



## Welcome to the Voices for Healthy Kids Summit 2024!

Thank you so much for joining us in Los Angeles for this special event! We appreciate the time and effort you are dedicating this week to growing as an individual, a campaign leader, and a collaborator.

This year's theme "A Glimpse of Latino Experiences" will immerse us in the diversity and vibrancy of organizations and people that advocate within and on behalf of Latino communities. And the highlight of the week (and maybe the year!) is our Tuesday afternoon conversation with **civil rights icon Dolores Huerta!** Voices for Healthy Kids believes this type of focus and learning can help us all be able to better engage with all communities that make up our homes and pushes us all on our anti-racist journeys. We also understand how hard advocacy work can be, particularly in a highly charged, polarized political environment. Together we will be taking time to focus on self-care so that each of us can come into our work fully and as our true selves.

**Voices for Healthy Kids is proud to work around the country with organizations like yours to improve or create equitable policies for our youngest children and families by supporting advocacy campaigns, creating visibility for issues that affect children's health, mobilizing communities, helping to advance science and research, and fostering partnerships.** Together, we are addressing the inequities, biases, and racism that exist in current systems and policies and how they have impacted the lives of children – particularly those who have been impacted by historic underinvestment and structural racism.

This week, we will explore a sense of place here in California, build skills for improving engagement with those most impacted by our work, and learn to better center community in our work and civic engagement as non-profits. We will also connect across issues, geographies, and over meals to deepen our partnerships and friendships. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that you leave with a renewed sense of focus and excitement.

**Thank you for the critical role each of you plays in creating equitable communities nationwide.**

The Entire Voices for Healthy Kids Team

### Reminders:

- ✓ *Registration is from 2-4 on Monday outside the Blossom Ballroom off the lobby which is one floor above the hotel registration area. The program begins at 4 p.m. and is followed by networking, dinner, and an optional screening of the documentary "Dolores".*
- ✓ *If you need assistance, please text Andrea Guarnero at 214.864.5121 or email [andrea.guarnero@heart.org](mailto:andrea.guarnero@heart.org)*
- ✓ *Join the conversation starting now on social media using **#VoicesSummit24!** Follow us at **@Voices4HK**.*
- ✓ *We offer a **mask-friendly** environment at all our events. If interested, you will find a mask-friendly table in each formal session*
- ✓ *The full agenda, summit updates, and other event details can be found at <https://voicesforhealthykids.org/internal/voices-for-healthy-kids-summit-2024>*

