ALIENTO

OUR MISSION

WE TRANSFORM TRAUMA INTO HOPE + ACTION

We are a community organization that is DACA, undocumented, and youth-led. We are directly impacted people and allies who are invested in the well being, emotional healing, and leadership development of those impacted by the inequalities of lacking an immigration status.

THE PROBLEM

There are 6.5 million DACA/undocumented youth and children of immigrant parents who experience high levels of anxiety and stress due to our unjust immigration system.

Our Approach: We work with directly impacted community to provide art workshops & an organizing model that is rooted in the intersectional understanding of how many sectors impact undocumented children, youth, and families.

Our Model: We transform trauma into hope + action! We believe that through art healing, leadership development, educating allies we will increase the advocacy needed to change policies and acknowledge the resiliency and develop a pipeline of today's and tomorrow's undocumented and migrant leaders.

Story of Impact: Maria joined Aliento when she was 19 years old. She is now 21 and attends community college. When she first joined she was worried about her well-being and the well-being of her family. She started coming to our arts & healing workshops with all her family. Since then, she has created poems and performed at our open mics, has organized and co-led a training for allies at her community college, has shared her testimony in front of the community college board, and has spoken to policy makers about the importance of providing solutions for students like her. She has also ensured that her family is involved. Her little brother who is around nine years of age has participated in our arts and healing workshops and gained the confidence to now be one our constant performers at our monthly open mics, where he creates and casts magic spells.

Maria is one of the many young 8,000 youth that we work with. Our entry point is the impact that trauma has on our community. We are intentional about transforming trauma into hope through art and creation while giving our youth and children the tools to become their own advocates to change the structures, policies, and environments that create trauma for the undocumented and mixed status families in the first place.

Total **in-person** reach
since our founding in 2016:

16,248 people

8,873 youth

687 of the youth we have engaged have stepped into leadership positions within our programming

DIGITAL PLATFORMS

10K+ FANS

We have 10k+ fans that we outreach to through our digital platforms

4.2 Facebook | 2k Instagram | 800+ Twitter | 3k+ Email

SCHOOL HUBS/CLUBS:

ALIENTO HUBS

ALIENTO @ ASU

ALIENTO @ MESA HIGH SCHOOL

ALIENTO @ MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PARTNERSHIPS

BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY

mesa PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ASU Performance BORDER LANDS

Eisenhower Center for Innovation

TFA

PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS

ACHIEVE60AZ

Benedictine University AT MESA

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS

ARIZONA Community Foundation

NEWPROFIT

PHOENIX HOSTEL & CULTURAL CENTER

TNTP reimagine teaching

acting green

mesa·az 2020 CENSUS TASK FORCE

Vitalyst HEALTH FOUNDATION

IN THE MEDIA

Forbes | npr | TELEMUNDO | univision | NBC NEWS

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