

A KPCF SUCCESS STORY: Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality (SKCE)

The Kaiser Permanente Community Fund (KPCF) at the Northwest Health Foundation was founded in 2004 with an initial \$28 million investment by Kaiser Permanente to improve conditions for health.

**2014-17
KPCF Funded
SKCE for
\$200,000**

SKCE advocates for equity, education and empowerment by providing leadership and education opportunities to English language learners and underserved families of color.



Educa e Inspira Program

SKCE began implementing Educa e Inspira in 2006 and made major revisions in 2013. Multiple funders have supported the program including Oregon Department of Education, Collins Foundation, CCHD, Meyer Memorial Trust, Miller Foundation, MRG Foundation, and Oregon Community Foundation.

Educa e Inspira was designed to support parents of Spanish speaking children to improve school readiness and become active participants in their children's education at home, at school, and in the community. The program uses Popular Education methodology and is facilitated by trained parents from the community.



Educa e Inspira Participants



1,030

parents with children attending **11 schools** in **Salem Keizer School District** participated in at least one workshop during the 2013-2018 academic school years.

~1/3

of those parents attended more than 50% of Educa e Inspira class series.

The Impact of Educa e Inspira Students in Salem Keizer School District whose parents attended the program had better rates of chronic absenteeism over four years compared to their peers.

ECONorthwest conducted an evaluation which tracked chronic absence rates for the 2013-2014 cohort of Educa e Inspira students over 4 academic years.

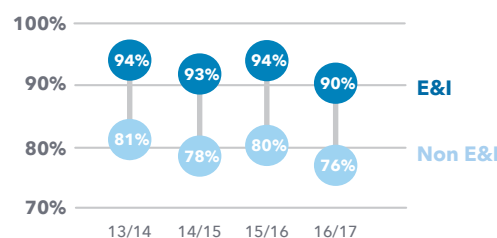


Educa e Inspira students who attended Salem Keizer School District during the 2013-14 academic year had better rates of chronic absenteeism compared to their Hispanic counterparts eligible for free and reduced lunch who **did not participate in Educa e Inspira** over 4 academic years.

% NOT CHRONICALLY ABSENT

Elementary School

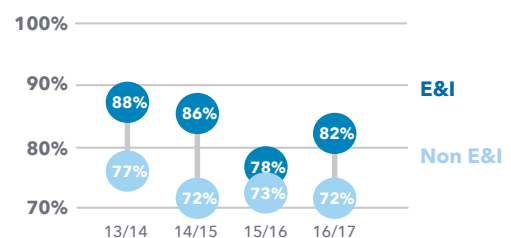
Educa e Inspira students compared to **non-Educa e Inspira students**



Note: 210 Educa e Inspira students were identified and tracked in the 13/14 academic year; by 16/17 103 students were still tracked. 7,126 non-Educa e Inspira students were analyzed in 13/14 and grew to n= 7,437 by the 16/17 academic year.

Middle School

Educa e Inspira students (n=87) compared to **non-Educa e Inspira students** (n=3,186)



Note: The number of non-Educa e Inspira students fluctuated slightly over the four years, between 2,911-3,260 students.