors' generous gifts, and for our foundation and corporate partners for converting program grants to general operating grants, lifting reporting requirements, and simplifying the grant application process. You understood the pressures and responsibilities placed by the pandemic on small community-based agencies like South Central LAMP and made it possible for us to respond to our community's needs without interrupting services. Despite of all the challenges, South Central LAMP is in its strongest financial standing since its founding.

We recognize that we could not have accomplished this without your continued support.



# 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](http://www.southcentrallamp.org)**

Or find us on social media:

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