



CENTRO

TYRONE GUZMAN

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Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

Centro Tyrone thanks the Governor and Lt. Governor for including the Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development Grant Program in their Department of Health budget bill SF 2995 and encourages the committee to follow suit by including SF402 in the Senate Health and Human Services Omnibus budget bill.

I am the Executive Director at Centro Tyrone Guzman, and we are recipients of the Community Solutions Grant Program for Montessori Home Visiting Program. This program proactively provides early childhood development support to Latine* parents with young children, age birth to three, who speak Spanish in the home

We support the Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development Grant Program because it addresses inequality as well as amplifies the innovative solutions that leverage community assets. It promotes culturally relevant programs, and centers the experiences and dignity of those most impacted by inequity.

Community Solutions Grant Program represents more than money, it is also recognition that BIPOC, and geographically dispersed communities have invaluable knowledge, and must be active and valued participants within the creation of solutions for their communities.

As you weigh various proposals, we hope you will join the Governor and Lt. Governor in giving this innovative program the permanent funding needed to fully deliver on its promise (SF402). The collective health and prosperity of our state is tied to ensuring every child has what they need to thrive.

Sincerely,

Roxana Linares
Executive Director

Centro Tyrone Guzman has chosen to use "e" in place of the Spanish-language masculine "o," to include people of all genders. We are committed to gender inclusion and recognize the important contributions that all persons make to our communities.