El Hogar del Niño lights the path for children and their families to reach their fullest potential in nurturing, culturally sensitive learning environments.

OUR MISSION  For more than four decades, El Hogar del Niño has served the children and families of our community with quality bilingual, multicultural programming solely intended to help all participants succeed in life. El Hogar is honored to have received the Award of Excellence for Infant Toddler Services by ExceleRate Illinois. This Award of Excellence is the highest level of our state’s quality rating and improvement system, recognizing research-based best practice in specific content areas. All of our programs are already accredited by the highest standard in early education, The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and we have achieved the GOLD Level of ExceleRate for our preschool program.
In 2018, El Hogar operated at full capacity year round, serving 380 students and 230 families.

85.0% of students identify as Hispanic or Latino
8.5% identify as Caucasian
2.5% identify as Black or African American
1.5% identify as Asian

**PROGRAMS AT EL HOGAR**

**Toddlers and Twos:** This program offers high quality early childhood care, education and support for toddlers and their families, with a focus on school readiness. Using Creative Curriculum®, our teachers engage their students with fun activities that focus on key areas such as social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development.

**Center-based Preschool:** Our preschool program combines Head Start and Child Care to offer full day, year-long programming to at risk children three to five years old. With the Creative Curriculum for Preschool®, teachers develop their students’ social/emotional, cognitive, physical and language skills through engaging activities and focused lesson plans. School readiness is another priority in our center-based Preschool program.

**Family Child Care Homes:** We currently coordinate three homes located around Chicago’s southwest side that provide services to children ranging from six weeks to five years of age. The setting promotes small group sizes of five to eight children within the home and offers opportunities for siblings to be cared for together.

**Center-based School Age:** We offer a School-Age program that serves children between the ages of five and twelve years. Most of the 65 students currently enrolled are part of a year-round program that offers homework assistance and report card tracking in half-day after school services and full-day summer services filled with club activities and field trips.

**2018 HIGHLIGHTS**

**We are expanding!** In 2018, we added a new toddler classroom and our Home Visiting Program expanded to serve an additional 12 families. We currently have six home visitors serving a total of 84 families.

**Music is in the air!** Our School Age Program receives basic music classes and we also started a choir. Our very first recital is planned for June 2019. We include music in our 0–5 classrooms as well. Our toddlers enjoy live music by Son Chiquitos twice a week — our students and teachers love it!
**Home Visiting:** Using the Parents as Teachers model, home visitors assist parents in learning about their child’s growth and creating educational curriculum to maximize that development. Participants commit to weekly home visits, monthly socialization events, and development screenings.

**Family Support Services:** Every child in our 0–5 program is assigned a Family Support Specialist whose role is to engage parents in their children’s learning through social networks, and empower parents with classes to help them with their own education. Some of the classes we provide are ESL and GED. As part of Parent Engagement, the FSS team connects parents with different resources. A Family Assessment is conducted at the beginning of the school year to determine each family’s needs and help parents determine short, medium, and long term goals that benefit the whole family.

**El Hogar Cares:** Thanks to the generous support of The Chicago Community Foundation and The Latino Heritage Endowment Fund, El Hogar del Niño was able to launch a new family health initiative, El Hogar Cares, with the goal of empowering families to adopt healthier behaviors for better life outcomes through education workshops on health and 5K training. Seventy-five parents participated in the 5K race training, and we offered a series of eight healthy cooking classes, as well as Zumba classes.

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**Thanks to a generous grant from the Carl R. Hendrickson Family Foundation in 2018, we opened a gross motor room for our littlest learners aged 15 to 36 months.**

In this dedicated space, we can support the physical development of 100 of our toddlers, helping them perform everyday functions such as standing, balancing, walking, running, sitting upright, and hand-eye coordination. These are critical skills for everyday self-care like dressing, and also affect a child’s ability to develop fine motor skills (e.g., writing, drawing, manipulating small objects).
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year ended June 30, 2018

PUBLICATION SUPPORT
Fees & Grants 4,871,902
Corporate, Foundation, and Individual 43,657
Total Public Support 4,915,559

REVENUE
Program Service Fees 125,728
Other Income 33,155
Total Revenue 158,883
Total Public Support and Revenue 5,074,442

EXPENSES
Program Services 4,362,595
Management and General 233,454
Fundraising 52,759
Total Expenses 4,648,808

TOTAL NET ASSETS
Net Assets at the Beginning of Year 2,490,536
Net Assets at the End of Year 2,916,170

For full financials please refer to our website: elhogardelnino.org

USE OF FUNDS AT EL HOGAR
Direct Services $4,362,595 94%
Management & Fundraising $286,213 6%
Total $4,648,808 100%

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2018 HIGHLIGHTS continued

Honoring State Representative Theresa Mah
At our second annual Cruz Blanca fundraiser in September 2018, El Hogar del Niño proudly presented our inaugural Community Impact Award to Rep. Mah for her tireless advocacy on early childhood education issues and specifically her impact at our agency. Thanks to Rep. Mah’s critical leadership role as Chief Co-Sponsor of HB 5828, the early childhood capital legislation, we secured an $800K grant for capital improvements!