

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Casa de la Esperanza Learning Center operates Monday to Friday, throughout the year with occasional weekend activity. Hours of operation are from 3:00-8:00 p.m. for the fall and spring semester. The summer session runs for six weeks. Be a part of the solution. Invest in our youth.

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CASA DE LA ESPERANZA
LEARNING CENTER

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Academic Support
Recreational Activities
Enrichment Opportunities

Excellence and self-empowerment

MISSION: Casa de la Esperanza's educational center is a state-of-the-art learning center providing opportunities and resources toward excellence and self-empowerment through collaboration and programming that nurture each individual's potential.

VISION: Our vision is one of a thriving self-sustaining community sharing wisdom to transform society through today and tomorrow's leaders, honoring those who came before us.

program has served hundreds of families and children over the years.

Program Innovation

The Casa de la Esperanza program was initiated to serve the 100+ children and youth living on site. Partnerships with local agencies and groups provided many resources and services that have greatly benefitted the community for several years. Hundreds of volunteers from the local universities, corporations and the community have contributed thousands of hours of service to the Casa community annually as tutors, robotics mentors, teaching classes, organizing activities and events.

Culture of Achievement

Educational attainment is part of the culture of the Casa de la Esperanza community. The program collaborates with parents, volunteers, teachers, other non-profits and local universities to create a **Pathway to Higher Education** for all of the Casa youth. The program has maintained a 90+% graduation rate historically. Most remarkably, in the last five years, all Casa students earned a high school diploma representing a 100% graduation rate. Many of these students are currently attending Metropolitan State University in Denver, Front Range Community College and other institutions of higher education.



History

Community Action Programs worked with the Boulder County Commissioners, the Boulder County Housing Authority and other community members to make this award winning housing community a reality. The first migrant families moved in during the fall of 1993. CAP staff worked with the site manager to hire a bilingual program coordinator June 1994. For over seventeen years, the program has been responsive to the unique needs of the dozens of farm workers families of the Casa de la Esperanza community. The

Core Program Elements:

- Esperanza Scholars Program:** This program nurtures academic achievement by providing the necessary services and resources to enable students in K-12th grade to attain success in school. Tutoring provided by dozens of volunteers and program staff is crucial in creating a **Pathway to Higher Education** promoting high school and college graduation. This support includes a rich array of classes and enrichment opportunities, campus visits, fieldtrips, college assistance, youth internships and special events.
- Casa STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Program:** This program provides incredible enrichment opportunities that promote 21st Century skills in the areas of technology, the sciences, math and engineering. The **Casa de la Esperanza Robotics Academy** was developed in the spring of 2007 to foster students' engagement in their own education as they work with professional mentors in preparation for a robotics competition. These regional competitions are held at universities such as: University of Denver, University of Colorado at Denver and Boulder campuses, Regis University and others. The Casa Robotics Academy includes: JR. LEGO Robotics (ages 6-9 yrs.), LEGO Robotics (9-12 yrs.), VEX Robotics for 5-8th grade students, FIRST Robotics Competition for high school youth. Other STEM activities include math, science and computer technology classes and projects.



In May 2014, we celebrated our 11th student that has earned a college degree; five of which also have a master's degree. The Casa de la Esperanza Learning Center provides opportunities and resources that allow this unique immigrant community to achieve academically and socially. Parents from Casa often have only attended elementary school due to a lack of access to education and a need to work at a young age in their country of origin. The Casa students are the first in their family to graduate from high school. The youth of this community are preparing themselves as active participants and leaders of our society.

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