AVANZA-Little Village En Route to College
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Little Village

- Population: 79,288
- 82% Latino
- 31% non-citizens
- 30% under 18 years of age
- 10% under the age of 5
- 24% high school diploma
- 10% college experience
- 16 elementary schools and 5 high schools
Enlace Chicago is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of the residents of the Little Village community by fostering a physically safe and healthy environment in which to live and by championing opportunities for educational advancement and economic development.

  – Little Village Education Collaborative

- Program areas of focus: Education, Violence Prevention, Community Development with organizing and advocacy as a core value.
Education Focus and Community Schools

- Initiatives and programs
- Community School Model
- History of postsecondary work
Enlace’s AVANZA program creates a college going culture in Little Village, addressing the need for individualized attention that first generation college students face.

• Strategies
• Structure
• Little Village Lawndale High School Campus
• Farragut Career Academy High School
Enlace Chicago/Farragut Career Academy Community School

- Youth and adult programs
- Youth and parent engagement and participation
- Funding sources and partnerships
Avanza and Community Schools

Holistic Support

– Individualized Support
– At large academic supports
– Leadership development and opportunities
– Legal services such as DACA supports
– Family supports such as mental health services

Student story-Hector Farias

– Madero Middle School
– Farragut Career Academy High School
  • CS
  • Avanza
Other supports

Civic Engagement
  • Student Access Bill Advocacy
  • DAPA

Dreamers Unidos Scholarship Fund
Challenges

Internal
- Communication
- Tracking
- Need for individual support for more than the students we work with
- Our model is designed to serve a small number of students
- The model has to work at two very different settings
- Funding

External
- School counselors are working with many students
- Students may be over-involved or have responsibilities at home.
- Undocumented students face various challenges beyond what we can control and have direct influence
- Access to up to date information and data
- We are not CPS employees
Thank you!

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