

Latino Leadership Council Client Impact Stories – MAMI Y YO / FIRST5

2023



Alejandro

Alejandro graduated from our Mami y Yo program last year and is now in Kindergarten. His mom reached out to our facilitators to let them know that while he is sad he no longer attends Mami y Yo, he is thriving at school with all the tools the program gave him. She is so proud of how prepared her son is for school and is thankful for all the support and education Mami y Yo gave to Alejandro.

"Thank you for all the support you give to our Latino community, it was a great pleasure to be part of the Mami y Yo program, and thank you for helping Alejandro prepare for school. I love seeing how much he loves to learn and how he continues to grow from the seeds you helped us plant when he was in your program."

2021



Norma

Norma was referred to Mami y Yo in March of 2021. She had been looking for a program for her 4 year-old son after the pandemic shut down his pre-school, which was a very difficult time for both of them. Since joining the program in March, Norma and her son participate every week in the readings and activities. At the group's last in person meeting, Norma's son said, "I love my school and my teachers." Norma expressed gratitude to the Mami y Yo facilitators for making school and learning fun and exciting for her son especially after the crazy year of isolation due to the pandemic.

"I love the Mami y Yo group because it allows my 4 year-old son to feel as if he is going to school even if it is just virtually at the moment. I love working on the activities with him and seeing how much he enjoys learning."

2020



Katie

"I am so happy to have found the LLC's Mami y Yo group. It brings me joy that my son likes to participate in the group because they offer us so many fun activities every month. He loves all the art projects and I love that he is not only having fun, but also constantly learning new skills that are helping to prepare him for school."

2019



Paula

Paula came to us about 2 years ago when she first found out she was pregnant with her first child. She was very scared and nervous as she had had a few miscarriages in the past and wanted to make sure she had the proper prenatal care this time around. The Latino Leadership Council connected her with all the services and support she would need to have a healthy baby from when she first contacted us all the way to the first few months after the birth of her daughter. Paula believed that that would be her first and only child and she was very grateful to the LLC for all the help and support provided. We thought that was the end of her story until she recently called one of our Promotoras, Celina, to announce the amazing news that she was expecting yet again and thanks to us she knew exactly what to do and how to prepare. She let Celina know that she had already applied for Medi-Cal and even had her follow up scheduled. It's stories like this that remind us why it's important to not only support our families,

but to educate them as well so that one day they will not need us to succeed.