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### **EDUCARE FOUNDATION**

2020-2021 Annual Report





#### **OUR VISION**

EduCare is effectively providing exemplary transformational education and afterschool programs for youth and those who support them.

EduCare is preparing youth to be healthy, whole, successful and contributing citizens, and empowering adults to be inspiring and supportive role models.

EduCare is recognized as a leading and innovative youth service provider.

EduCare is financially healthy, with abundant resources to responsibly manage and expand its programs and seamlessly run its operations, including taking great care of our people.

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#### **OUR VALUES**

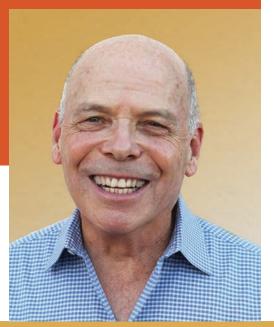
- Children are our future
- Every child is valuable
- Care for yourself and others
- Trust and be trustworthy
- Everyone makes a difference
- We teach what we live

#### **OUR MISSION**

To inspire and empower young people to become responsible citizens, compassionate leaders, and to live their dreams.



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Stu Semigran
President and Co-Founder
EduCare Foundation

The educational landscape shifted dramatically in the spring of 2020. The sudden closure of schools last year pushed education out of the classroom and onto screens. Teachers and parents scrambled to supply the lessons and the equipment needed. Students missed their classmates, and struggled to access online classrooms. Managing stress was a real challenge.

EduCare's amazing staff stepped up, continuing to offer academic and enrichment programs while maintaining essential connection with our students in communities hardest hit by lack of services. In the process, we laid the groundwork for growing the reach of Heartset\* Education outside Southern California – demonstrating that with every challenge there is a matching opportunity.

During 2020, EduCare's Virtual Annex — an online resource created by our afterschool staff — brought students hundreds of hours of academic and enrichment curriculum. Our staff members answered students' questions about coursework, provided tutorials, offered tech support for navigating online courses, and college guidance for graduating seniors. Most importantly, they provided the kind-hearted and caring support that many of our students needed.

Throughout the 2020-21 school year, EduCare's online learning expanded by offering over 100 live virtual classes each week for students, educators, and parents. Virtual ACE Heartbeats, upbeat one-hour student classes, allowed students to interact

ACE (Achievement and Commitment to Excellence) Program first piloted at Nightingale Middle School (LAUSD).

EduCare Foundation is established as a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational foundation.

ACE Program launches in Philadelphia School District with five, then seven high schools with full-year ACE Programs.

EduCare contracts with LAUSD as one of four major lead agencies serving LAUSD's Annenberg Foundation-funded LEARN Reform; EduCare serves over 70 LAUSD schools and their respective school site reform teams.

1987 1990 1995-2000

with their classmates and teachers in fun, engaging, and empathetic ways. EduCare's presence provided unwavering creativity, connection, and support for thousands.

EduCare's expanded learning programs have provided a lifeline throughout the pandemic. Our afterschool and summer learning programs have been safe and healthy places where parents know their children are lovingly cared for while they work, and where their children could connect, play, and learn.

Now, as we return to on-campus learning in 2021, our focus is on continuing to encourage young people to **reconnect** with their friends and teachers; to **reinspire** them with a love of learning; and to **reignite** their confidence in their ability to achieve their dreams.

You'll read more in the following pages about the many ways we weave Heartset Education into schools. We're expanding our reach and deepening our impact, and we are grateful to the donors, partnering schools, and all who join us in lifting the lives of our students.

Thank you as together we continue placing "love in action" in service to all young people. They deserve our very best!

With my appreciation,

Stu Semigran

President and Co-Founder

EduCare reaches out across the United States and internationally with Educator Workshops and ACE Programs in El Paso, TX; Kalamazoo, MI; California Community Colleges; Aruba; and Israel.

In a 2020 survey, our students reported that participating in EduCare programs helped them cope with stress. Students often commented that they felt less isolated and more connected.



EduCare contracts with LAUSD's Beyond the Bell (BTB) Branch as Professional Development (PD) Provider, training the staff at many of the top LAUSD afterschool agencies including Woodcraft Rangers, LA Conservation Corps, Breese Foundation, and YWCA of Greater Los Angeles.

#### **OUR HISTORY**



#### We believe that love is the foundation of education.

In 1987, Stu Semigran, EduCare President and Co-Founder, piloted the ACE (Achievement and Commitment to Excellence) Program in a Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) middle school.

The success and impact of ACE led to its nationwide implementation. In 1996, we offered EduCare's first Educator Institute — now Heartset® Education Professional Development — assisting teachers and school staff to deepen their practice and understanding of what has come to be known as Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Our Afterschool Programs have brought enrichment, academic, and leadership skills to students since 2009. Parent Workshops teach strategies to create more resilient families. ACE Initiative, launched in 2017, incorporates the principles of Heartset Education throughout the school campus.

As an SEL pioneer for over three decades, EduCare skillfully incorporates four keys to successful SEL — character development, personal management, emotional intelligence, and interpersonal skills — within a comprehensive series of programs and workshops designed to effectively put compassion and awareness at the heart of education for students, teachers, and parents.

EduCare serves as lead afterschool program provider, annually serving 25,000+ students at 34 LAUSD high schools and middle schools.

EduCare begins managing high school afterschool programming for Lynwood Unified School District.

The ACE Initiative Project launches 3-year pilot programs at six LAUSD schools.

EduCare's Educator Institute is re-introduced in Los Angeles.

2013 2015 2017–2018

#### **HEARTSET® EDUCATION**

#### Heartset® Education: Supporting positive change in school culture

Social-emotional skills trainings help provide the mindset for students to grow in resiliency and motivation that leads to success in school and life. However, we believe that to awaken young people to who they are and what their lives can become requires a new "growth heartset" to complement and enhance a positive growth mindset. Students' minds may be ready to learn, but their hearts may not.

Heartset Education involves kindness within a learning environment where students can thrive. It promotes positive connections between students, educators and families that generate nurturing environments in the classroom and at home, building communities of caring that lead to student well-being and success. Personal development that cultivates the mindset and heartset in students, educators and parents results in more than students who successfully meet goals — it creates a positive culture shift.

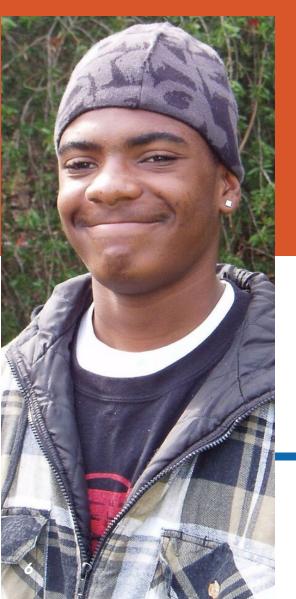
The opportunities to create immense positive impact through growth Heartset programs and SEL strategies are real and momentous – more youth graduate from high school, enroll in and graduate from college, and move on to lead successful, fulfilling lives – serving and uplifting themselves, their families, communities and our world.

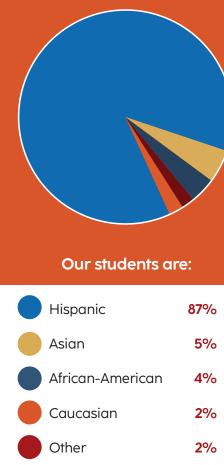


Heartset® Education Professional Development workshops are delivered to educators in California with a Certification Program and Training of Trainers.

EduCare creates a *Virtual Learning Annex* and *ACE Heartbeats* to serve students, educators, and parents throughout the pandemic.

#### **WHO WE SERVE**





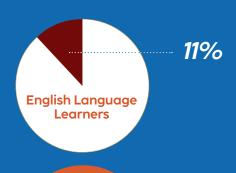
### EduCare's programs benefit the students who need us most.

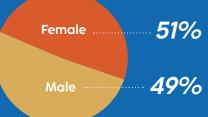
An average of 91% of our Afterschool Program participants are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. A recent review of our active participants shows that 11% of our students are English Language Learners, 9% are Special Education students, 3% are homeless and 1% are foster youth.

Young people often face seemingly insurmountable obstacles. With so many challenges and barriers in their lives, it is no surprise that their academic outcomes have traditionally been low. For too many students from underresourced and disadvantaged communities, learning takes a back seat to what is outside the classroom — poverty and trauma.

Developing compassionate schools is needed now, more than ever, as a springboard for student well-being and academic success.

EduCare is the largest provider of high school afterschool programs for LAUSD, offered at zero cost to students and their families.











"I love that you have been doing "SEL" before it was widely accepted, and that your outcomes show how important it is to tend to students' hearts and souls. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

- LAUSD administrative officer



#### WHAT WE DO



#### **Incorporating Growth Heartset® in our programs**

Our programs are extensive and varied, designed to address the specific needs of the three primary groups we serve:

#### **Students**

Serving students across more than 90 schools throughout Southern California, our ACE, ACE Initiative, and Afterschool Programs incorporate the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) principles which EduCare has employed since its inception. Heartset Education instills kindness into the learning environment and allows students to thrive.

#### **Educators**

Bringing Heartset Education principles to programs addressing the multiple challenges faced by teachers, school staff, and school administrators, shifts the culture of schools in very specific ways — inspiring schools to create a culture of caring that addresses not just students' needs, but those of educators as well.

#### **Parents**

EduCare recognizes that just as our schools foster growth and learning for students in underserved communities, parents and guardians provide an essential foundation for positive growth. By cultivating a Growth Heartset at home, both students and families benefit.

A recent study of one ACE Initiative school showed:

- 97% of students graduated from high school, compared to 82% in the district.
- 95% of students completed eligibility coursework to California's public university system, nearly double the district rate.

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) recognizes that as essential as it is to develop intellectual skills, it is just as essential to be able to manage emotions, foster and maintain healthy relationships, set and achieve goals, and make positive choices.

EduCare creates a learning environment of genuine caring, self-discovery, and empowerment by developing Heartset® Education for students, parents, and educators.

ACE (Achievement and Commitment to Excellence): Our flagship program for students, firmly rooted in SEL, promotes the skills and self-confidence needed to achieve academic excellence.

**ACE Initiative:** In nine Los Angeles schools during 2020-2021; EduCare staff members support students, teachers, and parents to build schools infused with kindness, empathy, and human connection.

ACE Heartbeats: As a result of remote learning during the pandemic, ACE Heartbeats was created to provide an experience of the Heartset Skills at the core of all ACE programs.

Afterschool Programs: EduCare manages afterschool programs at 31 middle and high schools, located on 23 school sites in Los Angeles Unified School District, Lynwood Unified School District, and Green Dot Public Schools.

Specialized Student Support Services: These include Case Management Support, English Language Learners (ELL) Support, Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention, and Leadership and Service Learning.

Heartset Education Professional Development: Currently offering Heartset Education Certification for teachers, staff, and afterschool personnel, as well as the Educator Institute, developing compassionate learning environments for educators and students.

Parent & Family Skills Development Workshops: Parents learn and develop skills to create nurturing environments and strong foundations that support their child's goals.



#### THE ACE® PROGRAMS



#### A UCLA study of ACE showed that:

Teachers experienced positive changes in students' self-respect (96%), self-esteem (92%), and school engagement (86%), and found that students were more cooperative (96%), responsible (86%), kind/caring (92%), and had improved sensitivity and friendship skills (93%).

#### ACE: Our flagship youth development program

EduCare's nationally recognized flagship youth development program, the ACE Program – introduced as a pilot program in 1987 – empowers disadvantaged, highly resilient students to achieve excellence in personal, social and academic pursuits. ACE effectively addresses barriers to learning by teaching students attitudes and behaviors that support success, starting with the ACE three-day program for middle and high school students, and followed by monthly workshops.

ACE is the forerunner of many of today's educational movements, such as Character Education, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), and Trauma-Informed Teaching. The program focuses on four essential SEL components:

- Character Development: confidence building, positive decision making and constructive choices;
- Personal Management: personal responsibility and accountability:
- **Emotional Intelligence:** managing anger, fear, stress, and peer pressure; and
- **Interpersonal Skills:** communication, conflict resolution, problem-solving, and team building.

The ACE Program is designed to assist youth in creating more successful and constructive lives. Through their involvement, students:

- Experience greater self-worth and self-motivation
- Identify and enhance their unique talents
- Learn to manage emotional distress and improve attitudes and behaviors
- **Develop greater empathy** and understanding for others
- Improve school attendance, performance and leadership skills

#### ACE Programs in 2020-2021

**ACE Initiative** 

9 schools

4,191

400 teachers & stat **ACE Programs** 

middle & high schools
providing
ACE support

**ACE** Heartbeats

412
sessions

4,526

students (virtual)

234

students (in-person)

#### ACE Initiative: Weaving empathy into school culture

ACE Initiative (AI) is a full-time, year-round school support program that provides students with SEL, academic and college access assistance, and holistic support services. AI also offers professional development trainings for teachers and afterschool staff, and customized workshops for parents to encourage more active participation. School administrators are given tools and resources guiding them to create caring school cultures, supporting student achievement, engaging parents, and supporting teacher development.

#### **ACE Heartbeats: Social-Emotional Learning Workshops**

EduCare's ACE Heartbeats Workshops focus on success, positive school climate and connection, and character-building skills. The goal is to empower students to achieve excellence in personal, social, and academic pursuits while building a school culture of empathy and kindness.

"I learned to believe in other people, especially myself. I didn't believe in myself before ACE.

I learned to value people for who they are, not what they wear."

- ACE student



Tomas Licea's journey in photos

#### **ACE** in action

ACE Initiative (AI) schools provide essential, ongoing SEL support for students, including English-language learners. Empathetic mentoring is at the foundation of Heartset Education at AI schools.

By sharing his own story over two virtual sessions during the pandemic months, Tomas Licea, ACE Initiative Site Administrator at Miguel Contreras High School, virtually taught and shared with his students inspiration and encouragement based on his life experience.

"Being an immigrant has never stopped me from reaching for the sky."

Following that session, fellow teachers observed students putting more effort into their studies.

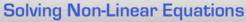
Many students were working jobs to help support their families; nonetheless, they stayed motivated and engaged with school. Thank you, Tomas!

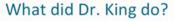
#### **AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**













- He organised a boycott of all public services.
- He organised a committee to challenge the Jim Crow Laws in the US Courts.
- He organised peaceful marches all over America.

American History





#### **Afterschool: Creating opportunities**

Conducted within our framework of SEL and Heartset® Education, EduCare's **Afterschool Programs** go beyond simply providing a safe afterschool environment — to actively engage students in life-changing opportunities for learning, leadership, and growth.

Our afterschool programs at 31 middle and high schools, located on 23 school sites in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD), and Green Dot Public Schools focus on academic, enrichment and recreation activities funded by 21st Century Community Learning Center ("21st CCLC") grants.

We understand that low self-esteem, doubt, and uncertainty can often be the greatest barriers to a student's achievement, so we empower our students to believe in themselves as we provide them with the tools they need to succeed. Our programs assist students to develop their unique abilities, build positive relationships and find relevance in their educational experience.

EduCare's offerings are unique to each school and typically include homework assistance and tutoring, STEM, academic enrichment, structured fitness classes, and performing and fine arts activities. During 2020 and 2021, it was also critical to provide mental and emotional health support for students whose lives were upended by the pandemic.

Also in 2020, following the start of remote learning, EduCare's afterschool staff created the **Virtual Annex**. It included more than 600 unique pre-recorded videos, available to all students, featuring academics, STEM, arts, health and fitness, and more.

#### Afterschool in action

Difficult living situations are too often par for the course. Compassionate, skilled staff members, working closely with young people in our afterschool programs, regularly assist students to move from low self-esteem to greater confidence and success.

Miriam, living with a relative because her parents were absent, was shy and hopeless about being able to achieve her dream of a college education.

As she slowly came out of her shell, with encouragement from perceptive EduCare staff, she was elected class president twice, then student body president. With numerous honors to her credit, she is now attending UCLA.

13,347

unique students participated during the 2020-21 school year\*

31

middle & high schools with EduCare as lead Afterschool Program provider

Afterschool participants meet or exceed standards

12.6%

reclassified as
Fluent English Proficient\*\*

15.4%

better in English Language Arts than non-participants\*\*

12.1%

better in math than non-participants\*\*

4.0%

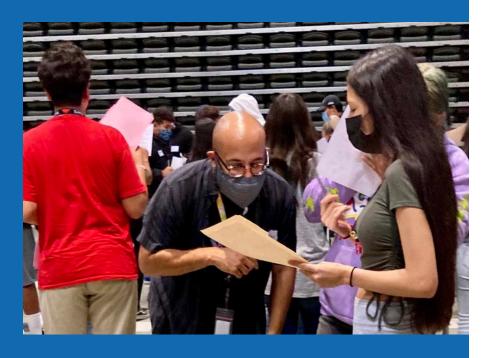
more credits out of credits attempted than non-participants\*\*



<sup>\*</sup> Annual enrollment lessened due to COVID restrictions for in-person classes and limited online access.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Numbers represent a 3-year retrospective.

### SPECIALIZED STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



#### During the 2020-21 school year

48 h

high schools participated in one or more Specialized Service

*50* 

elementary and middle schools participated in one or more Specialized Services

#### **Specialized Student Support Services: Powerful support**

During 2020–21, EduCare provided **Specialized Student Support Services** virtually for students at 48 high schools throughout the Los
Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), in partnership with LAUSD/
Beyond the Bell. These programs focus on case management,
leadership and service learning, English-language learners support,
and substance abuse prevention and intervention.

**Take Action Campaign (TAC)** is a far-reaching initiative launched in 2008 by LAUSD's Beyond the Bell, and facilitated by EduCare and several community partners. Two years after TAC launched, it was joined by **Middle School Take Action Campaign, or MTAC**. In 2020-21, 22 high schools and 31 middle schools participated in TAC and MTAC.

Working with thousands of students, TAC and MTAC represent a joint effort of schools, afterschool providers, and local community organizations — all united around giving students leadership skills, celebrating the arts, serving our communities, and empowering students to mentor their peers. Additional initiatives that have grown out of TAC and MTAC include Language in Action Program (LAP), assisting students to improve language skills and Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE), addressing tobacco use.

"I am thankful to have had EduCare at my high school when I was a student. The staff believed in me and my potential even when I did not see it myself. I am now a Site Coordinator inspired to make a difference for our youth." – former EduCare student

#### In 2020-2021:

22

high schools participated in TAC

31

middle schools participated in MTAC

**25** 

high schools and elementary schools participated in LAP

10

high schools participated in TUPE

Case Management provides comprehensive services for at-risk and English Language Learner (ELL) students, providing them with the opportunity to meet the same academic standards as all other students. EduCare offers students numerous academic, social-emotional learning, and community resources, as well as college and career workshops.

EduCare's case management program begins with one-on-one meetings with 9th graders and ELL students. After reviewing and assessing their academic records, we determine their strengths and weaknesses to provide individual plans. In-class tutors assist ELL students, interpreting for them and explaining the material as the teacher would.

Case management provides resources, guidance, and direct services, including processing mental health student intakes for students in crisis and providing ongoing support to these students.

Including families in education is an important contributor to student success. Our staff members create workshops for parents and students on topics that will engage both in the trajectory of the students' educational career.



### AFTERSCHOOL & ACE INITIATIVE SITES



### 5 25 32 San Fernando 22 13 19 20

Van Nuvs

Santa Monica

16

Burbank Pasadena



#### **Afterschool Sites**

#### **High Schools**

- 1 Abraham Lincoln High School, Los Angeles
- 2 Alain Leroy Locke College Preparatory Academy, Los Angeles
- 3 Augustus Hawkins High School, Los Angeles
- 4 Bell High School, Bell
- 5 César E. Chavez Learning Academies, San Fernando
- 6 Diego Rivera Learning Complex, Los Angeles
- 7 Downtown Magnets High School, Los Angeles
- 8 Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School, *Los Angeles*
- 9 Estéban E. Torres High School, Los Angeles
- 10 Jordan High School, Los Angeles
- 11 Lynwood High School, Lynwood
- 2 Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School, Lynwood
- 13 Panorama High School, Panorama City
- 14 Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools, Los Angeles
- 5 San Fernando High School, San Fernando
- 6 STEM Academy of Hollywood at Bernstein High School, *Los Angeles*
- 17 Sylmar Biotech Health and Engineering Magnet, Sylmar
- **18** Sylmar Charter High School, *Sylmar*
- 19 Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies, Sun Valley
- 20 Van Nuys High School, Van Nuys
- 21 Washington Preparatory High School, South Los Angeles

#### **Middle Schools**

- 22 San Fernando Institute of Applied Media, San Fernando
- 23 Walnut Park Middle School, Walnut Park

#### **ACE Initiative Sites**

- 24 Academic Leadership Community, Miguel Contreras Learning Complex
- 25 Academy of Scientific Exploration, César E. Chavez Learning Academies
- 26 Communication & Technology School, *Diego Rivera Learning Complex*
- 27 Humanitas Academy of Art & Technology, Esteban E. Torres High School
- 28 Los Angeles School of Global Studies, Miguel Contreras Learning Complex
- 29 Public Service Community School, *Diego Rivera Learning Complex*
- 30 School of Business & Tourism, Miguel Contreras Learning Complex
- 31 School of Social Justice, Miguel Contreras Learning Complex
- 32 Social Justice Humanitas Academy, César E. Chavez Learning Academies

#### **High Schools** Amelia Earhart Continuation HS ASE at CCLA ASGL at RFK ArTES at CCLA Bell HS Belmont HS Bernstein HS CATS at Diego Rivera C:\DAGS at Hawkins CHAS at Hawkins Downtown Magnet HS ELA Performing Arts Magnet@Torres ELA Renaissance Academy @Torres Engineering and Technology@Torres Green Design STEAM@Diego Rivera Humanitas Academy of Art & Technology@Torres Jack London Cont. HS & CDS John Glenn HS Jordan HS I AHSA at RFK Libra Academy @ Marquez HS Lincoln HS Maya Angelou Community HS Morningside HS (Tutoring) Nava College Prep Now Academy at RFK Panorama HS Paramount HS RISE at Hawkins San Fernando HS Santa Monica HS (Tutoring) SVAH at RFK Social Justice Humanitas Academy @ CCLA

South East Academy	
STEAM @ Legacy	
STEM Academy of Hollywood	
Sun Valley Magnet	
Sylmar HS	
Sylmar Biotech Health & Enginee	ring
Magnet	
Teach Tech Charter HS	
Technology Prep Academy @ CCL	A
UCLA Community School @ RFK	
University Pathways Public	
Service Academy	
Valley Oaks Center for	
Enriched Studies Van Nuys HS	
VAPA @ Legacy HS	
Washington Prep HS	
Middle & Elementary Scho	ols
ASGL MS	
Berendo MS	
Bethune MS	
Buford ES – Lennox	Ī
Burbank MS	
Burroughs MS	1
Byrd MS	
Clinton MS	
Cochran MS	
Elizabeth MS	•
Felton ES – Lennox	
Foshay MS	
Gage MS	
Compare MC	
Gompers MS	
Haddon Elementary School	
•	

Huerta ES — Lennox	
Humphreys ES	
Jefferson ES – Lennox	
Kingsley ES	
Lennox MS	
MaCES	
Mack ES	
Maclay MS	
Madison MS	
Marvin Ave ES	
Moffet ES – Lennox	
Nava MS	
Nimitz MS	
Norwood ES	
Obama MS	
Ochoa MS Ochoa MS	
Olive Vista MS	
Orchard Academies	
Pacoima MS	
Peary MS	
Pio Pico MS	
Portola MS	
Romer MS	
San Fernando MS	
Sepulveda MS	
South Gate MS	
Stevenson MS	
Sutter MS	
Van Nuys MS	
Valerio ES	
Vista MS	
Walnut Park MS	
White MS	

#### Abbreviations

ES Elementary School

AS Middle School

HS High School

# SPECIALIZED SERVICES / ACE: PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



MTAC Middle School Take Action Campaign

TAC Take Action Campaign

TUPE Tobacco Use Prevention Education

LAP Language in Action Program

ACE EduCare's Achievement and Commitment to Excellence

AFHC Advocates for Healthy Choices

CM Case Management

#### HEARTSET® EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Eventbrite Hidden Barriers to Equity n Education Time: 10:00AM-2:00PM

XSW Video (Due by





Eventbrite
Be Project Caregiver
Trainings (Conflict
Resolution) landatory Round Table Resolution) Time: 8:30am-10:00am or 3:30pm-5:00pm

Leadership Developmine: 12:00pm-1:30pm



Social Emotional Learning 101
"Certificates of Completion
must be turned in to your
Regional Managers
Length; 2 hrs

Eventbrite
Webinar: Creating a HighPerforming Culture
Through Leadership Length: 15min



Mandatory Round Table

e: 10:00am-11:30am

Be prepared to share your thoughts about the

EduCare's Heartset® Education Professional Development provides school leaders, teachers, and afterschool practitioners with Heartset skills for developing a growth heartset in their teaching and learning.

Participants gain the knowledge and peer support to effectively train their respective organizations' staff in growth heartset principles and practices; promote and implement social emotional learning; and establish school cultures of compassion and kindness in their respective regions, schools, and organizations.

Courses include the **Heartset Education Certification Course**, the two-day Educator Institute, Professional Development Workshops, and Parent & Family Skills Development Workshops.

Our year-long Heartset Education Certification Course (created as a "train-the-trainer" model) gives school leaders, teachers, and afterschool practitioners practical skills to empower their respective staff to establish successful learning environments infused with caring, connectivity, and proven SEL practices.

EduCare Foundation Professional Development promotes Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) through its unique framework of eight skills for Heartset Education. Topics include honoring and teaching the whole child, trauma informed teaching, conflict resolution, tolerance and resiliency skill-building, emotional literacy, and effective communication. Schools can choose from a variety of high-quality workshops targeted to the specific needs of their school.

In response to the need for remote learning, starting in 2020 we added virtual workshops to our existing in-person, interactive workshops, expanding opportunities to reach teachers and expanded learning professionals across the U.S. and internationally.

teachers and staff participated in Heartset Education Professional Development in 2020-21

### PARENT & FAMILY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS



Parent & Family Skills Development Workshops are an important part of EduCare's Heartset Education. We recognize that youth development begins at home. Raising children is no small task — and instructions are not included. We assist parents and guardians by providing tools to effectively communicate and relate to their children.

Our workshops teach strategies for parenting with greater confidence, effectiveness, and personal fulfillment.

Parents and caregivers learn and develop the skills that create a nurturing home environment, provide positive discipline, and build a strong foundation to support their children's academic and personal growth.

As with all our workshops, programs, and trainings, EduCare offered Parent & Family Skills Development Workshops online starting in 2020.

#### Parents learn tools that assist them to:

- Build self-esteem at home
- Motivate & inspire their children
- Develop & improve communication & listening skills
- Foster cooperation & positive attitudes
- Increase personal self-care
- Create a climate for positive, rewarding family relationships
- Increase their involvement at school

435

in Parent & Family Skills Workshops in 2020-21



### RECOGNITION FOR PROGRAMS AND LEADERSHIP





- The President's Volunteer Service Award 2004
- ACE® recognized for outstanding service at San Fernando High School

California State Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes & California State Senator Alex Padilla, 2008

- High School Innovator Award, "Take Action Student Leadership Campaign" collaboration

  California Afterschool Network, 2010
- ACE named a "Best Practice in Summer Programs"

  Learning in Afterschool and Summer (LIAS), San Francisco, 2012
- EduCare After School Programs recognized as

  A Best Practice / Dropout Prevention

  Afterschool Alliance, Washington, D.C., 2012
- David Chow Humanitarian Award

  Awarded to Stu Semigran, EduCare's President and Co-Founder, for work in education and serving youth, 2012
- Best Practice in Dropout Prevention
  Cited in Expanding Minds and Opportunities, Dr. Terry Peterson, 2013
- ACE Program cited in Temescal Associates' report "Promising Activities, Practices, and Resources Promoting SEL and Character Skills in Expanded Learning Programs", 2018

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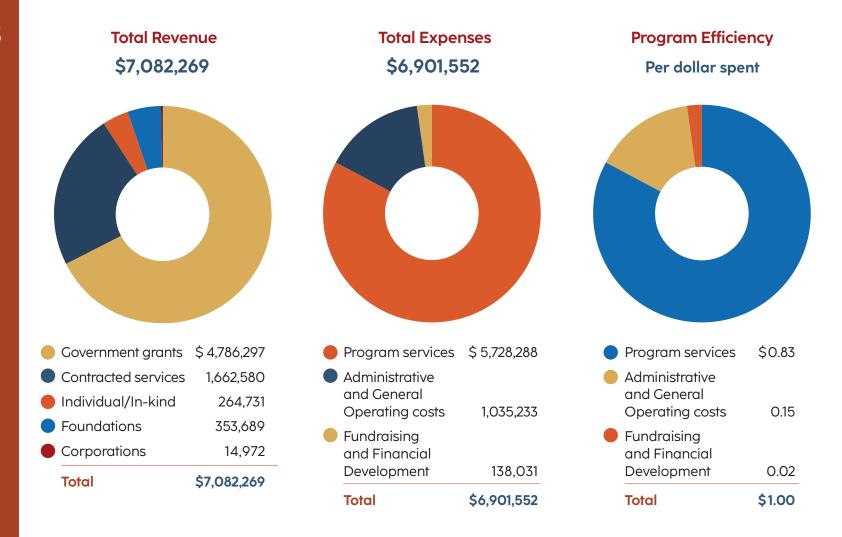
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