A Model of Support for Children, Families, and Communities

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Our children have many different faces

And as our families grow in diversity....

....So must our services

That is why ParentLink has added:

WarmLine with Focus Areas

- People seeking nutrition information
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Young parents who are unwed
- Incarcerated Parents
- People who are Spanish-Speaking
The Need for Spanish-Speaking WarmLine

“Current demographics show that the Latino population is the largest and fastest growing ethnic group in the U.S. (U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002).”


“By 2050, the Latino population is predicted to account for more than 30 percent of the U.S. population. Once regarded as an ‘invisible’ minority, Latinos are becoming more and more visible” (Taylor & Behnke, 2005)


ECOLOGICAL MODEL

At the “heart” of our work is the...

And the significant other(s) that care for the child

And at the Meso Level....

...We are helping parents access resources

Connecting to Resources

Where families frequent
Successful outcomes depend on:
- Resources
- Perception

Research reveals that acculturation* among Latinos is related to higher parental stress, and in turn may be related to parenting that tends to be stricter and more punitive (Dumka, Prost, & Barrera, 1999).

*“Acculturation has been defined as a social and psychological process that is characterized by immigrants’ acceptance of a new mainstream culture” (Berry, 1997).