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LOS ANGELES EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP HEAD START PROGRAM PARTICIPATES IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S CHILD AND ADULT FOOD PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. *The Los Angeles Education Partnership through its partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture will ensure that children and adults have access to nutritious meals and snacks.*



**LOS ANGELES, CA (OCTOBER 22, 2024):** The Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP), Los Angeles' first nonprofit to focus on education equity, is participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program, under its Head Start program. Early Head Start (EHS) programs are designed for infants and toddlers under the age of three, and expectant parents. LAEP offers free comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income families, helping both infants and toddlers and expectant parents and their families Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 2:00pm. The location of service is as follows:

**Los Angeles Education Partnership Kornblum Early Head Start**  
Hawthorne Unified School District Campus  
13928 Kornblum Avenue  
Hawthorne, CA. 90250

"The Los Angeles Education Partnership is honored to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture on this important initiative," stated Dr. Dawn A. Kurtz, CEO of LAEP. "For over four decades, LAEP has been transforming education for the community, with the community, from diapers to diplomas. This partnership allows us to further extend our reach and ensure that our families have access to essential resources." Kurtz was recently appointed CEO in May 2024 to lead the renowned organization.

"Our communities deserve access to nutritious meals and snacks," emphasized Nancy Villarreal, M.S., Director of Early Childhood & Family Engagement. "In these uncertain economic times, families may require additional support to promote well-being and healthy development and we would love to assist." Nancy proudly serves as the direct contact for this amazing program. She is available if you have questions or seeking more information regarding services at (213) 622-5237.

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### **About Los Angeles Education Partnership**

The mission of the Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit that advances educational equity. Together with families, schools, and the community, LAEP facilitates access to and opportunities for quality educational and wellness practices so that children thrive from diapers to diplomas. For more information about Los Angeles Education Partnership, please visit [www.laep.org](http://www.laep.org)

### **About U.S. Department of Agriculture: Food & Nutrition Service**

Our mission is to increase food security and reduce hunger in partnership with cooperating organizations by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthy diet and nutrition education in a manner that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence. For more information about U.S. Department of Agriculture, please visit [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov)