

**Centro Familiar**



**CENTRO FAMILIAR  
VIDA NUEVA**

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I am excited to share with you about our center's work in the Hispanic community of Indianapolis. As director of Centro Familiar Vida Nueva, it has been my privilege to witness the flow of dedicated Hispanic children, young people, and adults into our Center for the past eight years. They visit our center because Centro Familiar Vida Nueva believes that Hispanic immigrants to Indianapolis need a safe, friendly place where they can find the education, resources and services which will enable them to realize their goals here in their new home. These opportunities are frequently out of reach for this population due to fear, ignorance, and cultural differences. Centro Familiar Vida Nueva strives to be a Christian point of contact for Hispanics on the west side of Indianapolis by providing classes, services, aid and resources for the whole family in a Spanish speaking, culturally sensitive environment. We have seen many lives empowered and transformed as individuals gain skills and confidence to find success in the community.

Centro Familiar Vida Nueva offers programs such as GED preparation in Spanish, beginner and intermediate English as a Second Language classes, computer classes for children and adults, children's programs such as Kids Klub and Mi Club de Libros, as well as a free legal clinic and a food pantry. We are proud of the way we have been able to collaborate with many community groups such as the IMCPL, Indy Reads, March of Dimes, Wishard Hospital, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, area churches, and many others. We also have a really exciting summer program funded through the Summer Youth Program Fund that continues to involve our children with their community.

We would be very interested in inviting you to our Center. If a site visit would fit into your schedule, it would be our pleasure to have you as our guest. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call upon me at the Center.

Stacy Peñalva  
Director, Centro Familiar Vida Nueva

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