
EL HOGAR DEL NIÑO 2021 Annual Report



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About El Hogar del Niño

The mission of El Hogar del Niño is to light the path for children and their families to reach their fullest potential in nurturing, culturally sensitive learning environments.

Since 1972, El Hogar del Niño has proudly provided high quality early childhood education and family support services to the Pilsen, Little Village and surrounding communities. We proudly work to reduce obstacles and expand access to quality early childhood education.

El Hogar is honored to have received the Award of Excellence for Infant Toddler Services by ExceleRate Illinois, the highest level of our state's quality rating and improvement system, recognizing research-based best practice in specific content areas. All of our programs are already accredited by the highest standard in early education, The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and we have achieved the GOLD Level of ExceleRate for our preschool program.



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Helping Everyday Families Achieve Greatness

Cindy Ocampo is one of the many parents at El Hogar who has had the well-rounded experience of having their children in multiple programs, such as our Home-visiting program, Center-based, and our School Age program. Cindy shares how her top priority was leaving her children in a center where she felt they were safe. “As a mom, it is important for me to be able to trust the school and staff, and being an Alumni, I knew what my kids were going to experience first-hand.”



Cindy explains how in 2017, she was able to transition her son Nathan into preschool. “He had two teachers that gave him the gift of being confident and the ability to become independent. Showing him the importance of having a routine, from brushing his teeth to serving himself his breakfast, to cleaning after himself.” Nathan is now part of our School Age program.

Before joining our Center-based program, Xavier began in our Home-visiting Program. Cindy explains “Xavier wasn’t showing interest in talking, so home visitor Rebeca gave me tips and ideas to on how to face these obstacles.” Xavier then transitioned into the Early Head Start Program with Teacher Yesenia where mom shares, “She was my right hand in helping us transition from diapers to a fully potty-train, teaching him his shapes and animals.” Xavier is currently in our Head Start Program with Teacher Luis!



Teacher Luis has been with El Hogar for 5 years. He enjoys working in communities where he knows he is making a difference, and helping families that need the support. He shares, “My favorite part about teaching is seeing the progress that children make throughout the year. Seeing them grow both academically and physically is something that always surprises me in a good way.”

Teacher Luis describes Xavier as “a very bright student with enormous potential, who has overcome the challenges of opening up to both his teachers and classmates in a constantly changing environment.”

Teacher Luis shares the importance of working together with the Ocampo family to see what is best for Xavier. “We continued to have daily conversations with Xavier’s family on how he was doing at home, doing regular one-on-one activities with Xavier so he could feel comfortable with us, and utilized our class job chart to give him a sense of belonging here at school. He really enjoyed helping us set up the table for mealtimes, guiding his friends through the ABC’s, and checking the weather before going outside to the playground. Over time, Xavier became a very social, respectful, and enthusiastic learner as well as an excellent role model.”



Cindy talks about how having her children at El Hogar has given her the freedom to return to work. “At the end of 2019, I became pregnant with my third child, and the school nurse recommended the Home Visiting program. Little did I know, it was the best experience that I was going to encounter. My home visitor, Jurydia, was able to inform me on how to manage my time with my kids, gave me goals to reach, and made my pregnancy days more pleasant. She check on me weekly until the week my son was born.”

“My son Charlie was born one week before the country locked down due to Covid-19. With the world falling apart, Jurydia became my virtual right hand. She was the one that was keeping me informed and up to date with resources for my family. She help me through my postpartum days, keeping me calm. Jurydia and the El Hogar team were able to guide me on how to keep my kids entertained at home.”

Cindy fondly recalls how El Hogar offered support throughout the pandemic, from group socials to Zumba classes to read-along Zooms. “Because of the El Hogar team, I was able to inform my family of where to find food drives, get vaccinated, and get free face masks and disinfectant.”

We are happy to have supported the Ocampo family throughout the years and value them - and all of our families!



El Hogar del Niño's Demographics

El Hogar served 400 Children in 2021.

- **84 % of whom identify as Hispanic**
- **6 % of whom identify as Black or African American**
- **5 % of whom identify as Asian**
- **5 % of whom identify as Caucasian**



El Hogar **Programs**

Infant Toddlers and Twos:

This program offers high quality early childhood care, education and support for the toddlers and their families, with a focus on school readiness. Using Creative Curriculum® our teachers engage their students with fun activities that focus on key areas such as social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development.

Center-Based Preschool:

Our Preschool program combines Head Start and Child Care to offer full day, year-long programming to children three to five years old. With the Creative Curriculum for Preschool® teachers develop their students' social/emotional, cognitive, physical and language skills through engaging activities and focused lesson plans. School readiness is another priority in our Center-Based Preschool program.

Family Child Care Home:

We currently coordinate one childcare home located in the midway area called *Rosa's*

Daycare. This setting provides small group services for five to eight children within the home.

Center-Based School Age:

We offer a School Age program that serves about 80 students between the ages of five and twelve years. Throughout the 2021 school year, the School Age program offered full-day services for students to attend virtual classes. Throughout the summer, we offered full-day summer services filled with club activities, field trips, and fundraisers.

Home Visiting: Using the Parents as Teachers® model, home visitors assist parents in learning about their child's growth and creating an educational curriculum to maximize that development. Participants commit to weekly home visits, monthly socialization events, and development screenings. Throughout the pandemic, the home visiting program has transitioned to virtual weekly visits with contactless drop-off of supplies like diapers, wipes and other resources.

Family Support Services:

Every child in our zero to five

program is assigned a Family Support Specialist whose role is to engage parents in their children's learning and share resources to promote empowerment and advocacy not only for children but also for families. As part of Parent Engagement, the FSS team connects parents with different resources and conducts Family Assessments at the beginning of the school year to determine a family's needs and helps parents outline short, medium, and long term goals that benefit the whole family.

Parent Engagement

We connect families with the necessary resources to help them overcome barriers they may be facing. We help families developing short and long-term goals and provide support throughout the year. We also organize different activities for families to learn, socialize and have fun, such as: Winter Wonderland Festival, Virtual Talent Show, Pictures with Santa, Wellness Orientation, Turkey Drive, Kindergarten Virtual Workshop, Health and Wellness Info session, First Aid CPR training for parents, and nutrition and dental resources.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		
PUBLIC SUPPORT		
Governmental Contract	\$7,035,071	
Corporate Foundation, and Individual	\$11,312	
Total Public Support \$7,046,383		
REVENUE		
Program and Service Fee's	\$55,104	
Other Income	\$2,265	
Total Revenue	\$57,369	
Total Public Support and Revenue \$7,103,752		
EXPENSES		
Program Services	\$5,559,112	
Management and General	\$485,047	
Fundraising	\$44,133	
Total Expenses \$6,088,302		
TOTAL NET ASSETS		
Net Assets at the beginning of the Year	\$4,231,095	
Net Assets at the end of the Year	\$5,246,545	
USE OF FUNDS AT EL HOGAR		
Direct Services	5,559,122	91%
Management and Fundraising	529,180	9%
Total	6,088,302	100%

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