

# Home-Based Services Awardees



Best Starts for  
**KIDS**



# Chinese Information and Service Center

The Chinese Information and Service Center (CISC) assists over 12,000 clients annually through nearly 40 support services and programs for children, adults, and seniors that address the many challenges immigrants of all ages face as they adjust to their new lives in the United States. Wraparound, multigenerational services use a holistic approach to help families navigate unfamiliar systems and get the support they need to thrive.

CISC's new Family Support and Connection home visiting program will serve 50 Limited English Proficient Chinese immigrant families with children ages 0-5 living in King County who have incomes under 450% of the Federal Poverty Level. Community Liaisons, matched by language/dialect and culture, will work with all family members to provide emotional support, improve caregivers' knowledge/skills related to child development, reduce family isolation, increase coping skills, and support bicultural development.

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# Communities of Rooted Brilliance

Communities of Rooted Brilliance (CRB) has a long history of community-led program design, an approach based on the theory that newcomers such as refugees and immigrants rely on a community-based system of knowledge acquisition. Despite systemic barriers, communities have developed effective systems to relay information and support one another with their leadership, resourcefulness, and hope for the future.

Leadership Early learning Advocacy Program (LEAP) is a Home-Based program that utilizes a culturally relevant curriculum to adapt to each cultural community's assets, promoting parenting knowledge and confidence to enhance healthy child development, school readiness, and strengthen parent-child attachment. Home Visitors are recruited from the communities, trained in child development and school readiness, and, in turn, teach families about these topics in culturally relevant ways. The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a formal structure to keep families' voices at the center of services and to provide guidance, review program data, and engaging in educational system change work for families living in South King County.

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# Denise Louie Education Center

Denise Louie Education Center's (DLEC's) mission is to promote school and life readiness by providing multicultural preschool, early learning, and child care services to children and families, especially those who need our services the most. We respect and preserve each child and family's individuality, cultural heritage, and home language.

DLEC's uses an Early Head Start locally-designed model to serve families experiencing homelessness at Mary's Place shelters across King County. Eliminating transportation barriers, families receive on-site early learning sessions, including weekly 90-minute group activities focused on play-based learning and 45-minute individual family visits. Through this partnership, children build strong developmental foundations, while caregivers work toward housing stability.

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# East African Community Services

At East African Community Services (EACS), our early learning initiatives centers families as the primary drivers of their children's development affirming our commitment to empower East African parents are leaders in their children's developmental journey. Our holistic approach to early childhood education values culture, language, and community as essential building blocks for a child's success. Families gain tools to support their children's growth, and form lasting social networks that reduce isolation and build resilience.

Through our Sheeko Sheeko (Home-Based Services) program, we bring learning directly into the homes of families, fostering meaningful connections between parents and children through Somali oral storytelling, structured lessons, and peer-to-peer learning. The program empowers parents to serve as their child's first teacher, guiding them to create nurturing home environments that support school readiness. Our family navigators play a critical role in linking families to essential community resources, while regular gatherings provide opportunities for storytelling, shared learning, and collective growth.

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# First Five Years & Beyond

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First Five Years & Beyond (FFYB) equips parents with the skills, tools, and resources needed to support their children's healthy development from birth through age 18.

Our Promoting First Relationships (PFR) program is a 10-week, one-on-one home visiting intervention designed to strengthen the bond between caregivers and young children, ages 0–5. Grounded in attachment theory, PFR centers the caregiver–child relationship and affirms caregivers as experts on their children. Through weekly home visits and reflective video feedback, families learn to interpret children's social-emotional cues, build confidence in responsive caregiving, and nurture school readiness skills.

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# Hummingbird Indigenous Family Services

Hummingbird Indigenous Family Services (HIFS) was born out of a need for more services specifically directed toward AI/AN/NH/PI families during the critical perinatal and early parenting years with the commitment to offer their services with flexibility, focus, and a deep love and appreciation for culture and community. Hummingbird's approach, using culturally specific interventions, addresses not only physiological and medical disparities but also in healing past and current systemic and institutional harm.

Hummingbird Indigenous BirthKeepers program is a culturally rooted, full spectrum doula program providing free-of-cost services to Indigenous pregnant people. 100% of the people they serve are AI/AN/NH/PI. Full spectrum doula support means they support people regardless of the outcome of their pregnancies (ex. providing support to those experiencing pregnancy loss, terminating pregnancies and trying to conceive). Their BirthKeepers' (doulas') training and lived experience enables them to be traditional aunties in the community providing unconditional support, advocacy and love.

Pilimakua Home Visiting Program is an early childhood home visitation program designed to support the physical, social-emotional, cognitive, and cultural health of the child(ren) and the whole Indigenous family. The program is centered around reciprocal knowledge sharing of our 3 Pilimakua Themes: Indigenous Culture and Language Reclamation & Sustainability; Caregiver Mindfulness & Self-Compassion; and Child Development.

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# Iraqi Community Center of Washington

Iraqi Community Center of Washington (IRCCW) is committed to supporting immigrants and refugees through various culturally and community centered programs that promote support, engagement, well-being and integration.

Early Learning and Family Support (ELFS), our funded home based services program, aims to improve early childhood development and family well-being by providing support and resources for families. Our program is culturally-oriented and community-designed, we promote leadership, family support, awareness about early childhood developmental milestones to ensure that families are served effectively.

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# Kindering

Kindering's mission is to "embrace children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar," while dismantling barriers and reducing disparities. Last year we provided pediatric therapies, inclusive preschool, expert consultations, and trainings to support over 8,300 children and their families.

CHERISH 3-5 program provides healing, trauma-informed, relational health support to children and their families who are involved with the child welfare system. This is done through home visiting and systems advocacy. Participants have shared, "We finally got treated like parents. Two adult parents. I love you guys for that." and "Our provider has been very responsive to our needs, even if they are more immediate – she's fantastic, and like I said, has been really good at showing up."

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# Manos Unidas International

Manos Unidas International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building inclusive communities by providing culturally responsive education, health navigation, and advocacy services for Spanish-speaking families of children with disabilities and developmental delays across King County.

Ayllu Hogar is a free, home-based service navigation program for Latino families with children ages 0–5 in North King County, WA, who have suspected developmental delays or diagnosed disabilities. Led by Latina promotoras, the program provides relationship-based support to primary caregivers through in-home visits, culturally adapted education, and connections to community resources. Ayllu Hogar also emphasizes the importance of social connectedness, offering monthly Mom Cafés and family gatherings throughout the year to foster community and meaningful relationships among enrolled families.

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# Mother Africa

Mother Africa advances racial equity through supporting African refugee and immigrant women and their families to reach their highest potential. Our-prenatal-to five program, Flourishing Under Five, works across a variety of program approaches to offer individual and group support to enrolled caregivers, babies, children and families in six language groups: Arabic, French/Lingala/Kinyarwanda/Kirundi, English/Swahili/Kikuyu, Amharic/Tigrinya, Maimai, and Dari.

Since 2024, our Flourishing Under Five program HBS track has connected with more than 100 multigenerational caregivers across four cohorts, from parents to grandparents, bringing parenting support, education, and encouragement right to families' doorsteps. Our Family Support Sisters connect with enrolled families through monthly home visits where parenting and other educational curriculums are offered, weekly/biweekly case-management support and group activities hosted for families across different language groups to connect every cohort. By meeting families where they are, Flourishing Under Five helps build stronger relationships, deeper connections, and lasting resilience across generations.

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# Open Arms Perinatal Services

Open Arms Perinatal Services (OAPS), founded in 1997 by Black and Brown birth workers, provides free, culturally rooted perinatal and early parenting support to Black, Indigenous, and other families of color in King County.

Our Birth Doula Services program provides free, culturally and linguistically matched support throughout pregnancy, birth, and early postpartum, with a focus on Black/African American and Latine families. Doulas offer prenatal visits, continuous labor support, postpartum care, and warm referrals to community resources—reducing disparities and improving birth outcomes.

Our nationally accredited Community-Based Outreach Doula (CBOD) program provides intensive, culturally matched home-visiting support from pregnancy through at least six months postpartum (often up to two years), with doulas who come from the communities they serve. CBOD offers prenatal education, labor support, postpartum and parenting guidance, and warm referrals, improving birth outcomes, breastfeeding success, and parent-child connection for Somali, Black, and Latine families. Open Arms was the first organization in the nation accredited by HealthConnect One and continues to lead in replicating this model with fidelity and community trust.

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# Perinatal Support Washington

Perinatal Support Washington (PS-WA) is a state-wide nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the mental health outcomes for all parents in Washington State. We provide both direct services through peer support and therapy to parents and comprehensive training to providers serving them.

Our Parent Resilience Program (PERC) provides culturally-matched peer support to Latinx/Spanish-speaking families and U.S.-born Black/African American families. Our program offers peer-based, non-clinical support for pregnant people and new parents navigating stress, emotional challenges, and who are at risk of, or currently experiencing, mental health challenges related to childbearing. Our program is grounded in lived experience, cultural connection, and trauma-informed care.

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# St. Vincent de Paul

Since 2013, Centro Rendu of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) has been serving Latinx families with education and social services for the whole family.

De Colores, our home-based services early learning program, was established in 2018 to respond to a need within our Latinx communities for linguistically and culturally accessible services for parents/caregivers with children ages 0-5. SVdP believes that through home visits, trusting relationships are built that allow for authentic engagement to take place, where families who often feel isolated can find comfort and the support of a community of shared values.

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# Vashon Youth & Family Services

Vashon Youth & Family Services (VYFS) is a community-based nonprofit serving families in rural, unincorporated King County. Our mission is to foster a thriving community of emotionally healthy and resilient children, youth, adults, and families through trauma-informed, culturally responsive programs. VYFS/Family Place provides early childhood parenting support to families with young children on Vashon Island.

Through Parents as Teachers (PAT), our home visiting program, we deliver twice-monthly visits to parents and caregivers across Vashon Island's diverse population. PAT home visitors emphasize learning through play, understanding of child development and milestones, and resource connections to support overall family well-being. Our bilingual (Spanish and English) home visitors and programs contribute to kindergarten readiness, family stability and resilience through culturally grounded, relationship-based support.

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# Voices of Tomorrow

Voices of Tomorrow (VOT) is a community-rooted nonprofit serving immigrant and refugee families in King and Pierce counties through culturally and linguistically responsive early learning, family support, and workforce development. We act as a bridge between systems, families, and childcare providers to strengthen children's wellbeing and educational pathways.

VOT's Mind, Body, and Culture (MBC) program delivers a trauma-informed, culturally and linguistically responsive home-visiting model program that supports East African immigrant and refugee families in King County. Our model integrates mental health support, parenting education, case management, and social connection, centering cultural identity as a protective factor for healing and resilience.

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