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Profile

I was born in Mexico and immigrated to El Paso, TX at the age of seven. I lived in poverty and was challenged with the language barrier. Through hard work, passion, dedication and determination, I overcame these obstacles. I lived in El Paso for 21 years before relocating to Lynden, WA due to my husband's job. For five years I chose to stay home to be a full time parent of two wonderful boys ages 9 and 13, thus giving me the opportunity to volunteer in their schools. I am a driven woman with extensive determination and energy playing a vital role in a seventh grade team of teachers. I am fluent in Spanish; skilled at communicating and developing relationships with students and their families. I possess excellent written and oral communication skills in both Spanish and English. I am a fast learner, responsible, work well with others, and am punctual.

Education

Para-Educator Professional Development Courses

- Growth Mindset
- Supporting Organizational Skill Development
- ELL: General Understanding
- ELL: Avoiding Common Pitfalls
- ELL: Strategies and Techniques for Student Success
- Assisting Students in the Development of Social Skills
- Brain-Based Learning (Part I)

El Paso Community College El Paso, TX

Early Childhood Education - 87 Credits

Experience

ELL Para-Educator, Lynden Middle School 2013-present

- Collaborate with math, science, language arts and history teachers to differentiate learning
- Assist in setting up English language acquisition for non-English speaking students
- Form relationships, provide constant positive praise, and challenge students for best efforts
- Serve as the 7th grade Access supervisor
- Coordinate after school Homework Help Program that serves Hispanic students
- Collaborate with administration, teachers and other professionals, and acting as a liaison to enhance relationships with our entire Hispanic community
- Inquire home about student absences, communicate student needs for organization and homework signatures, set up teacher-parent meetings and student led conferences, gain parent approval for schedule changes, confirm sports information and provide positive messages of student successes
- Translate for teachers and administration for families of general education, special education and life-skills students
- Collaborate with teachers to engage parents in monthly after school meetings
- Serve as a school-wide coordinator for 6-8th grade Hispanic family gatherings

Skills and Interests

- Member of Bernice Vossbeck Elementary Parent Learning Improvement Team
- Teachers Aid at St. Joseph Catholic Church
- Strengthening Families Facilitator