Latino Leadership Council Client Impact Stories – YOUTH

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Mariela

Our youth team first met Mariela in our Parent Project Junior's class, where she opened up about depression relating to her home life, school and self. Through participation in Parent Project and YEAGA, Mariela has learned to embrace and love herself fully. After learning to love herself, her relationships with others began to vastly improve. In particular her relationship with her mom has completely changed and they are finally at a place where they can communicate with love and understanding.

"The Parent Project Program helped my mom recover from past hurt and difficult times, showing her that there are people out there she can lean on. This realization has given my mom and I the opportunity to rebuild our relationship and for that I am so grateful. The LLC has shown us that we will always have a support system in our community and that we are not alone."



Jaimie

Jaimie was a participant in our Parent Project Junior's class when our youth team noticed she could use some additional support outside of the class. Jaimie had been facing communication challenges with their mom, which led to difficulties succeeding in school and forming authentic bonds with their peers. Our youth team worked together to create a plan to work with Jaimie 1:1 and at their most recent meeting, Jaimie shared that she has now gained the necessary communication skills to drastically improve her relationship with her mom and peers. Today, Jaimie is thriving on campus, doing well on her coursework, and forming lasting friendships. Jaimie's attitude has shifted to a more positive one and we are excited to see her continue to grow into a happy young adult!

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Citalli

Big shoutouts to one of our Youth Leaders, Citlalli, who was recently selected to serve as a Youth Action Committee member with the Sac Kids First coalition. In this position, Citlalli will work towards making positive change for youth in the City of Sacramento.

"I am looking forward to be able to have a voice for the youth in Sacramento" Citlalli says. "LLC has helped me to network and has always been very helpful with providing opportunities and support whenever needed."

Leadership development is at the forefront of all our youth activities. We hope to continue to see Latina/o youth grow their leadership capacities and become agents of change in their communities!