

# El Centro de las Américas

*JOVEN NOBLE / LATINA LEADERS*





## Mission Statement

El Centro's mission is to educate and empower Hispanic/Latino families and the community at large.



## Programmatic Focuses

- **Family Support Services**
  - Domestic Violence assistance
  - Health Assistance Program
  - Crisis Assistance & Prevention
- **Educational Outreach**
  - Adult Education - GED & English Classes
  - Joven Noble & Latina Leaders

# STEVE SOLORIO

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- BORN IN LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA
- BORN TO IMMIGRANT PARENTS
- GREW UP HOMELESS
- GREW UP AROUND GANG ACTIVITY
- FIRST IN MY FAMILY TO HAVE INTEREST IN COLLEGE

# What is Joven Noble?

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- Means “Noble Youth”
- Comprehensive Evidence Based
- Youth Leadership development program
- Focuses on Encouraging the youth to pursue their academic and life goals by providing them interaction with successful role models and through education workshops.
- “Sacred Circles” or “Circulos”



# JOVEN NOBLE

Coordinator: Steve Solorio

- **Overall Objective:** To prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system, help them exit the juvenile justice system successfully if already in the system, and to ensure graduation for each youth.
- **Who do we serve?**
  1. At-risk youth
  2. Young Males In middle School & Highschool
- **2016 We Served 136 youth**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 – 75 students**

# SPECIFIC SERVICES

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## **Specific Services:**

1. Educational sessions (during School)
2. Open gym after School with Team building activities
3. Soccer activity every Tuesday & Saturdays (60-85)
4. Academic & behavioral case management for every youth
5. Group & individual mentorship for individual youth (UNL)
6. Educational Fieldtrips
7. Tutoring (Afterschool)
8. College Preparation (College Visits, Scholarships, FAFSA)



# JOVEN NOBLE

## *Educational Sessions*

- **Format for Presentations**

- Workshops, Presenters, Round Table Discussion, Community Leaders, One-on-One

- **Topics Covered**

- Manhood –Relationships –Pregnancy Prevention –Substance Abuse Prevention --- Goal Setting –Anger Management –STD's -Violence/gangs

- Decision Making –Financial Planning –College Planning

- **Keeping the Youth Engaged**

- Gym Activities (Soccer, swimming, lift training workshops)

- School Sports/Clubs (tournaments)

- Educational Fieldtrips (boyscouts, College Visits)

- Speakers

- Leadership opportunities

- Community Service



# Joven Noble Program

## *Health Emphasis*

- **Physical Activities**

- Gym activities
- Basketball / Soccer Tournaments
- Weight-Lifting workshops
- Soccer Tuesdays
- Middleschool/ Highschool Sport programs
- YMCA on-site classes (Judo, swimming etc)

- **Healthy Eating**

- Provide healthy choices for snacks

- **Health Presentations**

- Sex & STDs
- Tobacco
- Health awareness



# Joven Noble Program

## *Parent Involvement*

- **Monthly Parent Involvement Meetings**
- **Current Parenting Classes**
  - Creating Lasting Family Connections
- **Challenges & Successes**



# JOVEN NOBLE

## *Other Collaborations*

- **Working with Schools**

- Lincoln High, North Star, Lincoln Northeast
- Irving, Goodrich, Lefler, Park Middle School

- **Attendance, Grade Reports, Behavioral Reports, Tutoring**

- **Working with Probation & Diversion**

- Tracking
- Updates on youth

- **Other Unique Partnerships**

**YMCA:**

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA:**

**Local Youth Programs:**

**Boyscouts of America:**

**Big Brothers, Big Sisters**

# SUCCESS OF JOVEN NOBLE

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## YOUTH

- 79% Reported that they had better success at school
- 84% Reports a better understanding of who they are and what they can do
- 69% reported being able to connect with adults better

## PARENTS

- 88% Reported child's improvement in communication
- 72% reported child was involved in more positive activities (gangs)

## STAFF/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

- 81% improved grades
- 84% improved attendance
- 95% Program graduation
- 94% High School Graduation Rate (summer 2017 – 17/18 students)

# LATINA LEADERS

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- **VERONICA HOTOVY & BRENDA LOPEZ**
- **July 2016**
- **CURRENTLY AT 7 SCHOOLS**
- **THIS QUARTER SERVING – 75 GIRLS**

# JOVEN NOBLE LATINO LEADERS 2017



Questions?