



OUR MISSION:

Working alongside diverse families we provide high quality childcare and supportive services, with an emphasis on cultural attunement with the Latinx community.

Early Childhood/El Nidito

The Family Center/La Familia's Early Care and Education Program is dedicated to providing safe, stimulating and nurturing education for young children. Our program, known as El Nidito, or "The Little Nest," is a state licensed, Colorado Shines Rated, School Readiness site. With our curriculum we encourage learning through exploration and discovery, and we enable children to develop confidence, creativity, and critical thinking skills that will support them throughout their lives. We utilize the evidence-based assessment tool, Teaching Strategies GOLD, which shows children's progress in all learning domains and all age groups. El Nidito provides a truly unique, multi-cultural, bi-lingual experience for children and families. We are dedicated to providing high-quality care and education for infants, toddlers, and pre-school-age children.



Family Support Services

Our bilingual team provides home and community based services and education opportunities support the whole family.

Some of our services include:

- Bilingual (English/Spanish) home and community-based family education
- Adult education programs with onsite childcare
- Collaborating with families to develop goals that promote well-being
- Bilingual support to navigate community resources
- Emergency assistance funding and supplies to meet diverse array of needs

Mi Voz

Mi Voz is dedicated to making positive changes in mobile home parks and the North College corridor by utilizing community strengths to create community solutions. Starting with a focus on the preservation and protection of mobile home parks, the community-led program has grown to include economic justice and creating a sense of belonging for Latinx/Hispanic through the expression of culture.

Three pillars guide and inform the program:

Community-led: Issues and solutions are community based, amplifying the strengths of the community

Civic Engagement/Advocacy: Engaging with elected officials, participating in public input, and mobilizing voices to make changes.

Leadership development: Connecting and providing opportunity for community members to grow their leadership skills to support community work.

The community slogan is "By working together with our neighbors, we can solve issues and reach our community's goals and dreams".



OUR VALUES:

our work is done with an explicit vision of creating a community in which all families are safe, supported, and thriving. Our core values include: Trust, Compassion, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Love.

STEPS TO SUCCESS

Early Childhood/El Nidito

- Recipient of a Colorado Shines Level 3 Rating
- Integrated referrals for mental and emotional well being support for children, families, and staff implemented this year.
- Over \$60K awarded in sliding scale scholarships

Family Support Services

- 26 Families received support through Group Connections
- 245 existing families received supportive services for housing, transportation, rent and utility assistance
- 470 Larimer County families benefited from The Family Center/La Familia services this year.

Mi Voz

- Community input surrounding preservation and protection of mobile home parks, anti-displacement, equity, and inclusion incorporated into Fort Collins City Plan
- Hosting quarterly meetings with City, County, School Board, and other elected officials in response to community identified goals.

