EDUCARE CALIFORNIA AT SILICON VALLEY

## **CELEBRATING** OUR FOURTH YEAR

2018-2019

# **CLOSING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP**

#### Who We Are

Educare California at Silicon Valley is an innovative early learning school that closes the opportunity gap for low-income children ages 0-5 and their families and caregivers. With our partners, we offer high-quality early learning through 12 classrooms as well as family engagement classes, support services and community resources through our Family Resource Center. Our campus also houses a satellite children's museum, a satellite public library, and a Professional Development Institute. Our free services are offered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese and work to nurture children's social-emotional and cognitive skills.

**1,400** children and families served





**59%** of Educare parents report a home language other than English (37% Spanish, 22% Vietnamese). **64%** of

Educare families identified as Hispanic, and **32%** identified as Vietnamese.

### Family Impact

Children learn when they are full, happy, and healthy. As part of our family engagement services, we launched a **free food** 

**distribution program**. In partnership with Second Harvest Silicon Valley and Franklin-McKinley Children's Initiative, 125 families receive full family-style meals every other Friday through the A La Carte truck.



We offer free evidence-based workshops—including *Abriendo Puertas*, Triple P, and 24/7 Dad—to help parents

and caregivers support their child's learning and development. Attending workshops also expands caregivers' connections to other families and free community resources.



#### **Classroom Programs**

We offer free, high-quality early education and supportive resources to ensure children are prepared for success in school and in life.



#### 12 full-day, year-round classrooms

To better support the language needs of the diverse community we serve, we initiated a **Dual** 



Language Learner (DLL) pilot program and will be scaling it throughout the campus in FY19-20. By encouraging all our students to learn English, Spanish and Vietnamese inside the classroom, we're fostering multilingualism and building a strong foundation for their futures.

I learned how to speak up for my child and his needs, and advocate for my community.

- Evelyn, mother of 5-year-old Matthew, and chair of the executive committee of the Head Start Parent Policy Council at Educare

Educare helps families who want to do better. Without Educare it'd be difficult—we wouldn't have been able to pay for his childcare. I wouldn't have been able to get my degree.

- Natalie, mother of 4-year-old Marcus

## THE NEED IS GREAT...



**26%** of Educare parents do not have a high school diploma/GED.



**97%** of students in the Santee area qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

#### EDUCARE IS ADDRESSING THE NEED HEAD ON

Your zip code shouldn't determine the quality of education you receive. Educare gives children the best chance for success in life. Our approach extends beyond the classroom to help children, families and communities thrive.



69% of Educare households have an income at or less than \$30,000. This is **one-quarter** of the median household income in Silicon Valley.



By age 3, children in poverty hear **30 million** fewer words than peers from high-income families. This word gap can mean that students start behind in school, and stay behind.

Educare is made possible through a collaboration of public and private partnerships. See the full list at <u>educaresv.org</u>

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