



"They put me in a positive direction"

Anonymous Client Story from April 2007

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"Rosario" came to the Early Childhood program through the LSA Food Pantry. She was referred because she seemed overwhelmed by her life. She had two young children and she lived with them and her husband in one room of an apartment that belonged to one of his relatives. He sent most of his earnings back to Mexico and was very controlling. Her son was already in school and her toddler daughter was referred to the LSA Toddler Nursery. "Rosario" was seen by a psychiatrist who diagnosed depression and prescribed medication which she refused to take. She soon had a third child, a girl who was later referred to LSA's Early Intervention Program (EI).

Through EI, "Rosario" finally received the counseling she needed. She was able to find an apartment in the neighborhood near her husband's family and he agreed to move. Her son is in a public school program for gifted children. The youngest child aged out of EI and went on to a Head Start with no further services needed. Her husband is less resistant to her connection to LSA now and he often picks up the children from an after school arts program here. "Rosario" shows a lifted affect and is studying English as a Second Language (ESL) at the agency, where she is making new friends. Her lifted depression has had a markedly positive effect on her little girls.

