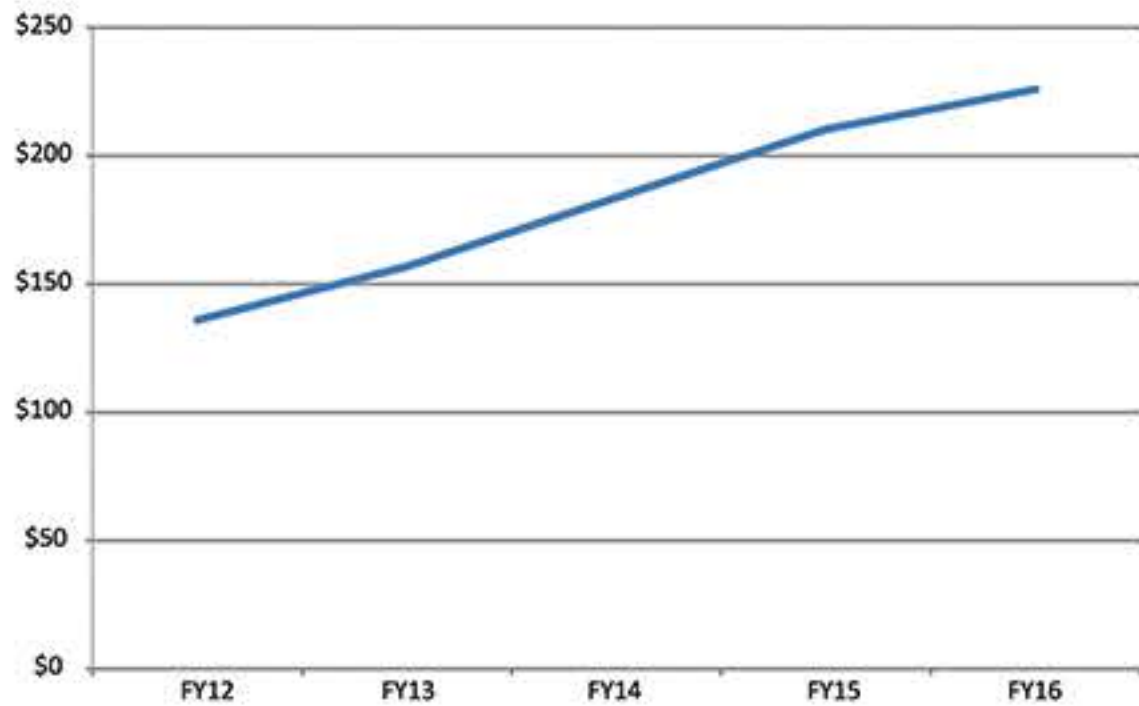




Communities for Education and Action

Growth Through Leadership Development

Annual Appropriations to Early Childhood Programs, in millions



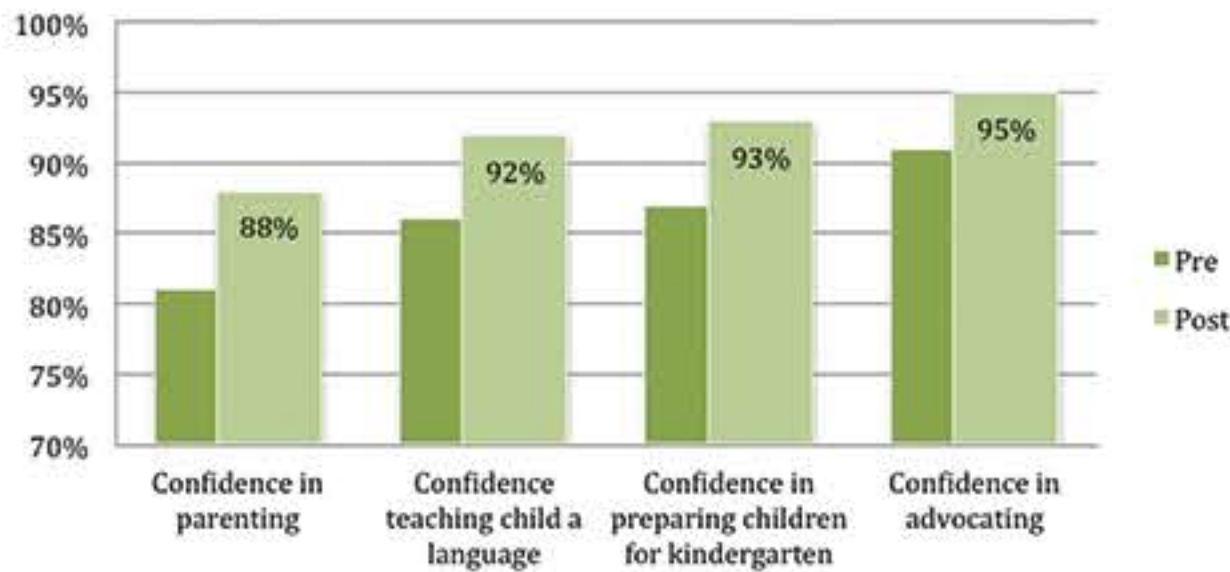
UNM SOURCE: LFC Post-Session Reviews. Includes home visiting, FIT, child care assistance, PreK, and K-3 Plus

Communities for Education and Action (CEA) has provided early childhood, leadership, and advocacy training to over 600 families across 18 community-schools in SW and SE Albuquerque since 2010. CEA offers early learning leadership classes, training workshops and resources to parents.

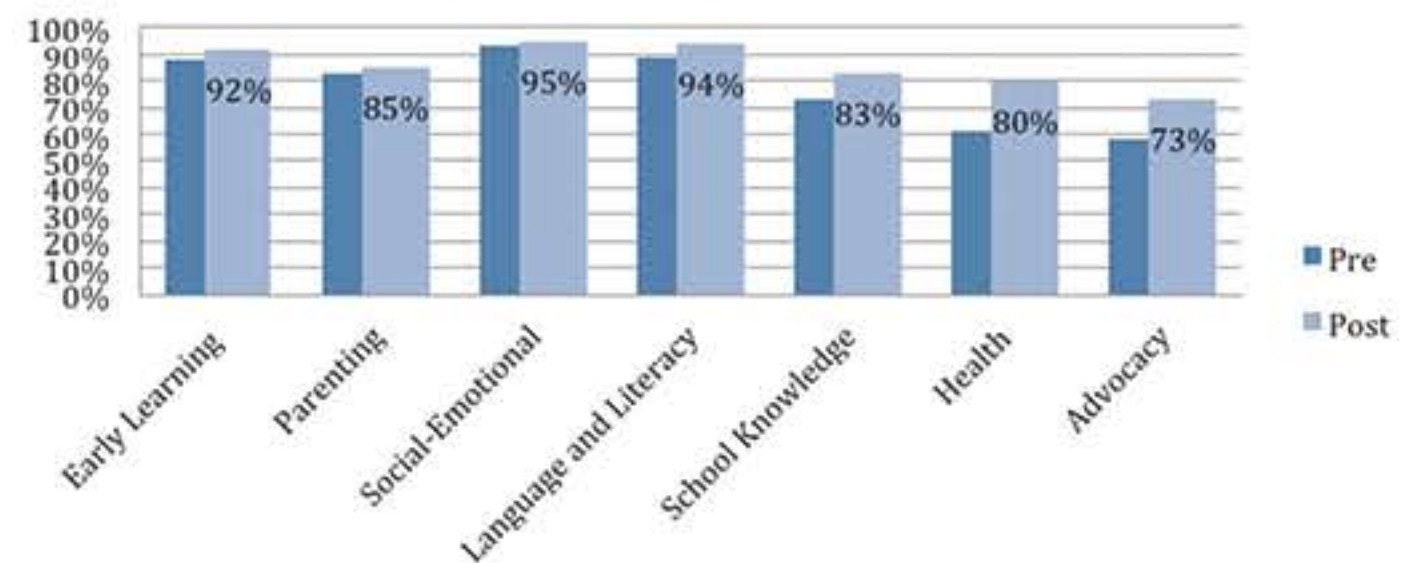
"I now understand the importance of early childhood education and how we can impact a child's brain development- even while they are in their mom's tummy."
- Zully Rodriguez, CEA parent leader

Supporting parents to become strong advocates for their child's education in the home, school and greater community

Parent Confidence



Healthy Development of Children



"During a meeting, some parents raised a concern about the school's dual language program. CEA parent leaders who attend that school chimed-in and very professionally explained the multitude of benefits children receive when they are bilingual."
- Principal Annittra Altar, Adobe Acres Elementary

Communities for Education and Action has supported:

- Increasing State investments in quality early childhood education
- Families learning how to successfully navigate the educational system and feel ownership of their children's educational success;
- Improving the quality of early learning opportunities to support the healthy development and learning of children birth to eight years;
- Families becoming strong advocates on behalf of quality education and systems change at the local and state level; and
- The creation of a parent-led early childhood cooperative that is assisting with the implementation of Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors in Albuquerque and provides consultation and technical assistance around early childhood education.



Our Approach: Building From Cultural Assets and Growth Through Leadership Development

Using the national Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors curriculum we are building parent leadership courses focused on early learning and advocacy for quality education. Abriendo Puertas emphasizes that parents are the best first teachers of their children and uses culturally-based dichos as the springboards for each lesson. Leaders who understand the community's experience combined with a parent-led curriculum ensures that we build upon the assets of parents and their families.

Our model is unique: parent graduates become expert facilitators that lead early childhood programs and advocacy with parents participating in the Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors curriculum. CEA is not only supporting the development of strong leaders, but also growing capacity in the community that is integral to the long-term sustainability and growth of educational improvement.