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**Los Angeles Education Partnership Awarded \$10.2 Million Grant
to Provide Young Children in Inglewood with Early Head Start Services**

Los Angeles, CA -- The Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Office of Head Start has contracted with [Los Angeles Education Partnership](#) (LAEP) to bring early childhood programming to families in Inglewood. The \$10.2 million grant provides home visitation and center-based services to 104 children, ages 0-3. The five-year contract begins July 1, 2019.

[Head Start](#) is a Federal program that promotes school readiness of children from birth to age five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Head Start programs provide a learning environment that supports children's growth in many areas such as language, literacy, and social and emotional development. It emphasizes the role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher. These programs help build relationships with families that support family well-being and many other important areas. Early Head Start (EHS) programs provide intensive comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income infants and toddlers under the age of 3 and their families, and to pregnant women and their families.

"As a service provider that focuses on advancing educational equity so that children can thrive from diapers to diplomas, one of LAEP's primary goals is to bring high quality early education opportunities to everyone," says Michele Broadnax, president and CEO of LAEP. "We are excited to expand our early childhood education program into Inglewood. This foundational work is a critical piece of a young child's healthy development, and has a demonstratively positive impact as they enter school."

LAEP's Early Childhood and Family Engagement program builds school readiness in children ages 0 to 5, their families and neighboring schools. LAEP offers home visits, social and health services, prenatal education and support, educational playgroups and activities, and assistance for families with children who have special needs. By working with families, and by leading community initiatives, LAEP fosters catalytic changes that improve early childhood systems and increase families' access to resources.

"We start as early as prenatal development, and empower parents to be early childhood and educational advocates," says Broadnax. "Our holistic approach encompasses the full range of a family's needs eliminating barriers to success, and aiding parents in becoming their child's first teachers and leaders in their communities."

In Inglewood, LAEP will be expanding its services from home-based into center-based. "Providing services both in the home and at sites in the community allows us to accommodate more families in more ways," adds Broadnax. Early Head Start families currently receiving services in Inglewood will continue with LAEP, and new families can enter the program. A total of 104 children will participate over the five years.



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In addition to LAEP, Venice Family Clinic and Crystal Stairs were also awarded DHHS Head Start and Early Head Start grants in Inglewood. LAEP will collaborate with these organizations, ensuring that the Inglewood community receives a wide spectrum of early childhood education services through an integrated, coordinated approach.

About LAEP

[Los Angeles Education Partnership](#) (LAEP) is a nonprofit organization that advances educational equity. Together with families, schools and the community, we facilitate access to and opportunities for quality educational and wellness practices so that children thrive from diapers to diplomas. Founded in 1984, LAEP was the first nonprofit in Los Angeles to focus exclusively on educational equity and among those at the forefront of the educational transformation movement nationwide.

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