VELA IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT EMPOWERS FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. BY WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, WE PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE, RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SO THAT ALL FAMILIES CAN THRIVE. THROUGH THE PARENT, FOR THE CHILD.

WHAT VELA OFFERS

- **Courses for Parents** - Special Education, Autism and Taking Care of You Courses
- **Monthly Support Groups**
- **One-time Workshops for Parents**
- **Supportive Case Management**
- **Family Fun Days**
- **All programming is at no cost to families and includes childcare!**

WHO WE SERVE

- **English and Spanish-Speaking families of children with special needs in Austin & surrounding areas**
- **50% Spanish Speaking**
- **10% Other (Arabic, ASL)**
- **40% English Speaking**

WHAT PARENTS GAIN

- **Knowledge & Skills**: Understand their child's needs, learn to navigate medical, educational and social services, and build collaborative relationships with their child's providers.
- **Support & Community**: Learn to manage stress and emotions, practice self-care and meet other parents!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Refer a Family Today**
- **Partner with Us**: VELA can provide workshops for your families (at your site) and professional development for your staff.

HOW TO REFER

- **Refer Families directly at velafamilies.org**
- **Share our Flyers** with your families

RESULTING IN...

- **Improved Parent & Provider Relationships**
- **Increased Engagement with Child’s Services**
- **Increased Effectiveness of Interventions and Services to Child**
- **Better Outcomes** for Children with Special Needs and their Families

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Our Partners: Austin ISD, Round Rock ISD, Texas School for the Deaf, Hays CISD, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Superior Health Plan, Dell Children’s/Ascension, CommUnityCare Clinics, People’s Community Clinic, Riverkids Pediatric Home Health, Little Tesoros Therapy Services, The Arc of the Capital Area, Easter Seals of Central Texas, Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas and more. We would love to partner with you!