



2007 CPC Accomplishments

- The system of SPA/AIC Councils continued its efforts to build the capacity of parents, youth, and other residents to improve the lives of children and families in communities throughout Los Angeles County. Examples include:
 - The American Indian Children's Council helped the Department of Children and Family Services develop culturally appropriate training for DCFS employees working with the American Indian community, and worked to improve recruitment of American Indian social workers to the area.
 - Participation doubled in an ongoing SPA 1 child abuse prevention essay contest; the competition was used to establish a new youth neighborhood action group in the Antelope Valley.
 - SPA 2 trainings and partnerships with school and elected officials led to the creation of new parent groups in the San Fernando Valley.
 - More than 250 parents and their families came together to celebrate the work of the Claremont Parent Action Networks on traffic safety, affordable housing, and other issues in SPA 3.
 - SPA 4 neighborhood networks developed plans for parent-led campus patrols at Wilson High School and supported efforts to bring dual-language immersion programs to Highland Park's elementary schools.
 - SPA 5 parents worked on leadership and advocacy training designed for parents of special needs children; another neighborhood network advocated for a DASH bus route to serve the Mar Vista community of Los Angeles.
 - SPA 6 neighborhood networks participated in Civilians Policy Academy, held an annual health fair that attracted more than 250 residents, and provided students with training in film production at Jordan High School and Media Aid Center; student filmmakers are using the training to document nonprofit resources in their community.
 - The community building and organizing work of developing community leadership resulted in the election of several members of the parent groups transforming community members into key leaders and decision-maker players in the SPA 7 Council.
 - SPA 8 held its 13th School Readiness Conference, a highly successful twice-annual event that brings together 1,000 residents working to improve the lives of children and their families in the South Bay region.

- Completed the Family Economic Success Plan for L.A. County, the culmination of a two-year effort to establish a collaborative strategy for improving the economic well-being of families residing in the county. Engagement of community residents through a series of focus groups was key to developing a plan more in tune with the realities facing L.A. families.
- Completed and released the 2007–2009 Strategic Plan.
- Launched a comprehensive organizational reassessment designed to bring CPC’s mission and structure into better alignment; initiated a staff restructuring as part of the plan.
- Coordinated a successful countywide EITC Campaign for the third year.
- Found a permanent home for L.A. County’s EITC Campaign at United Way of Greater Los Angeles.
- Launched a County-funded mini-grants program to support the community improvement efforts of the system of SPA/AIC Councils and their neighborhood networks, and to encourage further organizing efforts.
- Developed and launched Abriendo Puertas (“Opening Doors”), a well-regarded parenting/leadership training program for immigrant Latino parents of children 0–5. Funder considers the program a model for similar programs at the national level.