Problem: In the heart of Central Los Angeles, Norwood Street Elementary School serves a student population that is 96% Latino and of whom 79% are English Language Learners.

Families struggle with poverty, domestic violence and substance abuse as well as stresses associated with immigration. These challenges result in children who are anxious, hyper-vigilant, sad, and disruptive.

Solution: In partnership with Norwood Street Elementary School and other community groups, increase access to culturally competent school-based mental health care, delivered by a bilingual, bicultural staff. Educate parents and teachers about children’s social-emotional health.

Program: The Three R’s Project reaches out to parents by offering a no-appointment, walk-in service at the school where they may talk about concerns for their children’s emotional and behavioral health. The Project provides individual, group and family therapy on campus and offers parent education and teacher training on mental health issues.

Impact: Parents report children who have received services are better at handling daily life and crisis situations, able to cope when things go wrong, get along better with family and friends and are doing better at school.