



An HABLA home visitor shows program participants how to make butterflies with their hands. Photo courtesy of UCI Communications.

HABLA

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HABLA, short for Home-based Activities Building Language Acquisition, is an outreach program that trains home visitors to help Orange County's Spanish-speaking parents prepare their toddlers for kindergarten. HABLA home visitors coach parents to read and play with their children while incorporating program lessons into their daily lives – all in their native Spanish.

The program's home visitors help parents to become their children's first and most important teachers.

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The program is built on the idea that children who are proficient in their home language will be better equipped to pick up English in school. The program also teaches math and science fundamentals, such as categorizing and grouping by colors and shapes.

IMPACT

Led by cognitive sciences professor Virginia Mann, HABLA has grown to serve more than 1,500 two-to-four year-olds from families with mean income \$18,000 and mean parental educational level between 8 and 9 years in Anaheim, Garden Grove and Tustin in its 10 years of existence.

HABLA has received more than \$1.5 million in combined funding from the Children and Families Commission of Orange County, California Children and Families Commission, AmeriCorps/VISTA, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank and the Simon Family Foundation.

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