



# Educational Equity

## A Program of Advancement Project

The Educational Equity program expands educational opportunities and ensures appropriate school facilities for low income and disadvantaged children from birth through high school graduation.

With the understanding that education is an essential component in improving the lives and opportunities for all Californians, we work across the state and with a diverse set of stakeholders to improve the early learning and K-12 education systems. We believe that effective and respectful partnerships are the bedrock of success when working to fix a system responsible for educating more than 6.2 million children each year.

In recent years, our education work has concentrated on ensuring that there are adequate facilities for students to learn and that early care and education (ECE) opportunities are expanded and improved to provide a springboard for future academic success.

### Impact until Now

In just 2014, Advancement Project was an integral part of securing more than \$1 billion in school funding for California's highest-need students, including English Learners, foster youth, and children 0-5. Other achievements include:

Formed network of **500** early education advocates to impact statewide policy

Helped win transitional kindergarten for **120,000** four year olds

Showed the crisis in day care and preschool availability post-recession – [SaveMySeatLA.org](http://SaveMySeatLA.org)

### Looking to the Future

Building on several successful years, the Educational Equity team is expanding its work to include:

- Deepening our K-12 focus to ensure that K-12 education policy and funding is equitable across California. For too long, progress on K-12 education policy has been held up by the perceived differences between stakeholder groups. Using our proven Water Cooler Network model that created safe spaces for real change within the early care and education movement, we are convening a broad cross-section of K-12 education stakeholders.
- Ensuring the Local Control Funding Formula helps improve the educational outcomes of California students, particularly low-income, English Language Learner, and foster youth students.
- Implementing a leadership development program for parents in L.A.'s Southeast cities to become strong advocates for high-quality early learning in their communities.
- Continuing to ensure early care and education is recognized as a key foundation for future academic success.

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