



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

- o People seeking nutrition information
- o Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- o Young parents who are unwed
- o Incarcerated Parents
- o 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).”

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“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)

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At the “heart” of our work is the...



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



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And at the Meso Level....



... We are helping parents access resources



Connecting to Resources

Where families frequent



Family Stress Theory

Event → **Outcome**
 Positive?
 Negative?

Family Stress Theory

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).

---More about the ParentLink WarmLine ---



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