



Children of Factory Workers

A second chance at childhood



In Vietnam today, there are 1.2 million children of factory workers laboring in 300 industrial parks in more than 30 economic zones. For children under three years old, there is no public childcare. For children three to six, state-run kindergartens are out of reach because most workers lack the residency status to qualify or can't afford the fees.

Many parents turn to private, unlicensed daycare staffed by untrained workers that don't offer the attentive care that young children desperately need. News stories reporting cases of child neglect and abuse are heartbreakingly frequent.

The OneSky Model for Children of Factory Workers is designed to address the needs of young children whose parents labor in the factories that are bringing prosperity to Vietnam. Our first Early Learning Center located in Danang's Hoa Khanh Industrial Park, will provide early learning programs for young children as well as parenting skills and early child development, responsive care and nurture training for adults. The Center will serve as a national model to be replicated across the country.

The Model

PROGRAMS

Infant Nurture

OneSky trains local caregivers in child development best practices to provide nurturing, responsive care and stimulation to infants and toddlers (ages 0-3) while their parents are at work in factories.

Preschool

OneSky trains local teachers to promote healthy early development by blending responsive care with best practices for early education, using a curriculum adapted to serve the specific needs of children in Vietnam.

Daycare Provider Training & Parenting Classes

OneSky provides tailored workshops and training for home-based daycare providers so they can deliver quality care and adopt, implement, and replicate best practices. OneSky trainers and mentors also provide parenting skills and classes for working parents and caregivers, both on-site at the factories and at the OneSky Early Learning Center.



ABOUT DANANG

Located on the central coast of Vietnam, Danang is the commercial and educational center of Central Vietnam and is the country's third largest economic center after Ho Chi Min City and Hanoi. Danang's factories employ thousands of workers in its six Industrial Zones; the Hoa Khahn Industrial Zone alone contains more than 200 factories employing 35,000 workers.

IMPACT

In 2017, we expect to reach over 250 children at our model OneSky Early Learning Center in Danang, and through daycare provider training indirectly impact thousands more. Our model is aligned with one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: by 2030, all children will have access to quality care and early education so every child, including every at-risk child, can thrive in primary school.

PARTNERS

All of our work is made possible through investments by government, corporations, foundations and individuals. In Vietnam, OneSky partners with local government leaders and the Department of Education and Training (DOET).

EVALUATION

Documentation has always been an integral part of the OneSky approach. We collect and monitor detailed information about the developmental progress of children in our programs, and monthly, quarterly and bi-annual progress reports that include reflections, feedback, and stories (demonstrating challenges and successes) from caregivers and teachers participating in the program.



THE FUTURE

The Center in Danang, once validated for impact and efficacy, is designed to inform government policy and be taken to scale via public/private partnerships among multiple stakeholders. We have designed the pilot program for three years (2017-2019), after which we will provide ongoing training and guidance for as long as needed to ensure quality as the programs are transitioned to local partners and employers to manage, operate and scale as a permanent model for the nation.

"Children are the basis for all dimensions of sustainable development. They have a right to thrive, develop to their full potential, and live in a sustainable world."

—Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization, 2013