

PIL Background

In 1989, Theresa Pagano and a small group established the PIL MANOS Early Education Program to bring educational resources to the Latino community. Within a year, MANOS outgrew its space at the Spanish Action League. In 1990, PIL started its relationship with the SCSD and the MANOS Program moved to Blodgett School. MANOS began with three families, and today serves 80+ families and children ages birth – five years.

In 1992, PIL broadened its mission to establish the West Side Learning Center (WSLC). Today, SCSD runs WSLC and the Center's focus on adult learning principles makes it a vital part of the community. PIL offers a variety of services to help emergent bilingual adults in their efforts to be productive workers, entrepreneurs, consumers, and engaged citizens.

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Our Mission

Partners in Learning, Inc. (PIL) supports children, adults, and families of diverse cultures and languages in their efforts to learn, earn, and live well in Syracuse and Onondaga County.

Our Vision

PIL envisions a community connected and enriched by diverse cultural experiences.



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MANOS Dual Language Early Childhood Education & Intergenerational Learning Programs

MANOS Pre-K Program

Offers dual language (Spanish & English) pre-k programming for children ages 3 and 4. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and volunteers work together to help children become confident learners and to enhance their English and Spanish language skills. The program also promotes positive family learning experiences. MANOS has classrooms at Seymour Dual Language Academy and Bellevue Elementary School.

MANOS Home-Based Program

Offers home-based programming for children ages birth through five years. PIL's Early Learning Specialist works with parents/caregivers to help children to become confident learners, to enhance their English and Spanish language skills, and to prepare for their transition into a school-based setting. The program also promotes positive family learning experiences.

Vocational & Employment Services for Emergent Bilinguals (VESEB)

Offers education and employment services designed to enhance literacy and language skills and to build cross-cultural connections. PIL helps emergent bilinguals explore career pathways, gain job readiness skills, find and apply to jobs, develop computer skills, and to navigate and connect with other community resources.

Diversity in Early Education & Care

Offers specialized services to help individuals pursue a career in early childhood education. PIL helps emergent bilinguals identify desired early childhood career paths and to obtain necessary training and credentials to secure employment.

CNY Diaper Bank

Offers a monthly diaper distribution at the West Side Learning Center. Families may receive 30 - 50 diapers per child per month.



Intergenerational Learning Circles

Offers a monthly workshop series about early childhood development, enhancing literacy and language skills, and building cross-cultural connections. These Circles are intended for adult emergent bilinguals who are: parents, caregivers, siblings, and other relatives of children up to 5-years-old.