LATINOS EDUCANDO JUNTOS

Provider Meeting

20 de Marzo de 2026

CLC Community Language Cooperative

Lenguaje de nuestro corazón
Todos tenemos derecho a comunicarnos y participar en el idioma en el que nos sentimos más cómodos: el lenguaje de nuestro corazón.

Hosts



Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez
Host



Tatiana Rivera
Co-Host



Stefanie Francisco
Co-Host



Let us all welcome, Tatiana Rivera! LEJ's Program Manager.

- North Philly native; lived in Boston for several years
- Double BA in Early Childhood Education & Communications Media Literacy (Wheelock College, Boston University)
- M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, focus in Teacher Leadership (American College of Education)
- 13 years teaching Pre-K to middle school ELA; specializes in Early Childhood and working with vulnerable populations (homeless, trauma-impacted youth)
- Former Education Program Director at Esperanza College of Eastern University: oversaw Early Childhood programs, professional development, and educational grants
- Adjunct Professor at Eastern University
- Proud Puerto Rican; enjoys family time, cultural traditions, singing, dancing, traveling, reading, and the shore

Reglas de la Casa!

- Su nombre, nombre de la organización y su correo electrónico en el cuadro de chat
- Por favor, permanezca en silencio
- Levante la mano para hablar o reactive el audio para hacer preguntas
- Use el cuadro de chat y compartiremos
- Las sesiones se están grabando y se compartirán en el sitio web
- Activar las opciones de idioma de transcripción traducida
- Si está buscando crédito PQAS, por favor ponga su # de Pakeys en el chat y debe permanecer en la reunión durante un mínimo de 90 minutos para recibir crédito.

Housekeeping Rules

- Your Name, Name of organization, and your email in the chat box
- Please remain muted
- Raise Hand to talk or unmute to ask questions
- Use Chat box and we will share
- Sessions are being recorded and will be shared in the website
- Activate Translated transcription Language options
- If you are looking for PQAS credit please put your PAKeys Registry # in the Chat and you must remain in the meeting for a minimum of 90 minutes to receive credit.

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Office of Child Development and Early Learning

THE PENNSYLVANIA KEY

Luisa Olivo-Wolf, Ma

Director, Bureau of Early Learning Policy and Professional Development

Natalie Flores

Manager of Higher Education Initiatives, The Pennsylvania Key

Introducción



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First Up

Champions for Early Education

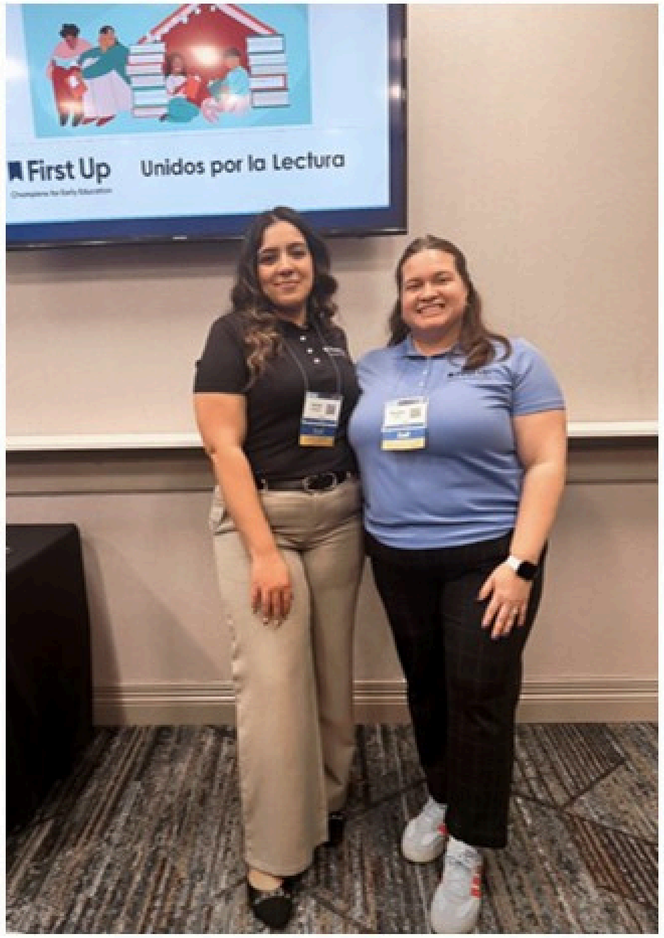
Rosanna Matos

Early Learning Program Engagement Specialist

Gracias por asistir a la Conferencia de First Up!!




Lakeshore


First Up
Unidos por la Lectura




Latinos Educando Juntos


Lakeshore

Congratulations to the 2026 Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Award Winners







Claudia Pacheco, Mi Casita Popular
Alicia Rodriguez, APM
Iluminada Fernandez, Lumi's Happyland Childcare

Actualizaciones del Presupuesto





Meeting with U.S. Senator Fetterman, staff member Imani

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Toma de Accion!

START STRONG PA

Pensilvania debe ayudar a más familias a encontrar y costear el cuidado infantil y preescolar que necesitan para trabajar.

Por tal razón, le pedimos a los legisladores de Pensilvania a incluir en el presupuesto 2026-27, como mínimo, las inversiones propuestas por el gobernador para la fuerza laboral de educación infantil:

E.C.E. Latinos Roundtable

La próxima reunión será el 26 de marzo a las 1pm.

*Cambio de fecha para marzo.

Meeting Registration - Zoom



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E.C.E. LATINOS ROUNDTABLE

Get the opportunity to connect with other childcare providers in Pennsylvania whose preferred language is Spanish. This is an open-format meeting in which the participants in the discussion introduce the topic of conversation. Expert advocates will be present to help you understand state budget implementations and needs, as well as representatives from different government and provider support organizations to answer any of your questions. This meeting is conducted in Spanish.

E.C.E. Latinos Mesa Redonda

Obtén la oportunidad de estar en contacto con otros proveedores de cuidado infantil en Pennsylvania, que su lenguaje preferido sea el español. Se trata de una reunión de formato abierto en la que los participantes en la discusión introducen el tema de conversación. Habrá defensores de abogacía expertos presentes para ayudarlo a comprender las implementaciones y necesidades del presupuesto estatal, así como representantes de diferentes organizaciones gubernamentales y de apoyo a proveedores para responder cualquiera de sus preguntas. Esta reunión se lleva a cabo en español.

Monthly Meetings take place every 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM!

Las reuniones mensuales se celebran el tercer jueves de cada mes a la 1:00 p. m.



CLICK TO REGISTER TODAY

HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/5HYTQ

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SEMANA DEL NIÑO PEQUEÑO!



- Music Monday
- Tasty Tuesday
- Working Together Wednesday
- Artsy Thursday
- Family Friday



E.C.E Latinos salida hacia el capitolio!

- Salida a Harrisburg el miércoles, 6 de mayo de 2026
- Transportación será limitada.
- Incentivos serán para una administradora o maestra por centro.
- Múltiples padres de su programa pueden recibir el incentivo (1 por familia)
- Por Favor de registrarse aquí: https://forms.gle/wZArvsTRxj7MsZRs5



Nuestros socios por condados

Philadelphia

- Rosanna Matos
- Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez

Lehigh & Northampton

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Luzerne & Schuylkill

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Berks

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Miércoles, Mayo 6, Caravana hacia Harrisburg

Esquema del Dia

- Salida de su condado
- Llegada a Harrisburg a las 8:30am
- 9am reunión informativa con DHS
- Visitas a legisladores
- 12:30pm Reunión con Caucus Latino
- 3pm Salida

*Sujeto a cambios

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¡¡¡GRACIAS!!!

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STRATEGY Arts

Diana Gonzalez

Racial Equity & Equitable Engagement Lead

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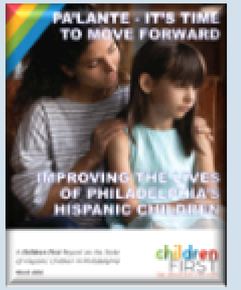
PA'LANTE: SUPPORTING HISPANIC CHILDREN



Pa' Lante Report

In March of 2024, Children First released a report named Pa'Lante – State of Hispanic Children", which highlighted **how** Hispanic children are navigating the inequities, hostilities, and lack of care from the systems and institutions charged with creating a fair environment for all children to excel. The report included 8 recommendations in three focus areas.

Today, we are revitalizing a process that is focused on bringing the recommendations and learnings of the report into a place of action. Your voices and input today will have direct impact on this process.



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STRATEGY Arts

Pa'Lante Report

✓ Early Childhood

- Expanding access to culturally accessible, high-quality, affordable childcare and pre-k programs so parents can work, and young children build a strong learning foundation.
- Supporting bilingual childcare providers so young children can boost reading and writing in both languages, which is proven to build greater brain development.

✓ K-12 Education

- Expanding tutoring opportunities during and after the school day for English Language Learners.
- Building an educator pipeline that works to diversify the teacher workforce and hire more Hispanic and bilingual teachers to increase student attendance and performance
- Hiring more educational outreach staff to support monolingual parents so they can better engage in their child's education
- Adopting general policies that promote smaller class sizes, offer modern textbooks and equipment, and make classrooms safe and welcoming.
- Implementing strategies that connect more Hispanic students to state-of-the-art career-related learning in high school, as these options are proven to boost high school graduation rates and post-secondary enrollment and completion rates.

✓ Health Care

- Ensuring all Hispanic children have comprehensive medical insurance – including children without citizenship documentation – and increase children's access to mental health, dental, and vision care.

Let's Discuss

- ✓ (Future) In one sentence or brief statement, what would you name as the single largest positive change that could happen for Hispanic Youth in the next 10 years?

- ✓ (Data/Gaps) In which recommendation do you see the biggest gap between your vision for the future and the world we live in currently?
  - Share an experience or story about a challenge or success in relation to the recommendation.

Let's Stay Connected

- ✓ If you want to host a Community Conversation
- ✓ Email us @ palante@childrenfirst.org

Thank you!

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Welcome.

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Introduction:



Recruitment and Retention Bonus Payments

OCDEL has released the following statement regarding the pause in payments:

"To reflect the importance of the early learning workforce, OCDEL is reviewing available funding for the Retention and Recruitment Bonus amounts to determine the opportunity for an increased award amount."

We appreciate your patience and understanding. Once updates are available, you will be notified.

CHILD CARE WORK (CCW)

- **Streamlining Transfers for CCW Families!**
- Continue to encourage parents to complete transfer requests remotely to save time and increase efficiency in processing. We encourage providers to post and reference the form to initiative a transfer.

  Remember to rely on the form at times of high transfer volume (preparing for summer camp, preparing for school year changes, etc.). If you haven't tried it yet or haven't supported families, we hear consistent positive feedback!



TRANSFER REQUEST

To request a transfer, please scan the linked QR Code:

Use this link if you:

Have an existing ELRC 18 Open case

Copayment is pre-paid through the LAST DAY OF CARE

All registration forms have been completed and submitted to child care provider

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Opportunity for FREE Pediatric First Aid/CPR Training for ECE Providers

All staff working in Department of Human Services (DHS) certified child care programs are required to maintain current Pediatric First Aid/CPR certification (55 Pa. Code §§ 3270.31, 3280.31, and 3290.31).

Funding has become available through the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to support free training opportunities during the limited timeframe of March-June 2026. OCDEL is partnering with the Early Childhood Education Linkage System (ECELS) program at the PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP) to coordinate these free Pediatric First Aid/CPR training offerings as part of the Emergency Response Training (ERT) project.

Child care workers are eligible for free training if they are currently employed by a licensed early childhood education (ECE) center in Pennsylvania, **AND** if they meet at least one of the following criteria: their Pediatric First Aid/CPR certification has expired or is set to expire within the next 12 months*;

they are a newly hired employee who must complete their initial certification within 90 days of their employment start date; or

Their certification is out of compliance due to a program citation.

*Priority for class assignment will be based on certification expiration date. Waitlists will be created if requests exceed project capacity.

Classes from approved instructors using the HSI Pediatric First Aid | CPR AED curriculum will be scheduled through the middle of June 2026, or until funds are exhausted. Training can be requested as either an ECE Program (minimums apply, classes will take place on-site) or an individual participant (training locations TBD). Requests will be approved on a rolling basis; accepted applicants will be contacted directly regarding next steps. Please note that follow-up communication may be delayed at the start of the project window.

To request training or search the FAQs, please visit **the ERT page** on the ECELS website.
Additional questions can be directed to the ECELS program at **ecels@paaap.org**.

NOTE: Child Care providers may continue to access PQAS-approved Pediatric First Aid/CPR training outside of the ERT project offerings, but they may have a cost associated with them. OCDEL will NOT reimburse for any Pediatric First Aid/CPR training taken outside of the ERT project.

Gracias!

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CQI #3 Final Expense Report (FER)

- Providers can use the CQI Award funds toward allowable expenditures incurred July 1, 2025, through March 13, 2026. All providers must report on how the funding was used to maintain or improve program quality through the completion of the Final Expense Report (FER). Final expense reports must be completed and return to your Quality Coach as soon as funds are spent and no later than **March 27, 2026.**
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- CQI Award funds can only be used on expenses as outlined in the Appendices of the Eligibility and Acceptance Letter, ELRC 25-03: 2025-26 Keystone STARS Continuous Quality Improvement Awards - The Pennsylvania Key. Your Final Expense Report must be equal to the total amount received unless you have been unable to spend the funds. Any CQI Award funds that cannot be used within the required timeframe must be returned to the ELRC no later than **March 27, 2026.**
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- Please complete the attached FER, sign, date and return to your Quality Coach. If you need help in completing this form, your coach is available to assist you. You can reach her at the email address below.
- Amreeta Fietkau – afietkau@cscinc.org
- Erica Cisneros – ecisneros@cscinc.or
- Kasia Cowitch – kcowitch@cscinc.org
- Ivy Reynolds – ireynolds@cscinc.org
- If your Quality Coach is Lexi Johnson, please forward your Final Expense Reports to Jennifer Imlay – jimlay@cscinc.org

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Child Care Staff Recruitment and Retention (CCSRR)

To reflect the importance of the early learning workforce, OCDEL is reviewing available funding for the Retention and Recruitment Bonus amounts to determine the opportunity for an increased award amount.

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2026 PA Head Start Association and PA Association for Infant Mental Health Conference

- Held at the Blair Convention Center in Altoona, PA, from March 24-26, 2026.
- There is still space available.
- If you are interested in registering, you can visit their website for full conference information: Tracks to Connection: Growing Together in Early Childhood Event Website

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ELRC Provider Link

Provider Link newsletter is sent on the first of the month. This newsletter combines alerts regarding CCW updates, Keystone STARS supports, Certification news and other important announcements!

Provider Link is distributed out of Constant Contact. If you would like to add an additional contact to receive the newsletter, email estair@cscinc.org and indicate which regional newsletter you need.

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Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez

President

Conozca sus Derechos: Capacitación para la Protección en el Lugar de Trabajo

¡Aprenda cómo proteger su lugar de trabajo frente a acciones de ICE! Únase a esta capacitación presencial para desarrollar conocimientos, habilidades y confianza para defender a nuestras comunidades.



Esta capacitación cubrirá:

- Sus derechos en territorio estadounidense
- Conceptos básicos de intervención como observador
- Pasos para preparar y proteger su lugar de trabajo

En colaboración con: Philly Queer Fundy y El Comité

Fecha: Lunes, 30 de Marzo de 2026
Hora: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Lugar: First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia (2125 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19103)

¿Preguntas? phillyqueerfundy@gmail.com

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Week of the Young Child®

Del 11 al 17 de Abril de 2025

¡Únase a nosotros para celebrar el aprendizaje temprano y el increíble trabajo que se está llevando a cabo en sus programas!











- ¿Tiene legisladores que visitan su centro?

¡Háganoslo saber para que podamos destacar su compromiso!

- ¡Comparte tu trabajo y actividades!

Háblenos de las cosas increíbles que suceden en sus aulas.
Envía fotos de tus celebraciones de WOYC, ¡nos encantaría mostrarlas!

https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/plan-your-event

#WOYC26



NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The SEED Fund

Sustainable Economic Empowerment and Development

A new program for home-based childcare providers in Philadelphia

The SEED Fund aims to support Philadelphia's home-based care providers through tailored business and financial coaching, paired with micro-grants to help implement sustainable business practices.

Selected grantees will join a two-year cohort featuring both group learning and individualized 1:1 coaching.

All licensed home-based care programs located in Philadelphia, PA are eligible to apply. Submission deadline: April 3rd.

Visit: www.reinvestment.com/SEEDFund

Contact Sharon Neilson at sharon.neilson@reinvestment.com

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Quality Influential Professionals

REINVESTMENT FUND



NUEVA OPORTUNIDAD DE FINANCIACIÓN

El Fondo SEED

Empoderamiento y Desarrollo Económico Sostenible

Un nuevo programa para proveedores de cuidado infantil en el hogar en Filadelfia

El Fondo SEED busca apoyar a los proveedores de atención domiciliaria mediante una combinación de coaching empresarial y financiero, junto con microsubvenciones para apoyar la implementación de practicas empresariales sostenibles.

Los beneficiarios se unirán a un grupo de empresas para un programa de dos años que combina coaching grupal y individual.

Todos los programas de atención domiciliaria con licencia en Filadelfia, PA son elegibles para solicitar. La fecha límite para presentar las solicitudes será el 3 de abril

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SABADO GIGANTE

SERIE DE DESARROLLO PROFESIONAL PARA PROVEEDORES DE CUIDADO INFANTIL FAMILIAR

Únase a nosotros para cuatro reuniones de la red de desarrollo profesional en persona diseñadas para apoyar y empoderar a los proveedores de cuidado infantil familiar. Cada sesión del sábado ofrece información valiosa, recursos y estrategias para ayudarlo a hacer crecer su negocio y mejorar la calidad de la atención que brinda.





Próxima Sesión: 31 de Enero de 2026

Fechas y temas de las sesiones

~~**Sesión 1: Liderando para el cambio (Promoción)**~~
~~Sábado, 25 de octubre de 2025 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM~~

~~**Sesión 2: Educación financiera**~~
~~Sábado, 31 de enero de 2026 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM~~

Sesión 3: Normativa y cumplimiento de la OCDEL
Sábado, 25 de Abril | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sesión 4: Alcanzando las ESTRELLAS – Taller de alta calidad
Sábado, 20 de Junio | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Ubicación: 3169 N 5th Street, Filadelfia, PA 19133
Idioma: Español
Costar:
Gratis para miembros pagos de LEJ
$25 por taller para no miembros
Créditos PQAS proporcionados
Comidas incluidas

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES (CDA)

IECS
Innovative Educational Consulting Services

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
a PHMC program
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COHORTE DE VERANO (Junio a Octubre)

Español: Presencial (Híbrido)
Inglés: Curso en línea a su propio ritmo.

Lo que ofrecemos:

- 15 semanas de aprendizaje transformador
- Asignaciones de horas de crédito
- Comentarios personalizados en tu entorno
- tutorías individuales
- Preparación del aglutinante CDA
- Traducción de competencias, evidencias y declaraciones filosóficas del inglés al español
- Asistencia con las solicitudes de vales del Consejo CDA y PAKEYS
- Conexiones con la educación superior

Si le interesa, rellene este formulario:

EL DIRECTOR(A) INTENCIONAL

Introducción al libro

El Director Intencional

Guía sobre liderazgo, cumplimiento y calidad en programas de primera infancia

El doble papel de líder y gestor

Libro 1 de una serie de 3 libros

Los libros 2 y 3 se publicarán a finales de este año.

Lo que ofrece este libro

Ayuda a los directores de educación infantil a pasar de la gestión reactiva al liderazgo intencionado centrándose en:

- Construir una cultura y ética intencionadas
- Creación de equipos sólidos y prácticas de contratación
- Garantizar el cumplimiento y la calidad del programa
- Desarrollar sólidas alianzas con familias y partes interesadas



ORDENA AQUÍ


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Taller de
Liderazgo para Directores
Habilidades de Liderzsgo • Calidad del Programa • Gestióo Efectiva
¡Prepárate para un taller especial díseño
para Directores de Primera Infancia!
Comienza este Verano!
¡Atento al Anuncio!



Encuesta de Desarrollo Profesional

¡Valoramos mucho tu aportación! Por favor, tómate un momento para completar esta breve encuesta que ayude a dar forma a las sesiones de Desarrollo Profesional para nuestra próxima conferencia.

LEJ PROVIDER MEETING 2025-2026 SCHEDULE

CALENDARIO DE LA REUNIÓN DE PROVEEDORES 2025-2026 DE LEJ

SEPT 19 ↘ **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/b-_mdlLrRoG0ioCiJuyTwQ

NOV 14 ↘ **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/XY3Lo0ajTAu_tqEFl0O5Tw

JAN 16 ↘ **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
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MAR 20 ↘ **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0oUxN9T9TiOonCrED3o5yQ

MAY 15 ↘ **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
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SEE YOU NEXT MEETING!
¡NOS VEMOS EN EL PRÓXIMO ENCUENTRO!

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Please take a moment to complete the Exit Survey

Por favor, tómese un momento para completar la Encuesta de Salida



Thank you, everyone!

¡Gracias a todos!

Hope to see you all at the next LEJ Provider Meeting!
PA'Lante!!