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WE'RE LACEF



For the past 15 years, we have been devoting our financial and human resources to meet the learning needs of children and youth in L.A. County...our greatest assets as a society. We are dedicated to the fulfillment of our unique mission:

- To address the needs of underserved children and teens.
- To remove barriers in the path of children and teens that limit their ability to learn, grow, maintain healthy lives, mature and prosper.
- To broaden learning opportunities beyond the classroom and expand specialized education experiences in science and the environment for children and teens.
- To partner with schools, school districts, nonprofit organizations, private corporations and charities to successfully achieve our goal of helping kids get the most out of their childhood experiences and education and help them prepare to be productive and self-supporting adults.

WE INVEST IN OUR KIDS

LACEF is on the cutting edge of change
in education policy today.



With our launch of the LACEF Stay Well Learn Well® School Health Centers Initiative, an effort made possible by a grant from the Watts Health Foundation, we will support the establishment of school health centers in L.A. County school districts to make quality healthcare available to children, teens and their families to aid improved classroom attendance and academic achievement and promote better learning.

LACEF owns and operates Blue Sky Meadow® in Big Bear, Southern California's premier science and environment outdoor learning lab for children and teens located on a 183-acre site in the San Bernardino Mountains. In the past 15 years, our focus has been to provide underserved children and children with disabilities access to an environment that they rarely have an opportunity to experience. More than 20,000 young people have taken overnight field trips to Blue Sky Meadow® to discover the wonders of science, biology, mathematics and astronomy through LACEF's hands-on learning activities at a mountain-top retreat.

WE BELIEVE EVERY CHILD IS WORTHY

LACEF provides engaging learning experiences for children, youth, teens and their parents.

Due to financial and social hardships, many kids do not have access to experiences and services that will help them learn, grow and become self-sufficient, such as LACEF's outdoor education institute, leadership development, college and career readiness programs and school-based healthcare initiatives.

LACEF assists young people in unique education situations, particularly those where the special needs of select children, youth and teens have been unfulfilled. Young people in the probation and foster care systems are vulnerable to a future of joblessness and poor health without the support and advocacy that we and our committed partners provide.

Whether the need is school readiness for L.A. County's youngest children, or targeted education assistance and specialized guidance for foster children and the children of foster teens, or hands-on job skills training for juvenile offenders placed outside school settings, or shared-reading instruction for hearing-impaired children and their parents, LACEF works to tailor specific education, learning and life initiatives to meet the growing demands placed upon L.A. County's frontline educators.



WE CHAMPION OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERSERVED CHILDREN

We work closely with public policymakers.

LACEF highlights the enormous teaching and learning challenges facing educators, parents, children and teens in L.A. County. LACEF works cooperatively with policymakers to direct public resources needed to address the county's substantial education challenges to initiatives and programs that will have a sustained positive impact on the lives of our children, youth and teens.

We influence how financial resources are allocated and spent to enhance education, learning and life for thousands of children, youth and teens.





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STAY WELL LEARN WELL® SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS

LACEF is embarking on a major effort to support the health and learning of our county's children, youth and teens with the establishment of Stay Well Learn Well® School Health Centers. Quality school-based health clinics offer health and dental care services in accessible and convenient locations for our students, their parents and neighborhood residents. Healthy students have better class attendance, improved academic performance and lower dropout rates. Stay Well Learn Well® School Health Centers will help set the standard for better community health through partnerships with our schools.

PARENT HEALTH LITERACY

What do you do when your child gets sick? It's a question asked daily by hundreds of thousands of parents seeking answers to typical childhood illnesses. Not having the right answers can be dangerous and potentially fatal. LACEF launched Parent Health Literacy in partnership with the UCLA Health Care Institute (HCI) and L.A. County Office of Education Head Start program. LACEF's Parent Health Literacy provided parents of young children with the health and medical education answers they need – in the languages they speak – to protect their kids from sickness, illness and harm.



SHARED READING PROJECT

LACEF helped hearing parents bond with their deaf and hard of hearing infants and children through a special home-based, tutored reading program supported by Northrop Grumman Litton Foundation and developed by Washington, D.C.'s Gallaudet University, the world leader in education and career development for deaf and hard of hearing students. LACEF's Shared Reading Project has changed lives for more than 500 parents of deaf and hard of hearing children, and their family members. Our efforts resulted in improved reading and literacy for these parents' sons and daughters. LACEF helped make family story time and daily conversation an enriching American Sign Language (ASL) communication experience to last a lifetime.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

LACEF helps teens acquire valuable real-world skills they can immediately apply in our highly competitive job market. Career and technical training is key for all teens, but it is particularly important for teens on probation. LACEF has provided probation teens housed at L.A. County's Camp David Gonzales with special training in culinary arts. LACEF has provided Camp Gonzales probation teens with solar technology training that prepares them to compete for jobs in our growing green economy sector. Applied teamwork skills and training in sun-powered vehicle propulsion technology led the teens to compete in the 2011 Solar Cup, the nation's largest solar-powered boat competition.



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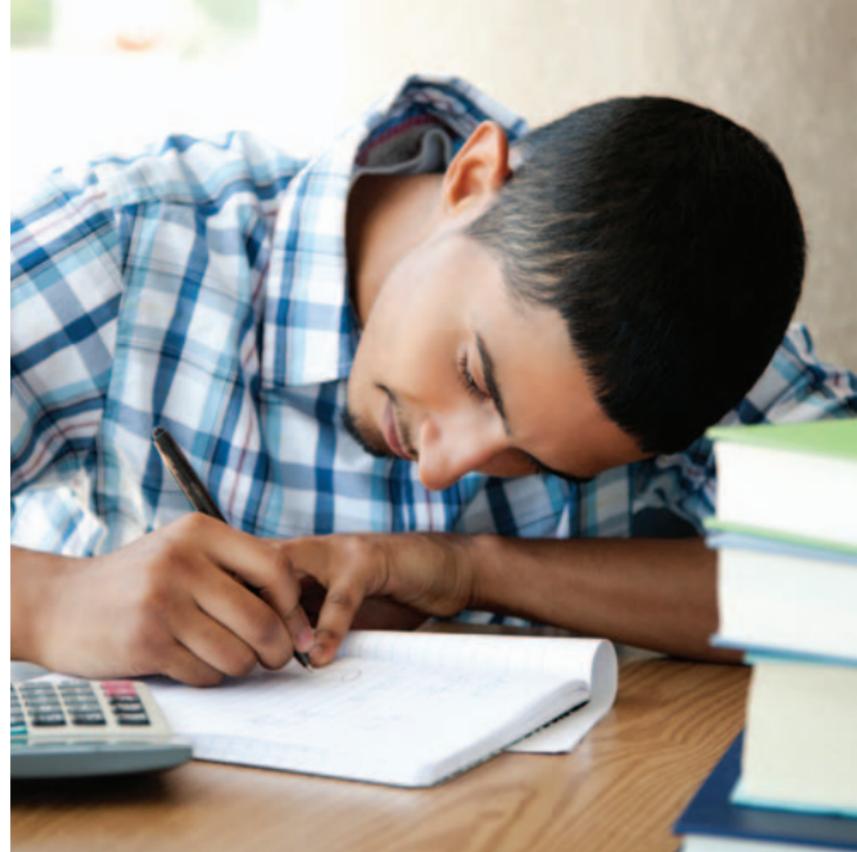
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