



Our Mission

IBA – Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción

empowers and engages individuals and families to improve their lives through high-quality affordable housing, education, and arts.

IBA'S TRAJECTORY

In 1968, a group of predominately Puerto Rican activists stared down Boston's urban renewal bulldozers and organized to gain control over the development of their neighborhood. Forming **IBA - Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción**, these activists developed Villa Victoria, a 435 unit affordable housing community in the city's South End. The development of Villa Victoria is an accomplishment considered to be a seminal moment in the history of affordable housing, civil rights, and community organizing in Boston. For nearly five decades, IBA has developed a replicable model for new urbanism that links affordable housing with supportive programming.



IBA'S PROGRAMS

IBA'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM - provides a full-day, year-round education that prepares students to thrive in Kindergarten. IBA's preschool has been named one of Massachusetts' top 21 school readiness programs by Social Impact Research.

IBA'S AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM - provides a safe and enriching out-of-school time program for ESLs that uses research-driven practices to increase English proficiency, boost social emotional development, improve attitudes towards reading, and reverse summer learning loss.

IBA'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - prepares young people ages 13-19 for college and career through an employment-based program that places youth in rigorous courses centered on arts and civic engagement.

IBA'S COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - is an innovative education and workforce development partnership with Bunker Hill Community College. Serving as a mini-satellite campus of Bunker Hill, IBA offers a unique model of a college campus in the heart of an affordable housing community. The program offers: HiSET (High School Equivalency Exam) preparation, ESL and college classes; job readiness and life skills training; 21st Century Skills, child care and supportive case management.

IBA'S ART PROGRAM – promotes, preserves, and celebrates Latino arts and artists, while creating dynamic cross cultural collaborations. Celebrating local traditions, we promote the broad diversity of Latino and Latin American cultural expression through performances, festivals, exhibits, residencies and classes in art forms that include: Latin jazz, folk dance, poetry and the visual arts. IBA provides the underserved with access to high-quality programming, while increasing cultural awareness across racial, cultural, and socio-economic barriers. Housed at IBA's *Villa Victoria Center for the Arts*, the largest Latino arts center in New England.

IBA'S RESIDENT SERVICES - IBA's Residents Services Program empowers residents of the Villa Victoria affordable housing community in Boston's South End, many of whom rely 100% on benefits and subsidies, to live active and fulfilling lives.

Program Impact

Through education, basic needs services and workforce development programming we served 818 low-income people in the following age groups:

- 370 children from 3 years old to 6 years old;
- 104 youth from 6 to 17 years old;
- 165 adults from 18 to 64 years old
- 179 senior citizens /elderly from 65 years old and older.