

# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

#### **VELA SERVICES**

virtual and in-person courses case management

family fun days

support groups

in Spanish and English at no costs to families



#### LANGUAGE SPOKEN



50% Spanish 45% English 5% Other (Arabic, ASL)

91%

of families access Medicaid 2022 was the year of growing our virtual programming and bringing back our in person courses, support groups, case management and family fun days.

With your support, we not only graduated more families from courses than ever before but we also starting planting the seeds for our future so that we can EXPAND, ACTIVATE and INTEGRATE VELA- we are ready to dream even bigger!

#### **CREATING LASTING CHANGE**





Vela is truly inspiring. After I

Caregiver Wellness Course, I

wanted to share everything I

Timmie, VELA Grad

learned with everyone I knew!

completed their Autism Course and



En VELA yo aprendí como lograr que mi hijo tuviera los apoyos en la escuela que él merece. Y eso me hace sentir como una madre con poder.

Ale. Graduada de VELA

## **2022 WINS**



283 course graduates largest group ever!

802 individuals played and built community at our 3 Family Fun Days

214 families served in workshops in partnership with schools and agencies

Provided 302 Individualized Case Management Sessions



Expanded our reach-families attended from over 70 school districts

Growing our team- hired a Program Director!

Returned to in person services and growing virtual!

Secured a major investment from Northwest Sertoma



#### **CREATING CHANGE**

95% of families increased their skills to navigate the special education system

100% of families would recommend VELA to a friend

93% of families gained new resources and services to support their child and family

94% of families reported improved emotional wellbeing from course participation



## Muchas gracias to our 2022 funders and sponsors

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So much gratitude for Northwest Sertoma for their major gift this year. Their investment allows VELA to invest in our the future and growth of our mission!

### WHAT'S NEXT FOR VELA

2023 is the year we will move into **community informed strategic planning** to explore how we can Expand, Activate and Integrate VELA in the next 3-5 years.







