



Para Los Niños Provides Early Childhood Support

Los Angeles, CA (May, 2012) - The William H. Hannon Foundation has continued its financial support of the Early Childhood Services Program (ECS) at Para Los Niños. This is the Foundation's sixth year supporting this program. Last year, the ECS Program provided early education services to 650 children, ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years old at seven sites throughout some of the poorest areas in Los Angeles County. All of the children in the ECS Program come from low-income households. The average Para Los Niños family earns just \$13,000 a year for a household of three to six people. The federal poverty level for 2011 was set at \$22,350 a year for a family of four.

The ECS program is extremely successful in providing children with a continuum of services. One hundred percent of ECS preschool children are assessed as kindergarten ready. All teachers in the ECS program have either a B.A. or A.A. degree and state teaching permits.

"Since 1980, Para Los Niños has been meeting the needs of our most disadvantaged neighbors—especially children. They are one of only 15 agencies in LA County that is accredited by the Council on Accreditation. We are very proud to continue our support of their Early Childhood Services Program," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.