



Opening the door

to a new way of education

EDUCARE FOUNDATION

**2023 ANNUAL
2024 REPORT**

Our Mission

Inspiring and empowering young people
to become responsible global citizens,
courageous and compassionate leaders,
and to live their dreams.



EduCare Foundation’s Vision

*A world where love is the foundation of education
and joyful and compassionate learning communities
empower youth for success in school and in life.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2023-2024 school year was an adventurous, often challenging journey towards greater hope, joy, and opportunity for the students we are so fortunate to serve. Our cover image shows that EduCare, as a leading youth-serving organization, continually stands at a doorway. We can choose to hesitate, or to courageously walk forward into the limitless possibilities and opportunities that life presents us. And, as EduCare opens doors for our children, we provide them with the resources and support to confidently step through into their own futures, with skills and determination deeply embedded.

This past year, we are thankful to have reached over 30,000 students at more than 125 schools across Southern California and beyond. Our staff is incredible. By bringing their team spirit, creativity, and commitment into play, they have lifted the lives of so many students in EduCare's Afterschool/Expanded Learning programs, urban summer camps, and Heartset® Education programs. Our core offerings have positively impacted teachers and educators in many parts of the United States and Europe. In April 2024, EduCare was invited to Bulgaria. During the two weeks we were there, we presented Heartset® Education at a European educational conference, and facilitated workshops for students, educators, and parents.

Many years ago, I was fortunate to attend a luncheon where renowned child advocate Marianne Wright Edelman spoke. Her life and her dedication to creating a better life for all our children continues to inspire me.

She spoke of a world where values and hearts need to remain open and ready to relate to the needs of all our children in the same way as a loving parent would their very own: with regard, wisdom, and the best of what one has to give. I began to reflect that of all the needs our children have, perhaps their greatest need is to be truly loved; to be deeply seen and heard; to be really taken in as innately good, valuable, and worthy. "Will you see me as I am? Will you hear me – past my fears, my less than perfect behavior, my confusion? Will you love me as I am?"

It is true that we give ourselves a great gift by being of service to our young people. It is with soft, encouraging, and playful hearts that we can best care for our children. And in turn, our own hearts and spirits are renewed.

I invite us all to regularly find occasions to express and share love with a child in our lives – be it a gentle touch or simple words of appreciation. Giving love to our children is a gift we give ourselves.

“May we look upon
all children as our
very own.”

Stu Semigran

May we look upon all children as our very own, and through our unconditional loving for them, may their lives and ours be continually enriched.

Thank you for envisioning and building the future of education: Where love is the foundation for educating children; where all of our young people are deeply seen, heard, known, and valued; where schools, and we together as a whole society, step up like a deeply caring family to focus less on imaginary differences that we think divide us, and more on the inherent goodness of our true selves.

As you look through these pages of our annual report, please consider that all children need and deserve caring and abundant resources.

We thank you for the incredible ways that you share your own loving and commitment for children through your generous donations throughout the year. We are deeply grateful that you are joining us in lifting children's lives today and for generations to come.

Together, we are empowering our young people to become responsible global citizens, courageous and compassionate leaders, and to live their dreams.

Thank you for standing up for young people everywhere!

Stu Semigran

Stu Semigran
President and Co-Founder

HEARTSET® EDUCATION

Heartset® Education involves the promotion of 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. It builds communities of caring that lead to student well-being and success.

We believe that to awaken young people to who they are and what their lives can become requires a “growth heartset” to complement and enhance a positive growth mindset. Students’ minds may be ready to learn, but their hearts may not.

Just as a growth mindset is a frame of mind that positively focuses one’s mental approach to challenges in life, a growth heartset is a frame of heart. EduCare’s Eight Heartset® Skills are woven throughout our programs and workshops for students, educators, and families.

The opportunities to create immense positive impact through growth heartset programs and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies are real and momentous. Students grow in resiliency and motivation.

More young people stay in school, graduate, attend and graduate from college, and move on to lead successful, fulfilling lives – serving and uplifting themselves, their families, their communities, and our shared world.

EduCare provides exemplary transformational education, guiding young people to be healthy, whole, successful and contributing citizens, and adults to be inspiring and supportive role models.

“Educating the mind
without educating
the heart is no
education at all.”

Aristotle



26,618
students

served in the
greater Los Angeles area
at no cost to families

8,911
students

served in
14
ACE Initiative schools

74
schools

partnered with EduCare
for Afterschool/Expanded
Learning & Summer Programs

5,519
students

served by ACE Programs at
35
schools

“ I love working with EduCare
because I can connect with youth
to help them achieve their goals.
Students are more than just
numbers; they need mental and
educational support. ”

EduCare staff member





HEARTSET® IN ACTION

ACE

EduCare's nationally recognized program, ACE (Achievement and Commitment to Excellence), includes the **ACE Program**, **ACE Initiative**, and **ACE Heartbeats**. Utilizing EduCare's decades of experience and expertise in Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), ACE provides a foundation for safe, positive learning and growth, as well as comprehensive student success and character building. ACE is designed to empower students to achieve excellence in personal, social, and academic pursuits through Heartset® Education principles.

Afterschool/Expanded Learning and Summer Programs

EduCare's daily Afterschool Programs give students the opportunity to develop their unique abilities, build relationships, and find relevance in their educational experience. We offer homework assistance, tutoring, music and arts enrichment, mentoring, STEM, physical/recreational activities, sports, leadership development, and college/career pathways services within our framework of youth empowerment and SEL.

Professional Development

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

Specialized Student Support Programs

EduCare's Specialized Student Support Services focus on case management, leadership and service learning, English-language learners support, and substance abuse prevention and intervention.

Many schools participate in Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) Take Action Campaign (TAC), giving thousands of students leadership skills, celebrating the arts, serving communities, and empowering students to mentor their peers. Other initiatives assist students to improve language skills and address tobacco and vaping use.

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.

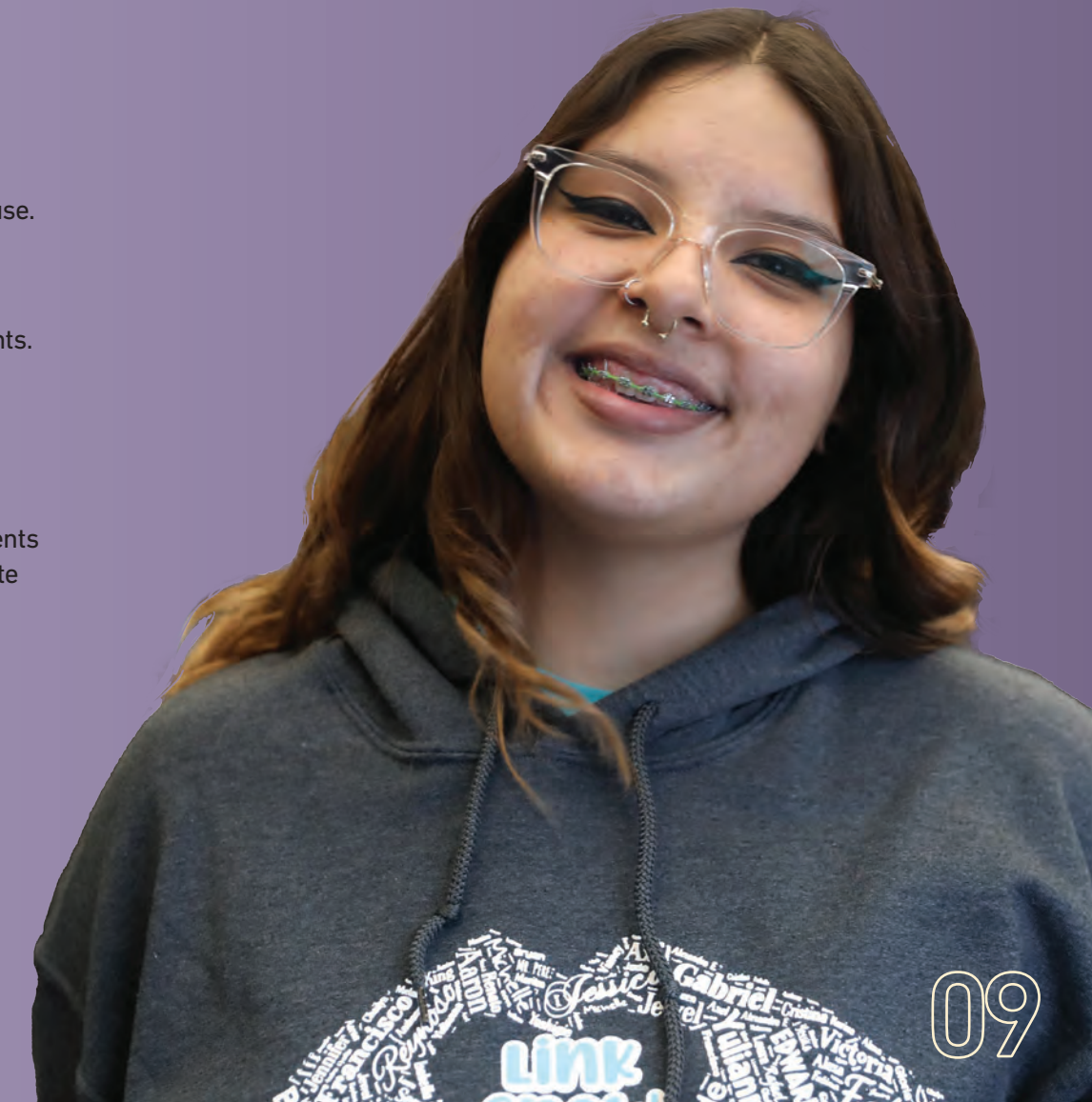
Parent & Family Skills Development

We recognize that youth development begins at home and assist parents and guardians by providing tools to effectively communicate and relate to their children.

Our Parent & Family Skills Development Workshops teach strategies for parenting with greater confidence, effectiveness, and personal fulfillment.

“ I like it because they make me feel like family; they always find ways to make us happy.”

EduCare student



HEARTSET® WORKS:

ACE (Achievement and Commitment to Excellence)

“This seminar has provided me with a sense of love and understanding that I have never felt before. It gave me the confidence to speak from my heart and reach out to others. It made me realize that I am powerful.”

Student, ACE Program graduate

EduCare's **ACE Program** is a comprehensive student success and character building program, designed to empower students to achieve excellence in personal, social, and academic pursuits through Heartset® Education principles. ACE draws on EduCare's 35 years of experience and expertise in Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) as a foundation for safe, positive learning and growth.

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

ACE Initiative (AI) is a year-round school support program providing students with SEL, academic and college access assistance, and holistic support services. AI also offers professional development trainings for teachers and staff, as well as customized workshops for parents, encouraging their more active participation.

School administrators are given tools and resources guiding them to create caring school cultures, encouraging student achievement, engaging parents, and supporting teacher development.

“Our programs save lives. Our work makes a difference in the lives of those who attend our programs.”

EduCare staff member, ACE Programs



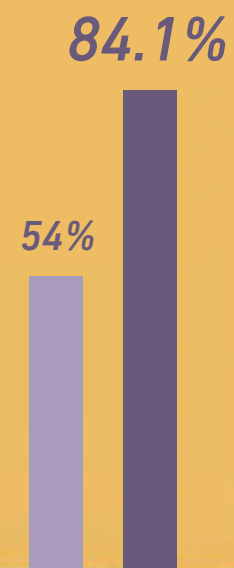


ACE PROGRAMS:

2023-2024 REACH

35
schools
*participated in ACE
Heartbeats,
Programs,
and Workshops*

*With the support of
the onsite ACE Initiative
Site Administrator at
Amelia Earhart
Continuation High
School, the percentage
of students who
completed Federal
Student Aid (FASFA)
applications rose
from 54% to 84.1%.*



5,519
students
served by ACE Programs

14
*ACE Initiative
schools served*
8,911
students
and
292
teachers

“EduCare isn’t just a program...
to me it’s more of a family.
It’s a place where education
and companionship coexist.”

Student, ACE graduate



HEARTSET® WORKS: AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

“EduCare has been great. I cannot thank you enough for all that you do.”

School Administrator, Afterschool Programs school

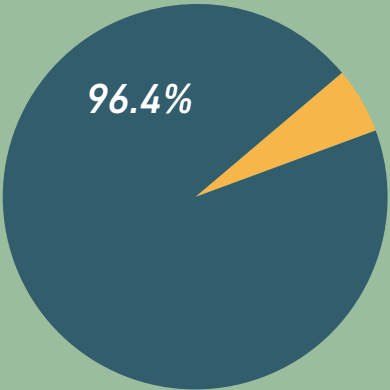


Conducted within our framework of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Heartset® Education, EduCare’s **Afterschool Programs** go beyond simply providing a safe afterschool environment. They actively engage students in life-changing opportunities for learning, leadership, and growth.

EduCare is the largest provider of high school afterschool programs for Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). We continue to expand these effective programs, offered at no cost, to more students. In 2023-2024, we provided afterschool/expanded learning and summer programs at 74 elementary, middle and high schools, located on campuses in LAUSD, Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD), Green Dot Public Schools, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center, and Birmingham Community Charter High School – all with a focus on academic enrichment and recreational activities. Funding is provided by After School Education and Safety (ASES), ELO-P funds and/or 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC), plus After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs), an additional 21CCLC grant.

We empower our students to believe in themselves while providing them with the tools they need to succeed. Our programs – and our enthusiastic, dedicated staff members – assist students to develop their unique abilities, build positive relationships and get more from their educational experience.

EduCare’s offerings are unique to each school, typically including homework assistance and tutoring, STEM, academic enrichment, structured fitness, sports, and performing and fine arts activities. Specialized Student Support Services also benefited students at 133 campuses during the 2023-2024 school year: Take Action Campaign (TAC), Language in Action (LAP), CyberPatriot, Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE), and Case Management.



When 2500 students were asked if they were doing better in school since being in EduCare Afterschool Programs, 96.4% said yes.

“It brings a lot of joy to my life, being with my friends and the EduCare staff.”

Student, Afterschool Programs



“Afterschool programs allow me to have time to work with others, and it creates a schedule for me to stick to for doing my assignments.”

Student, Afterschool Programs



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS: 2023-2024 REACH

1,086 students

in elementary, middle, and high schools participated in EduCare's Summer Programs

74 schools

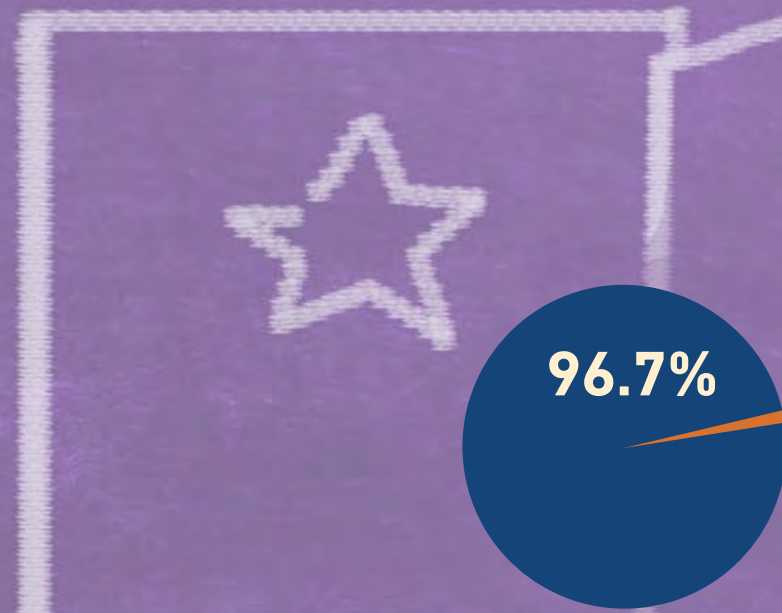
partnered with EduCare for Afterschool/Expanded Learning and Summer Programs

23% more students graduated

who participated in EduCare's Afterschool Programs in high school for 4 years than did non-participating students

“I feel like I belong and always have a place to talk with others. The programs are always fun and engaging.”

Student, Afterschool Programs



96.7% of parents answered “yes”
when asked if their child was doing better at school as a result of participating in EduCare's afterschool programs.



HEARTSET® WORKS:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1,204
teachers

and staff accessed
Professional
Development resources

“ This was deep and
impactful. It taught
me how to care for
myself and others.”

Teacher, Professional Development

EduCare's **Heartset® Education Professional Development** equips educators and afterschool professionals with the essential skills needed to cultivate self-awareness, personal responsibility, empathy, and compassion. Heartset® Education transforms classrooms and afterschool programs into nurturing environments where students thrive.

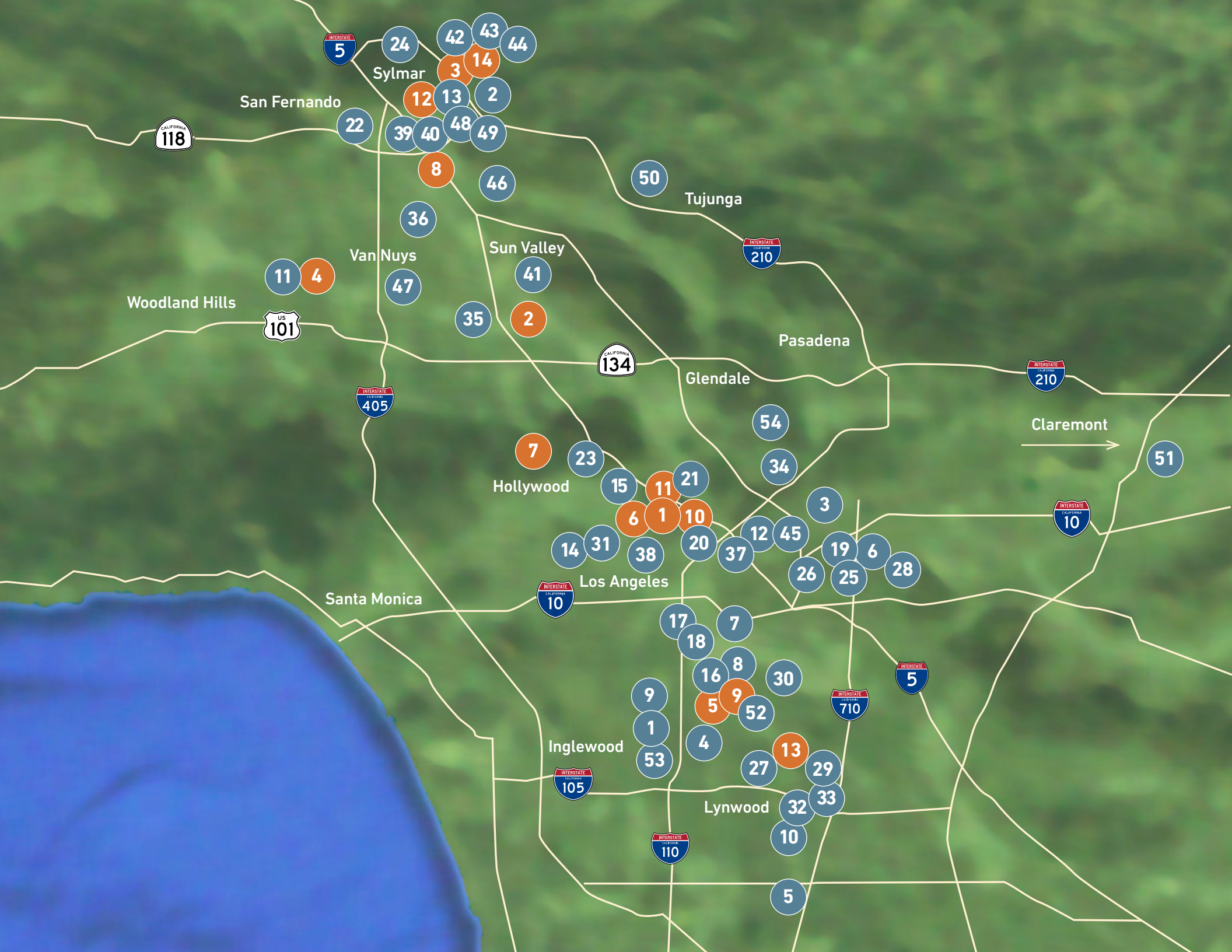
As a leader in the field of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), EduCare actively supports teachers and educators in incorporating SEL principles into the classroom to foster kind, compassionate, and effective learning environments. Teaching materials and workshops (delivered virtually and in-person) focus on communication, self-care, and whole child education. The results have been impressive, showing that EduCare's Heartset Education Professional Development enhances educators' effectiveness, assisting them to empower their students for success while reducing absenteeism. These workshops have been shown to transform classroom dynamics, building a positive school culture focused on respect, empathy, and collaboration.

PARENT & FAMILY SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Parent & Family Skills Workshops are an additional – and important – part of EduCare's Heartset Education. By engaging families through bilingual parent orientations, workshops (virtual and in-person), and individual outreach, we meet the essential educational needs of families, creating intergenerational partnerships that support student well-being and success.

1,000
parents

participated in ACE Workshops
as parents of ACE Initiative students



PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Afterschool/Summer School Programs

- 1 74th Street ES
- 2 118th Street ES
- 3 Abraham Lincoln HS
- 4 Alain Leroy Locke College Prep Academy
- 5 Animo Compton Charter MS
- 6 Animo Ellen Ochoa Charter MS
- 7 Animo Jefferson Charter MS
- 8 Augustus Hawkins HS
- 9 Barrett ES
- 10 Bell HS
- 11 Birmingham Community Charter HS
- 12 Boys Academic Leadership Academy
- 13 César Chavez Learning Academies
ASE, ArTES Magnet, SJHA, TPA
- 14 Cochran MS
- 15 Commonwealth Avenue ES
- 16 Diego Rivera Learning Complex
CATS, Green Design STEAM, PSCS, PACS
- 17 Downtown Magnets HS
- 18 Dr. Maya Angelou Community Senior HS
Synergy Quantum Academy Charter
- 19 Estéban E. Torres HS
ELAPAM, ELARA, E&T STEM, HAAT, SJLA
- 20 Edward R. Roybal Learning Center HS
Downtown Business Magnet
- 21 Glassel Park ES
- 22 Haskell ES
- 23 Helen Bernstein HS
STEM Academy of Hollywood, CACT

- 24 Herrick Avenue ES
- 25 Hilda Solis Learning Academy
- 26 Hollenbeck MS
- 27 Jordan HS
- 28 Robert Hill Lane ES
- 29 Legacy HS
STEAM, VAPA, ISLC
- 30 Linda Esperanza Marquez HS
Libra Academy, HPIAM, Social Justice
- 31 Los Feliz (STEAM) ES
- 32 Lynwood HS
- 33 Marco Antonio Firebaugh HS
- 34 Nightingale MS
- 35 North Hollywood HS
- 36 Panorama HS
- 37 Ramón C. Cortines VAPA
- 38 Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools
ASGL, LAHSA, NOW, SVAH, UCLA
- 39 San Fernando HS
- 40 San Fernando IAM MS
- 41 Sun Valley Magnet HS
- 42 Sylmar Biotech Health & Eng Magnet
- 43 Sylmar Charter HS
- 44 Sylmar Leadership Academy ES
- 45 Utah Street ES
- 46 Valley Oaks Center for
Enriched Studies (VOCES, MS & HS)
- 47 Van Nuys HS
- 48 Vaughn Int'l Studies Academy (VISA)
- 49 Vaughn M.I.T. MS
- 50 Verdugo Hills HS

- 51 Vista del Valle Academy ES
- 52 Walnut Park MS
STEM Academy, SJSJL
- 53 Washington Preparatory HS
- 54 Yorkdale ES

ACE Initiative

- 1 Academic Leadership Community
Miguel Contreras Learning Complex
- 2 Amelia Earhart Continuation HS
- 3 ArTES Magnet, César Chavez LA
- 4 Birmingham Community Charter HS
- 5 Communication & Technology School
Diego Rivera Learning Complex (LC)
- 6 Global Studies Community School
Miguel Contreras Learning Center (LC)
- 7 Laurel CACT Magnet
- 8 Mission HS
- 9 Public Service Community School
Diego Rivera LC
- 10 School of Business & Tourism
Miguel Contreras LC
- 11 School of Social Justice,
Miguel Contreras LC
- 12 Social Justice Humanitas Academy,
César Chavez LA
- 13 South East High School
- 14 Sylmar Biotech & Engineering Magnet

SPECIALIZED STUDENT

SUPPORT SERVICES

	TAC	TUPE	LAP	ACE	CYBER	CASE
107th St ES						
122nd Street ES						
75th St ES						
95th St ES						
Arleta HS						
Augustus Hawkins HS						
Banning HS						
Bell HS						
Belmont HS						
Bernstein HS						
Bernstein HS STEM Academy						
Budlong Ave ES						
Camellia Avenue ES						
Canoga Park HS						
Carson HS						
Chatsworth HS						
CCLA ASE						
CCLA Arts/Theater/Entertain						
CCLA Social Justice Humanitas						
CCLA Technology Preparatory						

	TAC	TUPE	LAP	ACE	CYBER	CASE
Cleveland HS						
Crenshaw HS						
Dana MS						
Dorsey HS						
Downtown Business Magnet HS						
Eagle Rock HS						
East Valley HS						
Fleming MS						
Franklin HS						
Fremont HS						
Gardena HS						
Grant HS						
Hamilton HS						
Humphreys Avenue ES						
Huntington Park HS						
Jefferson HS						
Jefferson HS/Nava Prep						
Jordan HS						
Kennedy HS						
King Drew HS						
Laurel CACT Magnet						
Legacy HS STEAM						
Legacy HS VAPA						
Lincoln HS						
Lynwood HS						

	TAC	TUPE	LAP	ACE	CYBER	CASE
Mack ES						
Manual Arts HS						
Marquez HS HPIAM						
Marquez HS Libra Academy						
Marquez HS Social Justice						
Marshall HS						
Maya Angelou Community HS						
McKinley Avenue ES						
MCLC Academic Leadership						
MCLC Business & Tourism						
MCLC LA School of Global Studies						
MCLC School of Social Justice						
Mendez HS						
Miramonte ES						
Monroe HS						
Narbonne HS						
Narbonne HS Humanities & Arts						
Nevin Avenue ES						
North Hollywood HS						
Northridge Academy HS						
Northridge MS						
Olive Vista MS						
Orchard Academies MS 2C						
Panorama HS						
Poly HS						
Reseda HS						

	TAC	TUPE	LAP	ACE	CYBER	CASE
RFK Community Schools						
RFK Global Leadership						
RFK LAHSA						
RFK NOW						
RFK SVAH						
RFK UCLA Community School						
DRLC Comm & Tech						
DRLC Green Design STEAM						
DRLC Performing Arts						
DRLC Public Service Community						
Roosevelt HS						
SFIAM						
San Fernando HS						
San Pedro HS Olguín campus						
San Pedro Street ES						
Santana Arts Academy ES						
Santee Education Complex						
Santee HS						
Soar Academy						
Sotomayor Art/Sciences Magnet						
Sotomayor HS						
South East HS						
Sun Valley Magnet HS						
Sylmar Biotech						
Sylmar Charter HS						

	TAC	TUPE	LAP	ACE	CYBER	CASE
Taft HS						
Torres ELARA						
Torres ELAPAM						
Torres Engineering & Tech						
Torres Humanitas						
Torres Social Justice Leadership						
University HS						
Valerio Street ES						
Van Nuys HS						
VAPA						
Venice HS						
Verdugo Hills HS						
VOCES						
Washington Prep HS						
Weemes ES						
West Adams HS						
West Athens ES						
White ES						
Wilmington STEAM Magnet MS						
Wilson HS						

- LEGEND
- Take Action Campaign (TAC)
 - Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE)
 - Language in Action Program (LAP)
 - ACE Program
 - CyberPatriot
 - Case Management



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“They really help me
when times are rough.”

EduCare student

“I am so glad that I participate in EduCare's programs
because it has led me to so many positive opportunities,
and has kept me on track to graduate.”

EduCare student

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“ Giving to EduCare keeps me connected with something I care deeply about – public education. I love the caring that EduCare brings to students, teachers, parents and their staff. ”

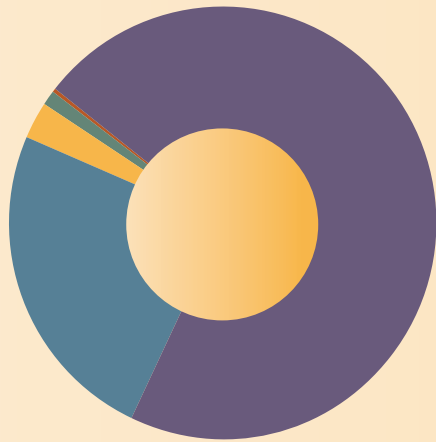
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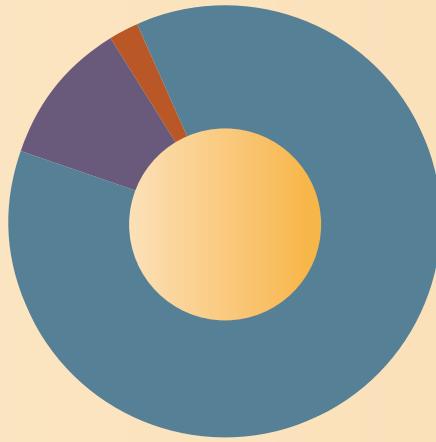
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Total Revenue¹ \$14,960,675



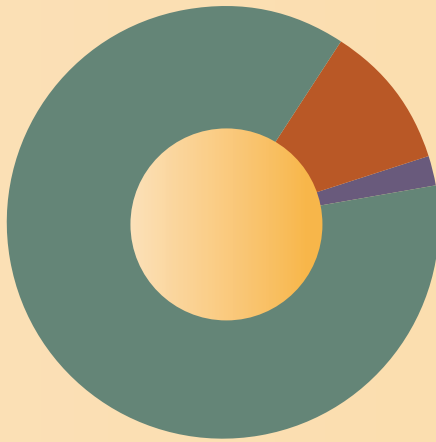
Government grants	\$10,685,753
Earned services	3,664,373
Foundations and Corporations	417,000
Individuals and In-kind	189,539
Miscellaneous Revenue	4,010
Total	\$14,960,675

Total Expenses¹ \$15,050,550



Program services	\$13,093,979
Administrative and General Operating Costs	1,655,560
Fundraising and Financial Development	301,011
Total	\$15,050,550

Program Efficiency Per Dollar Spent



Program services	\$0.87
Administrative and General Operating Costs	0.11
Fundraising and Financial Development	0.02
Total	\$1.00

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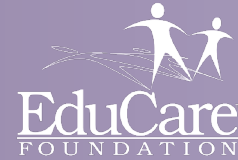
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