



ASPIRE (Achieving Success through Parental Involvement, Reading and Education) breaks the cycles of illiteracy and poverty by providing comprehensive, integrated literacy services for the entire family.

### **In the 2013-2014 School Year:**

- 107 families with children (birth-2nd grade) received services, including 107 adults and 170 children. On average adults had a 7<sup>th</sup> grade education level upon enrollment.
- 100% of children were promoted to the next grade (KG – 2nd)
- 100% of KG, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children met the end-of-the-year reading standard
- 86% of 3 to 5-year-olds made gains in their English vocabulary attainment, including those with a home language of Spanish (Peabody Expressive and Picture Vocabulary Tests)
- 86% of parents demonstrated gains in parenting skills (Caldwell & Bradley HOME Inventory);
- 92% of ESL students demonstrated gains in English language acquisition (BEST)
- 80% of Adult Ed/GED students demonstrated gains in math, reading, or language (TABE/BEST)
- 100% of children (infant through 3-year-old) were screened for developmental delays and received referrals as needed (Denver Screening) (ECI, Speech/Vision/Hearing/Health resources)

**Strategies** Evidence-based Parenting, Early Childhood, and Adult Education (ESL, GED, computers), "Parents As Teachers" Home Visits, Intergenerational Literacy Activities. Parental involvement in their children's classrooms.

**Impact** ASPIRE raises literacy levels of adults and children while increasing the parents' ability and confidence in supporting their family's literacy needs at home and in school. School district performance data indicate that ASPIRE children academically outperform their peers even years after having left the program.

**Services** ASPIRE serves low-income families with children 0-7 years old, and parents in need of ESL and/or GED classes. ASPIRE operates at full capacity serving around 110 families per year in Southeast Austin.

**In their own words** "I am so grateful for the ASPIRE Program. This program is very important to me because through it I feel more confident when I talk English. I believe that I can get a better job. Also, I am proud because I can help my children with their homework too. Thanks for all your help for us!" -- Elizabeth, ASPIRE Parent