VELA’S VISION IS TO CREATE A COMMUNITY WHERE ALL FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES CAN THRIVE

1 IN 5 FAMILIES HAS A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES

That means figuring out special education, therapies, doctor’s visits and all the ups and downs.

VELA, A LOCAL NONPROFIT, INVESTS IN THE FAMILY BY EMPOWERING THE PARENT THROUGH HANDS-ON KNOWLEDGE, SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

• Various Hands-on Courses for Parents
• Monthly Support Groups
• Workshops at schools and clinics

ALL PROGRAMMING IS AT NO COST TO FAMILIES

OUR FAMILIES COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

50% SPANISH SPEAKING
10% OTHER (ARABIC, ASL)
40% ENGLISH SPEAKING

55% LATINO
30% CAUCASIAN
7% ASIAN
8% AFRICAN AMERICAN

55% of families receive Medicaid

SERVING OVER 21 DIFFERENT DIAGNOSES
Down Syndrome, Autism, ADHD and more

THE NEED FOR VELA IS EVERYWHERE.

Families travel from 55 zip codes & 10 school districts

50% Spanish Speaking
10% Other (Arabic, ASL)
40% English Speaking

Families served at Workshops in schools & clinics

335

89% of families

55% Latino
30% Caucasian
7% Asian
8% African American

182 Families graduated from Courses
374 Kiddos in childcare
221 Providers trained

95% of parents gain increased knowledge about their child’s diagnosis

96% of parents learn how to navigate medical and educational services

96% of families access new resources and services for their child

2019 IMPACT

335 Families served at Workshops in schools & clinics

30% growth in services since 2018!

63 Families received case management
904 Attendees at 3 Family Fun Days

87% of families demonstrate a decrease in stress levels

100% build a Parent Toolkit to build a team with special educators, doctors and therapists

100% of families recommend VELA

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