

Latino Leadership Council Client Impact Stories – FAMILY SUPPORT

2022



Fatima

Prior to moving to the United States, Fatima was living in El Salvador with an abusive partner. After becoming pregnant, she decided to stop living in fear and move to California in hopes of a better life for her and her baby. Upon arriving in Placer County, Fatima was referred to us and her Promotora quickly got to work connecting her to various resources including food, clothing, housing, and more. Fatima is now back on her feet and her and her daughter Mia are safe and adjusting to their new life together.

"I'm very thankful for the Latino Leadership Council and their Promotores. I was going through the darkest period of my life and just when I thought I'd never see the light again, guided me to a better future for myself and my daughter."



Jerika

When Jerika was referred to us by CPS, she was going through a difficult period in her life. She was scared, confused and feeling misunderstood by the language and cultural barriers between her, and the social worker assigned to her case. Everything changed when Jerika was connected to a Promotora, who not only spoke her language, but also understood her and her cultural background and beliefs. After working with her Promotora, Jerika began attending parenting classes where she learned how to be a better, more understanding parent, and woman in general. Jerika is also now regularly attending Superación Personal and working with her daughter to build their relationship to be stronger than ever.

"My family and I are still working through our differences, but the Latino Leadership Council gave me the tools I needed to be a better mother. I know I can count on this organization to help me if I ever need support again."



Lucy

Lucy, a single mom came to us in need of support. With the holidays coming up, Lucy was concerned about being able to give her daughter the Christmas she deserved. Her Promotora moved quickly to gather donations of clothes, toys and food to help Lucy and her daughter feel loved and cared for this holiday season. Lucy was so grateful for the support and her daughter was so appreciative of her new clothes and toys!

"Thank you so much for helping me to give my daughter a Christmas this year. It has been hard to keep a roof over our heads by myself so your extra help with food and clothes means more than you know."

Virdiana



Virdiana and her husband made the decision to participate in Roseville Parent Project to improve communication with their children and improve their overall bond as a family. They had been struggling to manage their emotions and effectively handle their children's behavior issues, so when they heard about Parent Project, they were excited to learn better ways to handle difficult situations. Overall, they are grateful the experience provided them with the tools they needed to come together as a family.

"The LLC's Parent Project class taught us how to manage our feelings and communicate better with our children. Since taking the class, our family dynamic has changed for the better as we have become more attentive, affectionate and appreciative of each other."

Laura



Laura recently arrived in the area with her two daughters and just the clothes on their backs after escaping an abusive relationship in Chicago. With the help of her aunt, a former client of the LLC, Laura was quickly connected to a Promotora. Laura's Promotora quickly worked to provide them with food, clothes and other essentials to help them begin to settle in. Laura and her daughters are now connected to therapy and look forward to healing together in this new chapter of their lives.

"I cannot thank the LLC enough for all the support my family and I have received. Your amazing organization came into my life at a time when I felt alone and hopeless. Your support has made this new life achievable for us."

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Ruiz Family



The Ruiz family came to the LLC as a CPS referral for IPV. Promotora Nidia was assigned the case and followed up with a home visit where she discovered that Mrs. Ruiz mom and her live-in boyfriend had been making life difficult for the Ruiz's forcing them to get a divorce and separate. The separation took a large toll on Mrs. Ruiz, causing her mental health to deteriorate and eventually leave her mother's home with her two children. The Ruiz's eventually reconciled which prompted Mrs. Ruiz's mom to call CPS in an attempt to separate the Ruiz's again. At the home visit, the Ruiz's new home was unfurnished which caused them to worry about possibly losing the children. Promotora Nidia and the LLC stepped up to collect donations from the community and other partners to help furnish the Ruiz's home. In just one week, we had delivered furniture, sheets/pillowcases, diapers and other necessities to the family. The Ruiz girls are now enrolled in pre-school, Mrs. Ruiz is back in therapy and family is enrolled in parent project.

"Thank you so much for all your support during this period of transition and reconciliation for our family, we could not have made the positive strides that we have if not for the support of our Promotora Nidia and the LLC."



Lourdes

Lourdes came to the LLC last year, and Promotora Lissett was able to set her up with emergency Medi-Cal, helped her to complete the necessary hospital charity forms provided weekly food boxes to Lourdes and her family.

In order to keep her visa, Lourdes had to return to Mexico for a couple of months and brought Lissett a token of appreciation.

Lourdes and her family are doing much better and know that if they ever need services again, they have a support system in the LLC.

"Thank you for all the support you gave me last year. My family and I would not have been able to get through this time without all the services we received from the LLC."

2019

Moreno Family



Claudia and her husband Rafael have a wonderful daughter, Dayanara. However, issues at home had been starting to affect their relationship as a family, but that is now changing after taking our Parent Project class.

Claudia says, "after taking the Parent Project courses, I have come to better understand how I should be raising my daughter. In hearing other parents discuss the different manners in which they chose to discipline their children that ultimately backfired, I hope to learn from their mistakes. I have made changes to better understand my daughter and have let her know that I don't want to be the best mother in the world, but the one she needs."

Rafael says, "I used to take my daughter for granted. I would come home late and not pay attention to what she needed from me. I would promise her things only to break that promise.

I found it easy to skip her events and not make time to talk to her. However, after participating in Parent Project, I have learned that my lack of involvement in my daughter's life will only make things worse in the future. I now try to make time to talk to my daughter after I get home from work, keep my promises and overall just pay more attention to her. I am looking forward to learning more about positively changing my relationship with my daughter."

Dayanara has also expressed her satisfaction with the youth courses. She states, *"Parent Project has helped me to understand both my parents and myself better."*

Adriana



After going through a separation that was affecting her relationship with her 16-year-old son, Nathan, Adriana had a conversation with her sister in which they both decided to attend the LLC's Parent Project. Adriana and her son will completed the 16-week course in early 2020 and are excited to see how their relationship will continue to grow as they apply what they have learned.

"The classes have helped me understand what my son is going through. I have noticed a change in both myself and my son - our communication and treatment of one another has greatly improved. I am really happy about the positive changes we have made and I would highly recommend the Parent Project to other families looking to improve their relationships."



Rudy

Admirable are the fathers who are willing to give it their all for their children.

Rudy is one of the many fathers the Latino Leadership Council has had the honor to work with and who, like many hardworking immigrant fathers, has fought to provide his daughters with a better lifestyle than he had. Rudy came to us looking for resources to help in his search of a better life for his two daughters.

Rudy is a single father with limited English and yet, this has not been an obstacle for him. He is currently fighting for custody of his two girls, going above and beyond in making sure that his girls have all their needs met. The Latino Leadership Council has been able to assist him in accomplishing this by helping to get them health insurance, medical specialists, therapy, school supplies and accommodations, parent project classes, and legal support among other things. Rudy has shown he is an exceptional father who cares and loves his daughters and we are more than grateful to help him attain a better life for his children.

Maria



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In June 2019, we were referred to Maria's family by one of our partner agencies. Maria's husband had been battling stomach cancer that was eventually determined to be terminal. Our Promotora Nidia Russi worked closely with the family and fought to get them culturally sensitive hospice care. Sadly, Maria's husband passed away in October leaving her a widow to their three children. As she had been the main caretaker of her husband, Maria had been unable to work and was very worried about how she was going to provide for her family. Maria's brother-in-law, Norcal MHA and the LLC worked together to donate money, household items and food so Maria's family could get through the first two weeks of her husband's passing. Currently, the family is receiving therapy, Nidia helped get Maria's two boys signed up for shop with a cop, Nidia is also working with the family to get the kids signed up for RPAL and Maria is now working part-time to help support her family.