



The **Healthy Families Cooperative** is a Los Angeles County-wide collaborative program with the goal to develop an instructional manual and teaching tool focused on the needs of children 0-5 years old. Members of the collaborative include: Western Justice Center; Camino Nuevo Charter Academy School Early Childhood Program; Inter-Agency Drug Abuse Recovery Program; Little Company of Mary, Community Health; LAUSD Parents & Infants who are Visually Impaired Together; Singing Fountain Preschool; and Tapia Family Childcare. The model under development teaches conflict resolution skills to children through their parents and caregivers. By training caregivers we increase the probability that children will be exposed to peaceful means of conflict resolution while they are developing their own communication and problem-solving skills. This lays a foundation that better prepares them to address and resolve conflict nonviolently throughout their lives. Workshops are being tested once or twice a month with parents at Pasadena Unified School District Roosevelt Elementary School and A New Way of Life Re-Entry Project, a nonprofit organization that works with women transitioning out of prison. A six week intensive training of 18 workshops is being held at Camino Nuevo Charter Academy School Early Childhood Program. For more information about the Healthy Families Cooperative, contact Marquez Equalibria, Director, Conflict Resolution Education Programs, Marquez@westernjustice.org.