ABOUT US

El Centro, originally known as the Hispanic Community Center (HCC), was founded in 1982 and became a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit in 1983.

For over 35 years, we have provided services in the areas of education, family support, youth empowerment, health, and resource navigation.

El Centro’s bilingual and bicultural staff’s objective is to provide our clients with professional and courteous services.

**Hours of operation:**
Crisis Assistance, Health Programs and Family Support
Monday—Friday 9 am to 5 pm

GED
Tues, Wed, Thurs, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

U.S. Citizenship
Mon. and Wed. 6 pm to 8 pm
Tues. and Thurs. 1 pm to 3 pm

**Computer Lab:**
El Centro is also equipped with a computer lab that offers computers with internet access, full Microsoft office and printing services at no cost to our clients.

Computer lab hours:
Monday—Friday 9 am to 5 pm

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**El Centro de las Américas**

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Educating and empowering Hispanic/Latino families and the community at large.
Family Support

El Centro provides a safe place for clients to talk about difficult situations they are experiencing in their households. We provide resources and referrals for clients undergoing custody issues, child support, divorce, and overall problematic family situations.

Every Tuesday, El Centro holds the “Mujeres in Confianza” meeting which provides the women attending with information about community resources, creating safety plans and a confidential space to meet and share with each other.

For more information, please contact Maria at Maria@elcentrone.org

Youth Programs

El Centro provides two youth programs for girls and boys, Latina Leaders and Joven Noble. The programs focus on tutoring, mentoring, cultural awareness, community service, gym activities, educational field trips, college preparation, job readiness training, and youth case management.

For more information, please contact Alison at Alisonmae@elcentrone.org or Steve at Steve@elcentrone.org

Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, Cancer Prevention and Education

El Centro provides tobacco and cancer education, referrals for families who need support in adopting healthy choices or assistance searching for funding when undergoing cancer treatment.

For more information, please contact Lisandra at Lisandra@elcentrone.org

Programs

Health Education and Outreach

The objective of the program is to establish medical, behavioral and dental homes for clients, connect low-income clients to financial assistance, assist clients that need to enroll into Medicaid, as well as help clients navigate the healthcare system.

We also participate and organize educational health fairs, forums and free health screenings for our clients and the community at large.

For more information, please contact Veronica at Veronica.Y@elcentrone.org

Crisis Assistance and Prevention

The program connects clients to resources in the community to address their family’s immediate needs. We provide assistance with job applications and resume preparation, public benefits applications, as well as other miscellaneous services as needed, such as verbal and visual interpretation, computer and scanning services and document translations.

We also collaborate with Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties to provide tax preparation services in Spanish, at no cost to our clients.

For more information, please contact Roy at Roy@elcentrone.org

GED Classes in Spanish

El Centro provides one-on-one and group tutoring for clients that are interested in obtaining their GED certificate. Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

For more information, please contact Myriam at Myriam@elcentrone.org

US Citizenship Classes

The citizenship classes offered by El Centro are held in partnership with the Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (www.clianeb.org) and the Asian Cultural and Community Center (www.lincolناسiancenter.org). The classes are for permanent residents who are eligible to naturalize and in the process of learning English. Classes are offered twice a week in the afternoons and evenings, and students prepare for every aspect of the interview process. Registration and a basic English Placement Test are required before starting class.

For more information, please contact Kelly at Kelly@elcentrone.org

US Citizenship Classes

For more information, please contact Mary at Mary@elcentrone.org

Zumba

Offered Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 am to 12 pm at First Christian Church 430 S 16th St.

For more information, please contact Lisandra at Lisandra@elcentrone.org