



# RESOURCE GUIDE

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# **Welcome to 2021-2022 LACC Resource Guide**

The 2021-2022 Latin American Community Center Resource Guide lists the services we provide for all ages from our community of the counties of Wilmington and New Castle. The guide is set up so you can find the information you need quickly.

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## Family Support Services:

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Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence Counseling	No	Bethsaida Acosta	<a href="mailto:bacosta@thelatincenter.org">bacosta@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7694	302-494-6260	6
	Mujeres Poderosas	No					6
Workforce Development	Workforce Development	No	Diana Acevedo	<a href="mailto:dacevedo@thelatincenter.org">dacevedo@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7696	302-494-7518	6
	Job Interview Workshop	Yes					6
	Job Fair	Yes					7
Adult Basic Education	English as a Second Language (ESL)	No	Daniela Pizarro	<a href="mailto:dpizarro@thelatincenter.org">dpizarro@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 2173	302-494-9545	7
	Adult Digital Literacy	No	Daniela Pizarro	<a href="mailto:dpizarro@thelatincenter.org">dpizarro@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 2173	302-494-9545	7
	Naturalization	No	Colin Marshall	<a href="mailto:cmarshall@thelatincenter.org">cmarshall@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-377-0251	302-377-9545	7
Case Management	Crisis Alleviation	No	Brenda Juarez	<a href="mailto:bj Suarez@thelatincenter.org">bj Suarez@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7707	302-494-7465	8
	Short Term Case Management	No					8
	Emergency Food and Shelter	No					8
	Food Closet	No					8
	Clothing Closet	No	Bethsaida Acosta	<a href="mailto:bacosta@thelatincenter.org">bacosta@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7694	302-494-6260	9

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Victims of Crime	Victims of Crime Counseling	No	Jesus Vazquez	<a href="mailto:jvazquez@thelatincenter.org">jvazquez@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7725	302-409-8238	<b>9</b>
Breastfeeding Program	Breastfeeding Counseling	No	Osiris Torres	<a href="mailto:otorres@thelatincenter.org">otorres@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext.7723	302-723-7877	<b>9</b>
Senior's Program	Los Abuelos	No	Bianca Aldegón Yumira Toro	<a href="mailto:baldegon@thelatincenter.org">baldegon@thelatincenter.org</a> <a href="mailto:ytoro@thelatincenter.org">ytoro@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext .7733		<b>10</b>
	Food Distribution for Seniors	No, but only for residents of New Castle County 60 and older					<b>10</b>
	Senior Health Educational classes	Yes					<b>10</b>
Community Health	Community Health Specialist Needs Assessment	No	Susana Aranda	<a href="mailto:saranda@thelatincenter.org">saranda@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7730	302-494-5028	<b>10</b>
Immigration	Immigration Legal Services	Yes	Yina Rosa	<a href="mailto:yrosapaz@thelatincenter.org">yrosapaz@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7710	302-344-3223	<b>11</b>
	Public Notary	No					

**1. Activity name: *Domestic Violence Counseling***

The Domestic Violence program serves Hispanic women in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex counties who have been victims of domestic violence. The program coordinator meets with the client and the client can share what she is going through in a safe space. The program coordinator provides counseling for clients and education on domestic violence, safety plans, and assistance with filling out PFA (Protection from Abuse). The program coordinator can also provide company to clients going to Court as a form of support. The program coordinator does not represent or advocate for the client at Court. The program coordinator will continue to keep in touch with clients via phone or in-person as needed.

**2. Activity name: *Mujeres Poderosas***

This program is for all Hispanic women living in Delaware. The program offers a support group for women, the group is designed to be a safe space for women to come together and empower one another. The program allows women the opportunity to develop friendships and gain confidence. This group meets once a month virtually and women need to sign up with the program coordinator if interested.

**3. Activity name: *Workforce Development***

This program is meant to help clients during their job search. For example, the program coordinator can help a client to create or improve his or her resume, application assistance, translating a job description that is in English, etc. The program coordinator can help a client to create a resume or if they already have one to provide recommendations on improving their current resume. Application assistance involves anything from assistance with a specific job application question, filling a job application online, or helping the client to fill a job application that is in English. The program coordinator can also offer job interview techniques to clients. The purpose of this is that job candidates are better prepared and more confident during the job interview. To reduce individual barriers, the program works along with the Adult Education Program which offers English classes, computer classes, and citizenship classes.

**4. Activity name: *Job Interview Workshop***

This event is part of the Workforce Development Program and is only for clients enrolled in the program. Clients will learn about the proper etiquette for job interviews. For example, they will practice responding to interview questions, building speaking abilities, and get insight into the unwritten rules of interviewing. This event happens four times per year at the LACC.

## **5. Activity name: Job Fair**

This event is part of the Workforce Development Program and is open to the general public in Delaware. A job fair is an event that gives job seekers and employers a chance to meet one another, establish professional relationships, and discuss potential job opportunities. This event happens two times per year at the LACC.

## **6. Activity name: *ESL (English as a Second Language)***

When a client is interested in English (ESL) classes they must complete an initial intake form and fill out other documents as required. The client must take a language assessment that will assist the instructor in placing the client in the appropriate class. ESL classes begin in July and run throughout the year.

ESL classes are taught mornings, afternoons, and evenings\*. Assessments are given throughout the school year to determine the student's level of progress. At the end of sixty (60) hours, the student is tested again to verify the knowledge learned. Assessments are given via a program called Best Plus.

\*Due to Covid-19 the ELS classes are running on virtual mode at the following times:

- 8:30am – 9:50am
- 10:00am – 11:20am
- 11:30am – 12:50pm
- 6:00pm - 7:20pm
- 7:40pm-9:00pm
- Run Tuesday to Thursday

## **7. Activity name: *(ADL) Adult Digital Literacy***

This is a class that teaches students basic computer knowledge such as how to turn a computer on, how to use the mouse, how to use the keyboard, etc. This class is usually taught once a week\*. By the end of the program, the student will be able to set up his own email address. \*Due to Covid-19 computer classes are being canceled until latest notice.

## **8. Activity name: *Naturalization***

Citizenship classes are taught by one member of LACC and one trained volunteer. These classes are designed for adults who are preparing for the United States Naturalization Test. Classes generally meet once a week morning (9am-10:30am) and night (6:30pm-8pm) for 14 weeks and cover all sections of the Civics (History and Government).

**9. Activity name: *Crisis Alleviation***

The program's focus is on homelessness prevention. Providing relief by helping to cover the costs of utility bills, rent, and other financial stressors. To qualify clients must bring copies of recent paystubs or other sources of income, show proof in the form of providing bills and/or other documentation for rent, utilities, etc. Clients that have excessive bills that have accumulated for an extended period will most likely not be considered to receive financial help. Once the paperwork is processed the client will be notified if they were approved or not. If they are approved a check will be mailed directly to the utilities company or landlord. The financial help is only available once per year and is only for residents of Wilmington, Delaware.

**10. Activity name: *Short-Term Case Management***

Short-Term Case Management is a program that helps clients living in Delaware with application assistance. Examples include but are not limited to state benefits, school enrollment, Social Security, assistance filling out divorce papers, etc. There is a fee for filling out certain documents and the fee varies based on the documents that are being filled out.

**11. Activity name: *Emergency Food and Shelter***

This program is for everyone in New Castle County, Delaware. This program is meant to help those in need of food and housing and is meant to reduce homelessness. This program helps people look for shelter and financially helps with a limited amount such as paying a portion of a hotel fee or an apartment's rent. Emergency food is also offered via our Food Closet. This program runs throughout the year and is located at the LACC.

**12. Activity name: *Food Closet***

Our food closet assists residents of Delaware that are facing significant financial hardship. It is designed to meet the immediate needs of our clients by providing them with an emergency food box, canned goods, and perishable food items. To receive a box, the client must complete a registration form and provide a Delaware state ID. Food pantry service hour: Tuesday and Thursdays from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. \*\*

\*\* Due to COVID 19- our hours have changed. We are providing food Monday- Friday 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM. Please note that to minimize the risk of exposure we ask that clients fill out the registration form over the phone with Family Support Services staff only once a month.

**13. Activity name: *Clothing Closet***



Clients that need clothes and/or shoes can receive gently used clothes and shoes from the LACC. The clothing and shoes are free. A client may request clothing and/or shoes approximately every 3 months. The paperwork can be done in person or on the phone. The program coordinator will need to fill out an intake form and the client must know the clothing and shoe sizes. The program coordinator will then send out the form to the organization responsible for the clothing closet where a client can expect the items to arrive within 2 weeks. The items get drop-off at the LACC and the client must pick up the clothing and/or shoes.

#### **14. Activity name: *Victims of Crime Counseling***

The main focus of this program is to support Latino victims of crime and help decrease the underreporting of crime in the Latino immigrant community by empowering victims to take steps and report the crime. The program coordinator will inform clients of their rights and provide the following services:

- Assistance contacting the authorities and reporting the crime.
- Information about victims' rights under the law (including undocumented individuals).
- Assistance contacting the Victims Compensation and filling out appropriate forms.
- Follow-up communication, Court reminders, regular and ongoing updates.
- Accompaniment and support at Court appearances.
- Personal and/or emotional support.
- Referral to other support services.

The Victims of Crime Program is intended to help you or a loved one by educating you on your rights as a victim and referring you to other service providers who may also be able to assist you and meet your immediate needs. All clients must complete an intake form. The intake form will ask the clients their contact information, DOB, a brief description of the incident, and police report number within 72 hours (If applicable).

#### **15. Activity name: *Breastfeeding Counseling***

This is a support and educational group for women who are pregnant, just delivered a baby, or are breastfeeding a child up to one year old. The breastfeeding support group is held twice a month. The purpose is to teach mothers how to breastfeed, resolve any issues encountered during breastfeeding, and educate on the problems-women face during delivery. This is the basis of the first session. The group also holds discussions on specific topics/issues that are of interest to the client. This is the basis of the second

session. To participate in this amazing program the client must be enrolled in the WIC program. This program does not provide diapers or milk. The program coordinator contacts all the women enrolled in the Breastfeeding Program via phone or email to follow up and answer any questions they may have.

**16. Activity name: *Los Abuelos***

Los Abuelos is a program for seniors held at Los Jardines senior housing apartments. Located at 1000 West 5th Street, Wilmington, DE 19805. Most of the program participants are seniors that live in those apartments. The mission of the program is to engage, educate, and support seniors in the Latino community in leading healthy lifestyles and improve quality of life. Some of the activities that the seniors participate in include educational sessions, exercise, lectures, recreational activities, etc. Examples include a diabetes educational session, Zumba class, yoga, bingo, memory, reflections, among many other activities. The program also offers a food distribution to the seniors. Special occasions such as birthdays and holidays are also celebrated.

**17. Activity name: *Food Distribution for Seniors***

This event is only for residents of New Castle County 60 and older. The Los Abuelos program partners with a local Food Bank to distribute boxes of food to the elderly. Boxes are free but the person must meet certain requirements like meet certain income guidelines and age to qualify for the food distribution program. This event happens once per month at Los Jardines, 1000 West 5th Street, Wilmington, DE 19805.

**18. Activity name: *Senior Health Educational Classes***

This event is only open to clients enrolled in the Los Abuelos program. The seniors enrolled in the Los Abuelos program receive various educational health sessions throughout the year. Some of the topics include diabetes, cancer, blood pressure, among other topics. The sessions last an average of 1 to 2 hours and are taught by people in public health organizations like hospitals and universities among others. The location is Los Jardines, 1000 West 5th Street, Wilmington, DE 19806.

**19. Activity name: *Community Health Specialist Needs Assessment***

This service is for all clients in Delaware. The Community Health Specialist conducts an Individual Needs Assessment (INA) for all the walk-ins that the Family Social Service (FSS) department gets. The INA is a series of questions that will help to identify other underlying needs that the client may have and that were not identified on the initial visit. The Community Health Specialist also conducts outreach by informing clients of our services at the LACC.

**20. Activity name: *Immigration Legal Services***

The program focusses on low income and indigent persons looking for immigration legal services. Services will help and facilitate clients on seeking a new immigration status or an immigration benefit. Services include, but are not limited to: Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Family-Based Petitions, Naturalizations, Public Notary Service. Client must complete an intake and enter into a legal agreement with the Latin American Community Center (LACC).

**21. Activity name: *Public Notary***

Clients can give their documents such as divorce, child support, child custody papers, etc. a public notary seal by our LACC staff Wanda Burgos-Rincon. There is a small fee for each page, the document is given a public notary seal. Clients need to make an appointment for the public notary service.

## Prevention and Advocacy Service:

Program Name	Activity Name	Is this program for clients only?	Contact Person	Contact Person Email	Contact Person Phone #	Contact Person 2 #	Program information on Page
HIV/AIDS Prevention Program	HIV Rapid Testing Counseling	No	Ismael Medina Daniel Lahera	<a href="mailto:imedina@thelatincenter.org">imedina@thelatincenter.org</a> <a href="mailto:dlahera@thelatincenter.org">dlahera@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7740 / Ext. 2165	302-442-7740 / 302- 295-2165	<b>14</b>
Prevention Promoters	Prevention Promoters	No	Mildred Ortega & Mayur Chandriani	<a href="mailto:preventionpromoters@thelatincenter.org">preventionpromoters@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 2159/ Ext. 2170	302- 295- 215/302-295- 2170	<b>14</b>
	Naloxone Training (Overdose Prevention)	No					<b>14</b>
	Art Addiction	No					<b>15</b>
	Spring Artwork	No					<b>15</b>
	Fall Community Tour	No					<b>15</b>
Stand By Me Financial Coaching	Stand By Me Childcare Initiative	Yes	Meraris Aguilar	<a href="mailto:maguilar@thelatincenter.org">maguilar@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7747		<b>15</b>
	Stand By Me Hispano	Yes	Duniesky Landa	<a href="mailto:dlanda@thelatincenter.org">dlanda@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 2171		<b>15</b>
	First Time Home Buyer Classes	Yes				<b>16</b>	

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Stand By Me Financial Coaching	Defensive Driving Class	Yes	Duniesky Landa	<a href="mailto:dlanda@thelatincenter.org">dlanda@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 2171		<b>16</b>
Healthy Families	Healthy Families	Yes	Ana M Figueras	<a href="mailto:afigueras@thelatincenter.org">afigueras@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7695	302-409-8242	<b>16</b>
Healthy Homes	Healthy Homes	Yes					<b>17</b>
ConeXiones	Voter Registration	No	Alicia Dominguez	<a href="mailto:adominguez@thelatincenter.org">adominguez@thelatincenter.org</a>	302 655-7338 Ext. 7736	302-507-3611	<b>17</b>
	Community Engagement ConeXiones	No					<b>17</b>

**22. Activity name: *HIV/AIDS Prevention***

This is a program at the LACC which carries out free and confidential HIV counseling and testing for clients ages 13 and older. Walk-ins are accepted only Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The client does not need medical insurance to qualify for the HIV test. The client does need to give consent and must bring an I.D. to get tested for HIV. The program will provide risk reduction counseling, a rapid HIV test (screening), and linkage to care. The program also provides referrals for bilingual STD/STI testing and PrEP (an anti-HIV prescription medication).

COVID-19 and HIV Services: The HIV Program is currently offering at-home HIV testing kits to those that qualify based on necessity. The at-home test kits are being prioritized for the Latinx community in Kent and Sussex counties.

**23. Activity name: *Prevention Promoters***

Prevention Promoters is a program aimed at reducing substance abuse among adults. The objective is to empower and increase awareness among the local Latino community about substance abuse and addiction. Prevention Specialists can deliver services through different avenues such as educational sessions, AOD (Alcohol or Drug)-free events, community partnerships, referrals, and initiatives with local businesses. Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, Prevention Promoters is virtually delivering the majority of program services until further notice.

Support Services: Even though the program's main focus is prevention, clients that need treatment will be connected to the appropriate services. The Prevention Promoters Program is committed to ensuring that all clients receive the help they need.

**24. Activity name: *Naloxone Training (Overdose Prevention)***

This event is open to Prevention Promoter clients and LACC staff. Naloxone, known by the common brand name Narcan, is a medication designed to reverse the harmful effects of an opioid overdose. The client will receive training on Naloxone. The goal of the training is to teach the community how to recognize signs of overdose and how to safely administer Naloxone to potentially save someone's life. Opioids include heroin, hydrocodone, morphine, oxycodone, and others. If not treated immediately, an opioid overdose can be extremely dangerous to a person's health and may even lead to their death. The

training is scheduled based on need and is offered throughout the year at the LACC and at other community locations.

**25. Activity name: *Art Addiction***

This annual event is open to everyone in Delaware 18 years and older. This is an art contest where participants can explore what addiction means to them through artistic expression. The purpose of this project is to raise awareness of substance abuse and to explore how this affects one's mental health. Artwork can be in the form of painting, drawing, photography, graphic design, and collage. Recruitment starts in January of each year and the ceremony location is announced in April. Judges representing the fields of prevention, arts, and the community announce the winners. The Artwork is exhibited in a local venue, accessible to the to the community (i.e. the Delaware Art Museum). The event is announced via flyers on the LACC Facebook page and Instagram pages.

**26. Activity name: *Spring Art Work***

This event is open to everyone in Delaware 18 years and older. The Prevention Promoters Program hosts a gathering where everyone in the community is invited to create a piece of artwork. A local artist is invited and the artist provides inspiration to the participants and demonstrates how to paint the drawing. Materials are provided. This event is free to the general public. This event happens once a year in April. Location varies between the LACC or other various locations. Flyers and registration are announced via the LACC Facebook and Instagram pages.

**27. Activity name: *Fall Community Tour***

This event is open to everyone in New Castle County, Delaware 18 years and older. The LACC partners with the local nonprofit theatre and educational organization Delaware Shakespeare. The Delaware Shakespeare is invited to the LACC to perform an interactive and vibrant work of William Shakespeare's for the general public. This is live acting by professional actors and actresses. This event occurs every year in November inside the LACC gymnasium. Flyers and registration are announced via the LACC Facebook and Instagram pages.

**28. Activity name: *Stand by Me Childcare Initiative***

The program coordinator is a financial coach of the Stand By Me program that provides services to parents of the early Development Center and staff at the LACC who have children under the age of 12. Services are offered daily but clients must take an appointment in advance.

**29. Activity name: *Stand by Me Hispano***

The program coordinator is a Stand by Me coach and works with the entire Hispanic community. They include adults, students, seniors, and any other Hispanic client with older children or no children. Services are offered daily but clients must make an appointment in advance. Some of the services include financial guidance and support to people that need it. For example, guidance on bank accounts, opening bank accounts for children, loans, first time home buying, credit building, or repair among other financial topics. For example, the coach can help with guidance on credit improvement and guidance during the process of purchasing a house. When the customer is ready for credit, the financial advisor can provide customer information to a bank, so they can continue the process. Financial educational classes are given by virtual meeting and in person. Topics include first time home buyer orientation and guidance, credit improvement, budgeting, savings, small business, and other financial topics. The program also offers financial workshops where topics such as money management, avoiding financial frauds, and improving your credit score are discussed. Other upon financial workshops and topics are also held request from the client.

**30. Activity name: *First Time Home Buyer***

This event is open to the general public and Stand by Me Hispano clients. This class is meant to provide guidance and support for people that are First Time Home Buyers. This class is offered two times per year and the location is Manuelita Olson Building at 301 N. Harrison Street, Wilmington DE19805. Flyers and registration are announced via the LACC Facebook Page.



**31. Activity name: *Defensive Driving Classes***

This event is open to the general public in Delaware and Stand by Me Hispano clients. This program helps to reduce the cost of your auto insurance up to 15 percent and the client receives a three (3) point credit on their driving record with the Delaware DMV. This class is also meant to educate the client and thus ensure a safer driving experience. This is offered every two months throughout the year and the location is Manuelita Olson Building 301 North Harrison Street Wilmington, DE 19805. Flyers and registration are announced via the LACC Facebook page.

**32. Activity name: *Healthy Families***

Healthy Families is a program that assists families and individuals in navigating the health system. It assists in making payment arrangements when clients cannot pay medical debts. Helps enroll those who qualify Care Connection (HCC) programs, referrals to private insurance if clients do not qualify such as One Market and others. This program also helps making appointments with doctors and provides cancer prevention tests (mammograms, Pap smear, and for the Screening for Life (SFL) and Health colonoscopy, diabetic screening, and any other tests.

**33. Activity name: *Healthy Homes***

The Healthy Homes program provides outreach and education about lead poisoning and other home health hazards. The program provides education through community sessions, in-person and phone consultations. This program also can provide some minor mitigation for home health hazards (roach and mice traps, health-conscious cleaning supplies, etc.).

**34. Activity name: *Voter Registration***

Website: <https://ivote.de.gov/VoterView>. Voter Registration is open to everyone in Delaware that want to register to vote. We can help eligible community members get registered to vote, find out their polling place and make-a-plan for election day. Clients can register any time of the year but this usually ramps up during election year. Assistance is offered virtually or in person at the LACC.

**35. Activity name: *ConeXiones/Community Engagement Initiative***

This program aims to assess the needs of the Latino community in the city of Wilmington and New Castle County, especially as they relate to the impacts of COVID-19 on housing, food security, financial security, employment, etc. This program connects Latinos with needed services, delivers culturally competent COVID-19 prevention and care connections, increases participation in civic and community engagement activities, and increases the representation of this under-served and under-represented community at the local and state levels.

## Early Development Center:

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La Fiesta Early Development Center	La Fiesta Early Development Center	No	Sonia Aguirre	<a href="mailto:saguirre@thelatincenter.org">saguirre@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 2781		19
Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP)	Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP)						19
Early Head Start	Early Head Start						19
Parenting Curriculum	Parenting Curriculum Classes	Yes	Jackeline Rodriguez	<a href="mailto:jrodriguez@thelatincenter.org">jrodriguez@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7735		20
Art Therapy	Art Therapy Classes	Yes					20
Mental Health Consultation	Mental Health Consultation	No	Sandra Lopez	<a href="mailto:sandra@thecenterforchilddevelopment.com">sandra@thecenterforchilddevelopment.com</a>	302-292-1334 Ext. 737		20
Parent Workshops	Parent Workshop Classes	Yes	Mariana Acosta	<a href="mailto:macosta@thelatincenter.org">macosta@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7726		20
Policy Council	Policy Council Meetings	Yes	Karen Hartz	<a href="mailto:khartz@thelatincenter.org">khartz@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 2782		20

**36. Activity name: *La Fiesta Early Development Center***

La Fiesta is a 5-star quality program for children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. La Fiesta is open from 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tuition costs are available on the website at <https://www.thelatincenter.org/private-tuition>. Families may pay the full tuition costs or use their Purchase of Care (POC) voucher to assist with tuition. Families can apply for POC child care assistance at their assigned social services office, where they also apply for Medicaid and SNAP benefits. The infant and toddler program is Spanish immersion. Teachers communicate completely in Spanish, that way the children will develop a strong foundation in Spanish from an early age. Teachers plan individualized activities that help the children move along their development stages using the Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddler, and Two's. They also implement a social-emotional curriculum, called Conscious Discipline to help children to develop self-regulation skills. Children 3-5 participate in our dual language preschool program where they receive instruction in both English and Spanish. Teachers use the Creative Curriculum for Preschool and students study different science and social studies topics for 6 weeks each, while also learning the various literacy and math skills they will need to be prepared for kindergarten. Preschoolers continue developing their self-regulation skills with the Conscious Discipline Curriculum.

***ATTENTION!! Early Development Center Services for preschool age children will be available at a NEW SECOND LOCATION beginning July 2021. The location is 1101 Delaware St. New Castle DE 19720.***

**37. Activity name: *Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP)***

ECAP is a free half-day preschool program. Families may qualify depending on income, family size, and other factors. The program runs from 8 am. – 12 pm. Monday through Friday. Services through ECAP can be combined with a Purchase of Care (POC) to provide all-day child care for children ages 3-5. ECAP classrooms are led by teachers with a bachelor's degree in Early Education or Child Development and meet national Head Start standards for curriculum, teacher training/development, health, safety, nutrition, etc.

**38. Activity name: *Early Head Start***

Early Head Start is a free childcare program for children ages 0-2. Families may qualify for the Early Head Start Program if they have a Purchase of Care (POC) and meet the income guidelines. The program runs from 6:45 am. – 5:30 pm. Monday through Friday and offers smaller group sizes, lower student: teacher ratios, family and health services, and assistance with diapers and wipes. Early Head Start classrooms follow national standards for teacher qualifications and training, health, safety, curriculum and more.

Children accepted into the Early Head Start program remain in the program until their third birthday. If the family has a co-pay with their Purchase of Care (POC), it is covered by the program.

**39. Activity name: *Parenting Curriculum Classes***

This activity is only for clients that have children enrolled in the LACC Early Development Center programs. The EDC family service workers lead parenting curriculum classes. The goal of the classes is to improve parent-child relationships and decrease child abuse and neglect. The classes are taught every two weeks throughout the year at the LACC.

**40. Activity name: *Art Therapy Classes***

The activity is only for clients that have children enrolled in the LACC Early Development Center programs. In a partnership with the Center for Child Development and a local artist, the EDC offers art therapy classes to parents. The classes focus on stress relief and building self-esteem. The classes are taught every two weeks throughout the year at the LACC.

**41. Activity name: *Mental Health Consultation***

<https://thecenterforchilddevelopment.com/>

This service is open to the general public in Delaware. The Center for Child Development provides mental health services in English and Spanish on-site at the LACC. They also see clients from the community. The service is offered on a need basis. The location is 402 N. Van Buren St. – 1a Fiesta 2 lower level.

**42. Activity name: *Parent Workshop Classes***

This activity is only for clients that have children enrolled in the LACC Early Development Center programs.

The FACET (Families and Centers Empowered Together) Coordinator for the EDC plans workshops to help parents learn about various topics, including how to prepare their children for kindergarten and resources available in the community. This activity is offered monthly throughout the year at the LACC.

**43. Activity name: *Policy Council Meetings***

Parents who have children enrolled in ECAP or EHS may volunteer to serve on the Policy Council, which approves changes to programming, program goals, hiring practices, etc. and oversees the management of the program. The activity happens every other month from October to June. The location is usually the LACC or via conference call.

## Youth Development Center:

Program Name	Activity Name	Is this program for clients only?	Contact Person	Contact Person Email	Contact Person Phone #	Contact Person 2 #	Program information on Page
Before and After School Program	LACC Site	No	Ivette Diaz Bracero	<a href="mailto:ibracero@thelatincenter.org">ibracero@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7711		23
	La Academia Antonia Alonso Site	No	Jessica Marrero	<a href="mailto:jmarrero@thelatincenter.org">jmarrero@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7731		23
	William C Lewis Site	No	Jesus Balmaceda	<a href="mailto:jbalmaceda@thelatincenter.org">jbalmaceda@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7738		23
High School Credit Recovery	High School Credit Recovery	No	Chastity Galarza	<a href="mailto:cgalarza@thelatincenter.org">cgalarza@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7727		23
Youth Achievement Center	Youth Achievement Center	No	Katherine Ernst	<a href="mailto:kernst@thelatincenter.org">kernst@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338, Ext. 7712		23
Hispanic Student Recognition	Hispanic Student Recognition	No	Chastity Galarza	<a href="mailto:cgalarza@thelatincenter.org">cgalarza@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7727		24

**44. Activity name: *Before and After School Program***

The LACC offers three Before and After school programs for children 5-12 years old. The sites are located at the Latin American Community Center (LACC), William C. Lewis Elementary School and La Academia Antonia Alonso, and all accept Purchase of Care (POC). These programs run all year round, including the 10-month school year, and a 2-month summer camp located at the LACC. The program also offers all-day drop-in care during the school holidays and select professional development days for Red Clay School District. This is offered at the LACC regardless of which site the student attends. During the school year, the programs are open from 6:45 am. – 5:30 pm. Some of the enrichment activities offered between the sites include Boys and Girl Scouts, Kind to Kids, choir, and soccer.

The LACC and Lewis sites also collaborate with the University of Delaware in which the students pursuing degrees in Elementary Education serve as mentors to assist our students one-on-one with homework during program hours. Additionally, the two programs participate in Delaware Stars for Early Success, which provides quality standards and technical assistance for programs as they actively work toward overall program improvement. A program's level of quality is assessed using a Quality Rating Improvement System, and represented through star level. The LACC Learning Center is a Star Level 5 quality program, and the LACC Learning Center @ William C. Lewis is a Star Level 3.

**45. Activity name: *High School Credit Recovery***

The Credit Recovery Program is a collaboration with the Red Clay Consolidated School District Students who are currently enrolled in school but are behind in credits or in danger of dropping out are eligible for the program. A referral is sent by an administrator i.e. school counselor, assistant principal, or principal to the program coordinator. The program runs from 8 am. To 3 pm. Monday – Friday from October 1 through June 30th. The program is closed when the Red Clay Consolidated School District is closed for holidays, professional development days, school breaks, etc.



**46. Activity name: *Youth Achievement Center***

The Youth Achievement Center serves students ages 13-18 years old in middle and high school. The program is completely free and runs from 5:30 pm. to 8:30 pm. Monday – Friday at the LACC. In addition, the program runs at AI Middle and AI High School from 3 pm. to 4:30 pm. Monday – Friday. There are occasional trips on Saturdays. The program often goes on breaks that correspond with student school schedules (winter break, spring break, etc.) but usually holds a few optional activities during the break time. The program runs during the summer, but the schedule varies year to year based on student need. Youth Achievement Center offers a wide variety of activities, including (but not limited to): homework help. Basketball, soccer, Zumba, art, photography, filmmaking programs, activities through the Delaware Nature Society, and assistance with job, internship, and college searches and applications.

**47. Activity name: *Hispanic Student Recognition Program***

The HSRP has been a signature event since 1979 and maintains strong school, community and private sector support. The Hispanic Student Recognition Program (HSRP) recognizes exceptional High School Hispanic students in the state of Delaware. The goal is to open doors for Hispanic students to pursue greater opportunities, inspire pride in our people and heritage, motivate students to work hard, and encourage families to support them. High school students across the state are nominated to compete for awards in five categories: Academic Excellence, Community Service Volunteerism, Athletics, the Arts and Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM). Parents, family, friends, coaches, mentors and tutors can nominate a Hispanic student in the schools, communities or churches.

## Special Activities:

Program Name	Activity Name	Is this program for clients only?	Contact Person	Contact Person Email	Contact Person Phone #	Contact Person 2 #	Program information on Page
All Agency Activities	Adopt A Family Program	Yes	Kelly Scanlan	<a href="mailto:kscanlan@thelatincenter.org">kscanlan@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7734		26
	The LACC Open House	Yes	Esther Naranjo	<a href="mailto:enaranjo@thelatincenter.org">enaranjo@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext: 7729		26
	Fundraising Events	No	Kelly Scanlan	<a href="mailto:kscanlan@thelatincenter.org">kscanlan@thelatincenter.org</a>	302-655-7338 Ext. 7734		26

**48. Activity name: *Adopt a Family Program***

To participate in this program, clients must be nominated by an LACC staff member. Starting in October, LACC staff members are able to nominate families in need. The LACC works with corporate sponsors and individuals who “adopt” these families and provide them with Christmas gifts. Priority for adoption is determined based on need. Nomination does not guarantee adoption. However, the LACC works hard to try to ensure that every family is adopted. Families can be nominated as early as October and gifts are typically distributed during the week leading up to Christmas.

**49. Activity name: *The LACC Open House***

This is an event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Sponsors, funders, community members and colleagues can come and visit the Latin American Community Center and celebrate Hispanic culture and food. The food is cooked by the LACC staff with unique dishes cooked from many different countries. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the culture, sound, and taste of Latin America. The next LACC Open House will be hosted in September 2022

**50. Activity name: *Fundraising Event***

The LACC hosts fundraising events each year to support all of our agency programs. Since 1969, the agency’s largest fundraising event is the Annual Grand Ball. This black-tie gala brings together community members and donors to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, recognize community leaders and companies that have made significant contributions to the LACC and the Latino Community in Delaware, and celebrate accomplishments of the LACC. Funds raised during this event typically benefit the Early Development Center and Youth Development Department. In 2021, the LACC will be hosting an outdoor community event in September in order to still have a large fundraiser while still maintaining COVID-19 guidelines and procedures. The LACC also hosts smaller fundraising initiatives throughout the year including Do More 24 and Giving Tuesday.

## Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Activity	Activity Description	Department	Estimated Number of Hours	Contact
Marketing Plans	Develop Social Media Marketing Plans for Agency Events	Prevention and Advocacy	10	<b>Laura Adarve</b> <a href="mailto:ladarve@thelatincenter.org">ladarve@thelatincenter.org</a>
Compile Delaware COVID-19 Statistical Data	Develop tools to better express the impact of COVID-19. Statistics will be used in community marketing & grant proposals	Administration	15	<b>Kelly Scanlan</b> <a href="mailto:kscanlan@thelatincenter.org">kscanlan@thelatincenter.org</a>
Social Media Content Creation	Create COVID-19 information content to post on LACC social media	Administration	10	
Donation Drives	Create a fundraiser to provide families with grocery store gift cards, diapers, baby wipes, etc.	Administration	15	
Outdoor Event Volunteer	Potential opportunities include set-up/cleanup, hosting a child friendly activity, helping with event check-in	Administration	5	

