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Building Stronger, More Inclusive Communities



El Valor Mission & Vision



➤ **MISSION**

El Valor's mission is to support and challenge urban families to achieve excellence and participate fully in community life. Our programs exist to enrich and empower people with disabilities, the disenfranchised and the underserved.

El Valor At A Glance



Promoting Children's Early Development

Early Head Start - Head Start - Early Intervention for Children with Special Needs - Family Child Care Network - Training for Spanish-Speaking Child Care Professionals & Providers - Library & Resource Center - National Public Awareness - Advocacy & Policy Public

Enriching Youth

S.T.A.R.S. Reading Clinic - Mentoring/Tutoring Program - GO! Team (Girls Online) - Homework Under Guided Supervision (HUGS) - Merit School of Music Project BEGIN - Summer Academy - Science Voyagers - Saturday Academy

Supporting People with Disabilities

Intake and Referral - Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation & Assessment - Developmental Training - Employment Opportunities - Lifestyle Enrichment - Community Residence Services - Acquired Brain Injury Case Management - Peoples First Facilitator - Respite Care

Strengthening Families

Family Support Groups - Father's Initiative - Parenting Classes - Family Support & Respite Care - Health Screenings - Educational Enrichment for Parents - Self Advocacy - Financial Classes

Encouraging Leadership

Partnership for Higher Learning - Associates Degree, Bachelor, Advanced Degrees, Certificates - Entrepreneurship Program

Creating Public Awareness

National Public Awareness Campaign - Mis Padres, Mis Maestros/ My Parents, My Teachers

Children's Program Mission



The mission of the El Valor Children's Program is to support urban families through a seamless, comprehensive program that fosters creative and innovative child development services, parent involvement, multiculturalism and respect.

We strengthen the development of children, including children with special needs, and their families through relationship building, community partnerships, professional leadership, strong management systems and family advocacy.

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What does it mean?

- **Enriching Children**
- **Strengthening Families**
- **Creating Public Awareness**
- **Encouraging Leadership**



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What does it mean?

➤ **Enriching Children**

Socially, Emotionally, Physically and Cognitively

➤ Research-based curriculum

- Raising the Thinking Child
- I Can Problem Solve
- Keys to Caregiving
- Mis Padres, Mis Maestros
- Creative Curriculum



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What does it mean?

➤ **Strengthening Families**

- English as a Second Language
- General Education Courses
- Child Development Seminars
- Nutrition Seminars
- Mental Health Assistance
- Financial Education
- Resource Linkages
- Emergency Funds
- Self-Advocacy



“I think that El Valor's wrap around approach to services is unique and well worthy of focus.”

*Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education*

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What does it mean?

✦ **Creating Public Awareness**

We share what we learned

- Mis Padres, Mis Maestros/
My Parents, My Teachers
- Padres Como Primeros Maestros/
Parents as First Teachers
- Raising the Thinking Child
- I Can Problem Solve
- Keys to Care



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What does it mean?

➤ **Encouraging Leadership**

- **University Programs**

Addressing the need to increase the number of qualified, culturally and linguistically competent personnel in Speech, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Educational Leadership

- **Latino Leadership Connections Project**

Addressing the demand for highly qualified Hispanic representatives in decision-making entities such as boards of directors, policy advisory boards, university boards of trustees



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Where are these programs offered?

- **Children & Family Centers**

- *High priority need areas*
- *Accessible*
- *Residential Communities*



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What are the outcomes?

- **Enriching Children**

- *More than 3,000 children receive high quality early childhood education annually*
- *Children are ready to learn by the time they enter Pre-K*

- **Strengthening Families**

- *Parents feel more competent and self-esteem increases*
- *Families are prepared to become partners in education upon entering the public school system*

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What are the outcomes?

➤ **Creating Public Awareness**

- *30% of the parents who watched Parents As First Teachers PSA's reported actually reading singing and talking to their babies in full sentences as reported by Peggy Conlon, CEO of the Advertising Council. In their years of tracking, they had not seen this kind of behavior change.*

➤ **Encouraging Future Leadership**

- *500 working adults, primarily from the Hispanic community, have graduated with Master and Doctoral degrees.*
- *150 are currently enrolled at El Valor university cohorts at El Valor centers, in the community.*
- *By December 2010, El Valor and our partner university will have graduated more than 50 MBA's of Hispanic origin.*
 - *El Valor recently started it's fifth MBA cohort program and a sixth will begin in February 2009*



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