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Look What’s New at SSP!

We are happy to announce the addition of a new reading partnership within our early childhood program and an evidence based curriculum to Mommy & Me. SSP is proud to be the first and only organization in Austin to offer these programs. Raising A Reader gets books into homes and focuses on strengthening family connections. Each week students take home a Red Book Bag filled with award-winning and age appropriate books to practice the habit of sharing books while building early vocabulary skills. Parents log the minutes read with their children. By the end of our 9-month program, each student will have read 120 books at home with their family!

SSP has also added Abriendo Puertas to Mommy & Me program. Abriendo Puertas is an evidence based parenting curriculum designed by and for Latino parents with children zero-five years old. The proven program promotes Latino parents’ leadership and advocacy as well as parenting practices that foster children's early learning and development in a culturally-relevant manner. SSP parents will became more intentional in their parenting as they

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Our Impact 2015-2016

Adult Education
95% retention
79% progressed to next level
100% feel more confident speaking English
100% feel more comfortable helping their children with homework

Child Education
84% retention
11 months ahead of target in vocabulary skills
100% growth in math skills
100% increase in home reading

Family Education
100% parents feel more confident in their role as a parent
25,000 minutes of home reading
100% improvement in parent-child relationships

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develop family goals for their children and learn to implement strategies to better support their children.

24 Hours to Re-brand...
SSP Learning Center was selected to participate in CreateAthon 2016, hosted by BuildASign. CreateAthon is a 24-hour creative marathon of skills-based volunteering where volunteer creatives and designers from all over Austin come together to work in teams and provide pro bono work to local nonprofits. As a selected nonprofit, SSP briefed its assigned creative team on an organization re-brand to ultimately deliver a strong brand identity that will support our mission. Stay tuned as we reveal the results towards the end of the school year.

Can you believe SSP has been serving families for eight years!? Neither can we! This year we celebrated our eighth annual Pumpkin Painting Party with both child and adult students! These celebrations are more than parties. They’re a chance for our families’ to get to know each other, to make connections and to build a community of support. Follow us on Facebook to keep up with future events and to view more cute photos from our celebration. Facebook.com/ssplearningcenter

Elena enrolled at SSP in 2009, the very first year the organization was founded. Originally from Ecuador, Elena registered at SSP for the same reason as many of our other families- to learn English while providing a stable and safe learning environment for her children. Although both of Elena’s daughters have graduated from SSP’s early childhood program, she continues attending classes to practice and perfect her English. Elena said that her English classes helped her feel confident and more prepared when taking the naturalization test, which she passed this August! She is now a naturalized U.S. citizen and voted in her first U.S. presidential election! We are so proud of her accomplishments. Muchas felicidades, Elena! Sí Se Pudo!