



Graduating Students, One Community at a Time

Program Description:

Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission was founded in 1986 by community residents and the California Province of Jesuits. It has grown into a highly effective community-building organization, whose mission is to provide training, education and social services with the Pico-Aliso/Boyle Heights district of East Los Angeles. Proyecto Pastoral serves over 2,500 children, youth and families annually through its five programs.

The \$300,000 in funding from AT&T Aspire will bring Proyecto Pastoral closer to their goal of 85 percent graduation rates at Mendez Learning Center, serving Los Angeles' Boyle Heights neighborhood, by 2017. AT&T's contribution will support the implementation of the Mendez Success Plan, which seeks to increase graduation rates by 30 percent over the next two years. Funding from AT&T will support three key components of the plan: the establishment of early warning and intervention systems, a system of school and community team-based supports, and Linked Learning opportunities for youth.



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While the Mendez Success Plan includes a broad combination of strategies such as multiple pathway programs, a training institute for youth workers in our community, and college readiness and transition systems, funding from AT&T will support the implementation of three key components of the plan: the establishment of early warning and intervention systems, a system of school and community team-based supports, and Linked Learning opportunities for youth.

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- Boyle Heights is one of LA's most populated neighborhoods (**95,000+**) and has one of the highest percentages of Latino residents (**94 percent**). **Two-thirds** of adult residents do not have a high school degree, and **1 in 4** families live below the federal poverty line.

"Last year my grades were really low. IMPACTO helped me get my grades up and now I'm caught up with all of my credits. There are a lot of kids like me that need the help. If IMPACTO helped more students at Mendez, I think more students would get their grades up and would also help with graduation."

Enrique Gonzaga, 10th grade student at
Mendez Learning Center