



DREAMER SNAPSHOT

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"I Have A Dream" Foundation-Los Angeles (IHADLA) works to break the cycle of poverty by sponsoring entire classes of third graders in low-income academically at-risk schools, working with students for 10 consecutive years through high school graduation and into college. IHADLA offers students free year-round mentoring, tutoring, enrichment programs, and individualized case management. Upon the completion of high school, each student is guaranteed an \$8,000 scholarship to be used for college or career training. The sponsored students, who we call "Dreamers," are not the only ones who benefit from the program; siblings, parents, other students in the school, and local community members also feel the positive impact of IHADLA's educational and enrichment offerings. IHADLA helps inner-city youth who are at risk for school failure reach their full potential.



7,200 SERVED

We not only sponsor Dreamers but we also help their siblings, parents, schools, and local communities.

"My life without I Have a Dream would have been bad. I live in the projects and there is a lot violence and drugs. I am glad that with the support from people at I Have a Dream that care about me, I am able to do more with my life."

- High School Dreamer



As a National organization I Have a Dream has affiliates in 12 states and Washington, D.C. supporting more than 2,600 Dreamers.



Dreamers Face Challenging Circumstances

Dreamers from all of the IHADLA programs face difficult circumstances that without adequate intervention could keep these children from reaching their full potential. In fact,



44% of Dreamers experience two or more of the 5 most disruptive life events (e.g., parental incarceration, parental unemployment), a rate twice that of CA youth (2012 National Survey of Children).

38% of elementary school Dreamers have witnessed crimes such as drug dealing and shootings in the past year. Further, 53% of elementary school Dreamers and 30% of middle school and high school Dreamers worry about gang violence in their neighborhoods. Navigating these extraordinary circumstances can make it difficult for even the most motivated Dreamers to concentrate on schoolwork and can result in anxiety and depression, collectively making it challenging for Dreamers to reach their full potential.

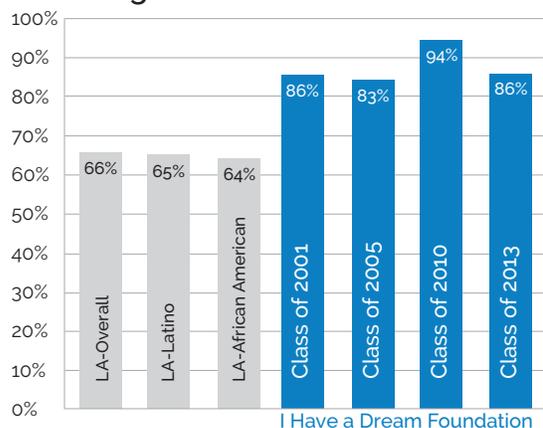




“If I did not have I Have a Dream I would have dropped out of school. They kept pushing me to think about college and how it would benefit me more than just giving up. I really can’t picture my life without I Have a Dream.”

- High School Dreamer

High School Graduation Rates



Only 66% of children in Los Angeles graduate from high school, with rates even lower for ethnic minority students, those economically disadvantaged, and English language learners (65% of Latino students and 64% of African American students graduate from high school).



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Our Current Programs

Program 16 & 17 in Inglewood:

120 students currently in 8th and 9th grades originally sponsored in 2005 and 2006 while attending Daniel Freeman Elementary School. Many of the 8th grade Dreamers are now attending Frank D. Parent Elementary School and Century Community Charter School. Ninth grade Dreamers are spread across 29 different high schools.

Program 14 in Boyle Heights:

105 active Dreamers sponsored in 2002 as first graders at Murchison Elementary School. 86% of these Dreamers graduated from high school in 2013.

Program 18 in Watts:

70 students sponsored in 2012 currently in the 5th grade, the majority of whom are attending 99th Street Elementary School.

High School Graduation and College Attendance

1.3 million students drop out of school every year—that comes to approximately 7,200 students every day or 1 every 25 seconds. Students from historically underserved groups are disproportionately represented among those dropping out of school. African American and Latino students constitute the majority of those failing to graduate (Education Week Research Center, 2014), although they make up just 38 percent of the overall student population.

Dreamer graduation rates are a full 25% higher as compared to other students in the Los Angeles area.



In addition to graduating from high school, Dreamers attend college at record rates. Of our most recent class (2013), 86% graduated from high school, and 96% of those are now attending four-year colleges (e.g., UCLA, Cal State Northridge, etc.) or community colleges.

Our Approach

IHADLA provides a comprehensive program that prepares students for higher education through:

College & Career Preparation

- ✓ Preparation for college admission tests (SAT/ACT)
- ✓ College visits
- ✓ Assistance with college admission and financial aid forms
- ✓ Career speakers and mentoring
- ✓ Job shadowing

Academic Support

- ✓ Individualized math and language arts tutoring
- ✓ Homework assistance
- ✓ After-school and summer educational programming
- ✓ Academic counseling
- ✓ Weekend academic tutoring

Whole-Child Promotion

- ✓ Mental health assessments and referrals
- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Long-term one-on-one mentoring
- ✓ Cultural enrichment activities
- ✓ Community service activities

“With I Have a Dream I am going to learn how to make my dreams come true.”

- Elementary School Dreamer