

## **CSU Long Beach Community Service Learning Center Receives \$400,000 Three-Year US Department of Housing & Urban Development Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC) Grant**

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The Greater Long Beach/South Bay Community Partnership is one of ten new programs to be awarded a three-year HUD Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC) grant. The CSU Long Beach Community Service Learning Center and its partners will receive \$399,979 to fund the Carmelitos Initiative, which will involve service-learning faculty and students from three campuses to address the needs of the residents of the Carmelitos Housing Development, located in North Long Beach. The Partnership's primary members include CSU Long Beach (lead agency for the COPC grant), CSU Dominguez Hills, Long Beach City College, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, Long Beach BLAST (Better Learning After School Today), and Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay.

The Initiative has been designed by the Partnership to meet college and university academic goals and to address critical community needs through combined resources and collaborative actions. The Initiative seeks to address needs relating to children and families in the North Long Beach area, with a particular focus on family literacy, workforce development, and family and senior life issues. These needs will be addressed through outreach activities that utilize the involvement of service learning students and faculty from CSU Long Beach, Long Beach City College, and CSU Dominguez Hills.

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