



# EdiT

## Education through Innovation and Transformation

PROVIDING ENGAGING ARTS AND EDUCATION-BASED WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES TO SCHOOL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE CHICAGOLAND AREA



**2025-26  
MENU OF SERVICES**



## **Rooted in Culture. Guided by Community. Committed to Families.**

Education through Innovation and Transformation LLC (EdIT) is an organization led by community entrepreneurs with over 50 years of collective experience. EdIT seeks to strengthen school communities by providing culture based, arts infused, engaging educational activities to students, parents, and families.

Our goal is to provide services that are practical, useful, and speak to families in an authentic manner and that respects the knowledge and strengths that they have within. Having lived and breathed the full school experience--school volunteers, leaders, program coordinators, and service providers, our passion is shaped by years of on the ground work. It is that experience and commitment that we aim to bring to every school, student, parent, and family that we serve.



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**OUR AREAS  
OF  
SERVICE**

 **Edit offers workshops, classes, and activities in *Spanish or English* in the following areas:**



**Visual  
Arts**

Painting, sketching, sneaker and hat design, jean and skateboard design, and cultural/folk arts projects.

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**Music**

Mariachi ensemble, guitar, violin, trumpet

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**Dance**

Folkloric dance, breakdance, and Latin dance.

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**Leadership and  
Teambuilding**

Multi-session training and workshops on Informed and Responsible Leadership, Critical Thinking and Analysis, and Effective Communication.

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## PARENT WORKSHOPS

### Single Session Workshops

**EdIT Parent Workshops** provide participants with the opportunity to learn in a fun, innovative, and engaging manner. Our hands-on approach seeks to build on each person's intrinsic qualities and strengths to help them introduce gained knowledge to their children, families, and across the community learning environment.

Workshops are divided into two core areas, ones that utilize the arts (visual art, music, and/or dance) and non-arts workshops that employ hands-on learning approaches. All sessions incorporate academic concepts and content areas. Our workshops are approximately 2 hours and are divided between an educational component and an artistic one, for arts sessions. Participants are provided with handouts and activities that they can immediately put into practice.

**EdIT workshops, classes, and services can be provided in Spanish or English.**



#### 01 **Shaping Creativity: The Ceramic Arts**

Ceramics have long been used to tell stories and express culture. In this workshop, participants explore ceramic traditions from around the world and design their own ceramic cup or planter using meaningful symbols and creative expression.



#### 02 **Clarity through Color: Stained Glass Creations and their Impact on History, Art, and Culture**

For centuries, stained glass has been used to tell stories and add beauty to homes and sacred spaces. Participants will explore its history through discussion and create their own artwork to inspire family conversation and at-home learning.



#### 03 **From Wood to Wonderful: A Workshop in Self-Expression**

This project uses art and painting to help parents express identity and share their stories with their children and family. The finished birdhouse project becomes a meaningful piece that reflects how participants see themselves and supports conversation, connection, and understanding within the family and community.



#### 04 **Masks as Mirrors: Exploring Personal and Family Heritage**

In this session, participants explore the history and symbolism of cultural masks from around the world, with a focus on the Americas. Through group discussion and self-reflection, they will paint and decorate their own masks, inspired by identity and background, for use in family sharing or school activities.



## PARENT WORKSHOPS

### Single Session Workshops



#### La "Lotería": A Celebration of Mexican History and Culture

- 05** "La Lotería," a traditional Mexican game with roots in 15th-century Europe, spread across Mexico and later the U.S., becoming a beloved part of family gatherings. In this session, participants will explore its rich history and create their own Lotería-inspired artwork to enjoy at home and with their families.



#### "Pero Sigo Siendo El Rey": Mariachi Music - Legacy, Heritage, and Tradition

- 06** Mariachi music holds a special place in many Spanish-speaking communities, reflecting family, tradition, and storytelling. In this session, participants explore its origins, evolution, and instruments, learn about "corridos," and enjoy a mini-performance by professional mariachi artists.



#### Mosaic Art as a Canvas for Our Family Stories

- 07** From its origins in the Middle East to its spread across Europe, mosaic art has captivated cultures for centuries. In this session, participants will explore its colorful history and create their own mosaic piece for conversation and at-home family use.



#### Mexican Folkloric Dance: A Living Story of Music, Movement, and Artistry

- 08** Folkloric dance is a vibrant expression of culture and tradition. In this session, participants explore the history and artistry of Mexican folkloric dances and learn basic steps, experiencing the joy and richness of this timeless art form.



#### A Global Journey: The Piñata and Its Colorful Fingerprint on Community and Culture

- 09** The piñata is a beloved tradition in family and social celebrations worldwide. From its 13th-century animal designs to today's playful shapes, piñatas have evolved across cultures. In this session, participants will explore its history, share memories, and create their own piñata for family fun and engaging conversation.



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## Single Session Workshops



**10 Art as a Gateway for SEL: Cultivating Creativity, Understanding, and Expression**  
Social Emotional Learning (SEL) shapes children’s growth and parents play a vital role in supporting this development at home. In this session, participants learn how to use the arts in at-home activities to strengthen SEL and create a meaningful piece of art to continue their family’s SEL journey.



**11 Rhythm and Roots: Dance and Cultural Exploration through “Sonaja” Instrument Creation**  
Exploring folk instruments can be joyful and eye-opening. In this session, participants will learn about the cultural significance of the “sonaja”, create their own version, and practice basic dance steps that unite music, movement, and tradition.



**12 Our Stories: Strengthening Family Identity through the Power of Storytelling**  
Our background, culture, and experiences shape our children, families, and ourselves. Sharing these stories strengthens bonds and supports identity and confidence. This workshop provides tools to share stories at home and in the school community, and also guides participants in creating a meaningful work of art to spark family conversation.



**13 Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Parents: The Basics of AI and Understanding Its Use and Impact on Students and Families**  
Hands-on technology has enhanced learning for decades, from typewriters and calculators to personal computers and the Internet. Today, AI apps and software are the latest tools. In this workshop, parents learn the basics of AI and how it’s used in education, work, and everyday life.



**14 Growing Up Online: The Hidden Influence of Social Media on Children and Families**  
With smartphones, tablets, and laptops, online risks are everywhere, making digital safety a priority. In this workshop, participants will explore social media, apps, parental controls, and communication strategies, learning how to make the digital world a safe, positive resource for information, entertainment, and family connection.



**15 Effective Communication and Dialogue for Thriving School Communities**  
School communities recognize the need for strong communication among parents, families, and school leaders, but barriers like language, culture, and assumptions can sometimes become obstacles. This session teaches practical strategies to foster communication that builds understanding and respect.



# PARENT WORKSHOPS

## Multi-Session Workshops



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### **Corn Husk Dolls: An Ageless Symbols of the Americas** **Two (2) Sessions**

Creating toys for children is as old as humanity itself. The cornhusk doll, originating with Native groups in North America, carries a history rooted in nature, creativity, and humility. In this workshop, participants explore its origins, create their own cornhusk doll, and engage in group discussion on how this craft has supported bonding, storytelling, and self-empowerment within families and communities.



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### **Building Connections through Bookmaking** **Three to Five (3 to 5) Sessions**

Literacy, creativity, teamwork, and project management come together as participants create a short storybook to share with families and the school community. In this multi-session project, they draw on personal and family stories to build at-home libraries and present their work, strengthening storytelling, and presentation skills.



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### **Playful Innovation: Creating Board Games for Family Learning** **Three (3) Sessions**

Hands-on family fun through board games such as Monopoly, La Loteria, and other classic games have united families across the years. In this multi-session workshop, participants will creativity and collaboration to develop their own unique, family and community-centered boardgame. The finished game can be enjoyed as an engaging learning tool during family nights and school activities.



**PARENT  
CLASSES &  
TRAININGS**

EdIT offers the following parent classes and trainings:



**Guitar Class**

Our practicing music professionals provide Spanish guitar (Rondalla) classes that incorporates the fun of learning music through guitar, while also working as a team to provide school communities with performances throughout the year.

**Duration:** 1.5 hour sessions with a minimum of 20 sessions.



**Folkloric Dance Class**

EdIT professional folkloric dance practitioners provide parents with lessons on folkloric dance from the various regions in Mexico. Participants also learn about the rich culture and history associated with each dance. All classes include school and community performances.

**Duration:** 1.5 hour sessions with a minimum of 20 sessions.



**Visual and Cultural Art Class**

Our visual artists provide parents with 1.5 to 2 hour classes of hands-on activities ranging from stained glass and ceramics to painting and craft design. Participants work on individual and group projects, with classes culminating in an end-of-session/year exhibitions where participants share their creations with the school community.

**Duration:** 1.5 to 2 hour sessions with a minimum of 18 sessions.



**Leadership Training**

Our Parent Leadership Training consists of multi-session workshops focused on Informed Leadership, Critical Thinking, and Effective Communication. Participants work individually and in teams to strengthen existing skills that support the growth and empowerment of their school community.

**Duration:** 1.5 to 2 hour sessions with a minimum of 10 sessions.



Similar to our Parent Workshops, **EdIT Family Workshops** offer families the opportunity to learn together in a fun, creative, and engaging space. These workshops invite families to participate in art, music, or dance activities that encourage creative thinking, active movement, and meaningful connection, while fostering family bonding in a supportive environment.

## FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Family workshops combine educational, historical, and cultural knowledge with activities such as painting, mariachi music, and folkloric dance. Our family workshops can serve between 30 to 100 participants and can take place in the afternoon, evening, or weekend days/hours. Duration of our workshops range between 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on the type of activity selected. Below are some of the Family Workshops we currently offer, but any of EdIT's Parent Workshops can be customized for family experiences.



**Mariachi**



**Guitar**



**Folkloric Dance**



**Painting**



**Crafts**





## EdIT Student Classes

*EdIT offers engaging, arts-centered in-school classes for students in elementary and high school.*



10 classes to choose from in the areas of music, dance, visual art, and design.

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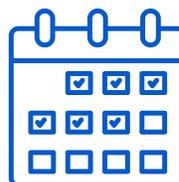
All classes perform or exhibit their work for their families and school community, allowing for building of confidence and leadership.

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Opportunities for continued skill-building through multi-level classes.

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Classes can be provided during the day, after-school, and summer.

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## **Performing Arts**

## **STUDENT CLASSES**

### **1 Mariachi Ensemble**

EdIT's practicing mariachi professionals offer guitar, violin, and trumpet classes for students of all experience levels. From beginners with no prior training, to students looking to participate in intermediate and advanced level classes.

### **2 Guitar**

Our professional guitar practitioners also offer students wanting to learn the basics of guitar and the opportunity to learn, sing, perform, and have fun, while continuously challenging themselves.

### **3 Folkloric Dance**

Professional folkloric dance artists provide students with lessons on folkloric dance from the various regions in Mexico. Participants also learn about the rich culture associated with each dance. Classes include school and community performances.

### **4 Folkloric Dance with Art**

In addition to learning to perform folkloric dances, this class also includes a hands-on art component where students create artwork and basic headpieces that are used in their dance performances.

### **5 Breakdance**

This energetic class introduces students to the basics of breakdancing in a fun and supportive environment. Students learn foundational breakdance moves, footwork patterns, and beginner floor techniques while building coordination, strength, and confidence.



## Visual Arts

## STUDENT CLASSES

### 6 Sneaker Design

EdIT's artists guide students in the creation of their own unique designs that they transfer to canvas then to their final project, painting that work onto their own pair of sneakers. Creativity, teamwork, and originality come together in a fun and functional manner.

### 7 Hat Design

In this colorful and engaging class, our teaching artists work with students to think through an artistic design that incorporates their own logo, symbol, and images that represent who they are on their own sports hat or bucket hat.

### 8 Jean (Denim) Design

Using blue jeans as their own "canvas", students work individually and in teams to create their own pair of jeans that speaks to their style, imagination, and individuality.

### 9 Skateboard Design

In this truly hands-on class, students develop a background and set of images that they paint on their own skateboard deck. They then assemble all skateboard components for street or skate park use, or simply as a showcase piece that they can display at school or home.

### 10 Cultural Arts (Multi-Project)

The cultural arts, self-expression and identity, and an array of materials come together as students make a minimum of 6 projects ranging from mosaics, birdhouse designs, and stained glass to ceramics, "La Loteria", and others.



## **Contact Us**

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to obtain pricing  
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