

OUR IMPACT

LA's BEST Afterschool Enrichment Program encourages students to explore their interests, engages their academic abilities and expands their view of what's possible for their future. Our holistic approach trains staff to help each student thrive in school and in life. We are helping Los Angeles become more equitable and economically stable - now and for the future.



I couldn't work without LA's BEST. LA's BEST supports activities that enhance kids' confidence in socialization. Like sports, group games, etc. They also support students homework that really helps a lot for me. ~ Marivilla Tiatco, Parent, Hart St. Elementary



We enable caregivers who live in economically distressed neighborhoods to work.

14.9% of LA County residents live in poverty and child poverty rises up to 68% in the southeast part of LA City. 90% of LA's BEST students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.



98% of parents agree that they are able to keep their job or take care of other responsibilities because their children are enrolled in LA's BEST.

We nurture children's social and emotional health and resilience.

13.1% of children in Los Angeles County have experienced emotional abuse and 35.0% experience general neglect. Students who receive SEL programming show an 11% gain on academic achievement.



Staff are trained in trauma-resilient approaches which build protective and promotive factors such as a positive self-identity. Staff learn about childhood development, how to approach children with empathy and are role models to students.

We help students improve academic achievement, stay in school and graduate high school.

By the 6th grade, children in poverty have spent 6,000 less hours learning than those from more affluent backgrounds. LAUSD had a 77% graduation rate for academic year 2107-18, in contrast to more affluent districts reporting 97-99%.



According to the 2019 evaluation conducted by UCLA CRESST, elementary school children who attend LA's BEST were less likely to drop out and significantly more likely to graduate high school than those students who never participated in the program.

We increase the number and diversity of qualified people entering the human service and education fields.

There is a growing teacher shortage and lack of diversity in integral human services fields. Between 2009-2014, teacher education enrollment reduced by 35%.



LA's BEST employs 2,000+ mostly young (18-25), mostly people of color (90% are Latinx or African American) and 70% live in a neighborhood served by LA's BEST. Staff receive 28 hours of professional development training each month.



Being in LA's BEST allowed me to establish a foundation to be successful. I developed the willingness to ask questions, the desire to explore, and confidence. Ultimately, those three things guided me through my life. ~ Raymond Mora, LA's BEST 2008 Alumni



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