



# CHILD CARE ALLIANCE LOS ANGELES

## WHAT

Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA) is helping to maximize the success of children and their families at participating early learning sites across Los Angeles County by supporting the professionals from licensed centers and family child care homes in the continuous improvement of their programs. Providers who participate in QSLA receive access to training, resources, and funding to support their ongoing efforts.

## WHO

QSLA is led by a consortium of key early childhood education agencies in Los Angeles County, including Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), the Los Angeles County – Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (formerly LAC-OCC), Child360, the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles (CCALA) and First 5 LA.

## HOW

QSLA is not only dedicated to supporting the professional development of child care providers but also strengthening families. Families receive information about what to look for when choosing the best early learning environment for their child and have access to information, resources, and community events that highlight their role as their child's first teacher.

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# Family Education

## Family Events

FY17-18

17

Total Family  
Events



Total  
Event  
Attendees

1,249

SPAs  
Covered

100%



Community  
Partnerships

86

Sesame Street in Communities | PBS SoCal | New York Life | Lakeshore Learning Store | Discount School Supply | Mexican American Opportunity Foundation | Child Care Resource Center | Options for Learning | Crystal Stairs Inc. | Pomona USD | Connections for Children | Families in Schools | YMCA of Metropolitan LA | WIC | Chapcare | YWCA of Greater LA | University of La Verne | Weingart YMCA | Volunteers of America | The Children's Partnership | LA Dept. of Public Social Services | International Rescue Committee | Southern CA Children's Museum | Pasadena USD | Compton USD | Lancaster USD | Culver City USD | East LA College | Pacific Oaks College | California Community Colleges LA Public Library | La Verne Library | El Camino Real Library | Long Beach Public Library | Stephenson Branch Library | Project SAFE | BGC Santa Clara Valley | Common Sense Kids | Common Sense Latino | Consulate of Guatemala | Senator Portantino | Assemblymember Holden | Pasadena Fire Department | Pasadena Dept. of Public Health | Fairfield Family Ymca | Long Beach YMCA | Antelope Valley Press | Penny Lane | Say Yes to Chess | AV Children's Center | Child and Family Center | Allineal | Children's Bureau | City of Santa Clarita | Santa Clarita Food Bank | SCVI Charter School | Carecen Single Mothers Outreach | Bienestar | Dale Berry | COLA | Eisner Pediatric | LA City Housing Authority | LAC DMH | Queenscare | UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic | ODLH Animo HS | HeartPlus | El Centro de Ayuda | Lanterman Regional Center | Read Conmigo | City of Pasadena | Foothill Family Services | Good Samaritots | Playlab | Cottage Co-Op Nursery | LBUSD Migrant Education Program | Mother's Market | Little by Little | BEECON UCLA Oral Health Study | Venice Family Clinic | El Nido Family Services | Lynwood FRC | Compton College | Autism Spectrum Therapies



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Parents who are interested in strengthening their leadership skills have the opportunity to do so by participating in the Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors program. Abriendo Puertas is the nation's first evidence-based comprehensive training program developed by and for Latino parents with children ages 0-5. The program increases parents' self confidence, parenting skills, and advocacy on behalf of their families.

## WHO

Collaboration is at the heart and soul of the Abriendo Puertas / Opening Doors model. Through the support of First 5 LA, CCALA partnered with the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) and completed the first phase of the Abriendo Puertas pilot, which included four sessions across Los Angeles County. Participating sites included local community organizations interested in supporting parents as leaders of their families, schools and communities. The second phase of the pilot is in progress.

## HOW

CCALA staff completed the Abriendo Puertas train-the-trainer sessions to facilitate ten interactive sessions for parents. These sessions draw from real-life experiences, incorporate data about local schools and communities and culturally familiar activites, are designed with parent input and grounded in a "dicho" or popular saying. Overall, these sessions help Latino parents understand their important role in the development of and long-term impact on their children's educational outcomes.

## Abriendo Puertas Parent Leadership Training

### Strengthening Families

FY 2017-18

4

Pilot 10 week  
sessions



57

Program  
graduates



2, 3, 7

Service Planning  
Area (SPA)  
Covered



Partners

