

## Early Childhood Excellence Center Program Report

**Reporting Period**  
**April 1, 2005- June 30, 2005 (3 months) Due July 15, 2005**

*Please indicate on this sheet if there are any corrections to the following:*

Grantee Name: LA CAUSA, INC

II. Briefly list any classroom/center **physical quality improvements** you have implemented in the past 3 months (e.g. new learning materials, new equipment, and other physical improvements to your center).

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New learning materials were purchased for each of the 5 classrooms in the amount of approximately \$8,000.

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New floor tiles have been laid in Room 4 and 5

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High Scope Cor Assessment will be done through a computer located in classrooms 4 and 5 this fall. The computer program has been purchased and waiting installation on teacher computers for each classroom

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III. Please identify any **outside consultants** (e.g. nurse, event speakers, musician, artist, curriculum consultant, etc.), paid or not, who came to your center in the past 3 months. Estimate their total number of hours at your center and the total number of children they reached.

Type of Outside Consultant	Was Consultant Paid?	Estimated Number of Hours	Estimated Number of Children Reached
St Francis Community Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8	Indirectly because this was for Trainer of Trainers CPR
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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- IV. Please summarize all **staff training events** sponsored by your center during the past 3 months, by category and total number of staff in attendance. Please include any other training not listed.

<b>Staff Training Event</b>	<b>Total Number of Events</b>	<b>Total Number of Staff in Attendance</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Classroom Curriculum / Child Development</b> (classroom training, Birth to 3, etc)	3	9	Environments, assessment using High Scope Cor
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b> (SIDS, CPR, fire safety, etc)	2	14	CPR
<b>Staff Career &amp; Personal Development</b> (career options, staff training, yoga, etc)	2	9	Smart Money – Personal Finance Building Self-Esteem
<b>Other</b> (please specify) 3 staff are currently taking advantage of the TEACH scholarship for an Associate Degree	Classes in Spring, Summer and Fall semesters	3	The bilingual approach to the Associate Degree Classes at MATC has been beneficial to La Causa staff

- V. Please summarize the total number of **family educational /social /participatory events** sponsored by your center in the past 3 months, and estimate the total number of participants.

<b>Type of Family Event</b>	<b>Number of Events</b>	<b>Number of Total Participants</b>
<b>Family Education</b> (managing money, reading to your child, cultural heritage, etc.)	6	50
<b>Health &amp; Safety Education</b> (CPR, fire, nutrition, etc.)	5	35
<b>Social Events</b> (fun nights, holiday celebrations, etc.)	18	538
<b>Teacher Conferences</b>	Held in March	Parents can schedule additional conferences as needed
<b>Advisory Board Meetings</b>	0	0
<b>Other major ways in which families are involved:</b>	52	52

<p>Home Visitations for extra support in variety of areas. Home visitation last approximately one hour in length. Family Coaching Parenting skills and support Approximately 2 hours in length per participant</p>	<p>110</p>	<p>43</p>
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VI. What was the MOST SIGNIFICANT happening at your center in the past three months?

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Brenda Rios resigned as Center Director; she has worked with COE for years. It was a sad event.

A heavy emphasis on family training and events.

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VII. What was the MOST SIGNIFICANT happening at your center over the timeframe of the entire Early Childhood Excellence Initiative?

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Opportunities for training, connections made during the ECKERS and ITERS process even though La Causa staff did not embrace the tool itself, working with Mary Roach and her team was beneficial.

I must add the Milwaukee COE consortium. It is hard to measure all the value that came from the meeting of this group. This group ended but another the Milwaukee Child Care Alliance grew with the help of the for COE members.

The community training for parents and early educational professionals was well done and service thousands of people.

I could not limit this to one happening. There were many other significant happenings during the life of this initiative. Overall the experience was one to be repeated.

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***Thank you for completing this Excellence Initiative program report. We look forward to finding out what is new with your center.***