



El Shaddai - Alameda
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Grades: k-12
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El Shaddai - North
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After learning about Hope Online's unique approach to teaching Denver's at-risk youth, and he knew that the students of her community would benefit, Pastor Jorge Arevalo was determined to start a Hope Online Learning Center. With two locations in Northwest Denver, the Hope Online Learning Centers at El Shaddai serve predominantly at-risk Hispanic students who are academically behind their peers and, for those in middle and high school, are at high risk of dropping out of school. El Shaddai provides students a safe, supportive environment for their academic success.

Hope Online students at El Shaddai are committed to their education and building healthy foundations for a successful future. "Given the prevalence of gang and criminal activity, there are many negative forces working against the students, and temptation is at their doorstep," explains Pastor Arevalo. "Hope Online students, however, recognize the importance of education and choose to avoid many of the harmful behaviors practiced by their peers."

According to Pastor Arevalo, the biggest challenge for the Hope Online students at El Shaddai is language transition. Many of the students come from families where Spanish is the dominant language. Students struggle to incorporate English into their studies and everyday vocabularies. Despite this obstacle, the students are progressing through their studies and have developed healthy, positive attitudes toward the acquisition of knowledge.

Hope Online's individual learning plans allow students the flexibility to work at their own pace, supported by their Learning Center mentor and highly qualified Hope Online teacher. The engaging audio and video elements of the online curricula are especially helpful for those who are struggling with language acquisition.

"Overall, students are making tremendous progress," reports Pastor Arevalo. "One 10th grade student enrolled in Hope Online at El Shaddai in the fall and his transcript indicated that he was falling behind, partially caused by his poor attendance record. After only two quarters, he is excelling and has nearly finished his assigned courses. Another student, a 7th grader, had all F's last year. This year, with support and encouragement, he has worked extremely hard to maintain a straight-A report card." Pastor Arevalo notes that these two examples are representative of the academic achievements of Hope Online students at El Shaddai.

The Hope Online Learning Centers at El Shaddai are making great strides to close the achievement gap and reduce the dropout rate of students in the Hispanic community in Northwest Denver. Their desire to achieve, coupled with the commitment of their parents and the support of Hope Online and El Shaddai staff, has enable students to have bright and promising futures. Pastor Arevalo explains, "We encourage students to learn more and more each day, as education is their gateway to a successful future."

Learning Center Administration

Jorge Arevalo - Learning Center Director

Pastor Jorge Arevalo is the founder and director of the Hope Online Learning Center at El Shaddai. He is dedicated to support at-risk youth by helping them to develop strong academic foundations so they are well-positioned for successful futures. Originally trained in physical therapy, Pastor Arevalo earned an Associate of Science in Physical Therapy from Rio Hondo Community College in Los Angeles, CA.

Luis Martinez – Manager, El Shaddai-Alameda

Jessica Arevalos – Manager, El Shaddai-North

Hope Online Teacher

Melinda Hindley – Hope Online Teacher

Melinda Hindley is a gifted and highly skilled Colorado licensed teacher with over ten years of experience in the classroom. She takes an interest in each of her students, actively helps those who are struggling, and collaborates with students in community service projects and organizations. Ms. Hindley brings a variety of experiences and a vast knowledge of the dynamics needed to help students build a solid foundation of academics. Ms. Hindley graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Boston University in Boston, MA and a Certificate for Secondary Education with endorsements in English and History from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.

Stephanie Shipp – Hope Online Teacher

Stephanie Shipp is a highly skilled and talented Colorado licensed teacher and is teaching for her second year at Hope Online. Prior to joining the Hope Online team, she taught in various pre-k through 12 classrooms in Texas and Colorado. With a background in human development, she enjoys her teaching, student counseling, and advocacy responsibilities. Ms. Shipp received her Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences, emphasizing Human Development and Family Studies, from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.

Robert Tait – Hope Online Teacher

Rob Tait is an eager and enthusiastic Colorado licensed teacher with a passion for working with youth. He served as the Area Director for Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch for several summers, and while attending college, he was the Director of the International Film Series. Mr. Tait earned a Bachelor of Arts in History with an emphasis in Secondary Education and Philosophy with an emphasis in Ethics and Public Policy from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO.

Robyn Wright – Hope Online Teacher

Robyn Wright is an energetic, passionate Colorado licensed teacher dedicated to serving the academic needs of children. After gaining classroom experience in the Denver, Jefferson County and Adams County school districts, Ms. Wright witnessed the positive impact of online education for students by working as a mentor at a Hope Online Learning Center. Her strong interest in supporting online students led Ms. Wright to join Hope Online as a highly qualified teacher. Ms. Wright earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the Metropolitan State College in Denver, CO.