

FOCUS AREA: INCOME

CHILD CARE RECRUITMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES



CHILD CARE CONSULTANTS, INC.

At age 19, Dinorah Jerez left her home in the Dominican Republic and came to America to attend college and study as a pastry chef. Although she enjoyed her work, it was not as fulfilling as she wished and so she and her husband decided to become foster parents. In 2009, they added their first foster child to their family.

As their own family of 3 boys (one who has special needs), grew, Dinorah realized she wanted to be able to be home with her children so she stopped work to become a relative/neighbor provider. She kept 3 children, in addition to her own and her foster children, during the day. It was then that Dinorah attended her first class at Child Care Consultants.

After she completed her KidSafe class, she decided that she wanted to expand the amount of care that she could offer and she became registered. After finishing the process of getting registered, Dinorah enrolled into our “Connections to Caregiving” class where she learned about all aspects of running her own home child care business. Once she completed the class she immediately began implementing all that she had learned including, budgeting, marketing and how to make her home safe for children.

In 2014, Dinorah enrolled in our P.A.C.E. training and mentoring program. Her involvement in this class started with a visit by the Provider Specialist to complete an ERS (Environmental Rating Scale) assessment of her home business. This provided her with insight on where she could grow as a provider. Throughout the course of the P.A.C.E. class, Dinorah was able to take the things she had learned and implement them into her business.

Today, Dinorah has a full enrollment of children under age three along with a waiting list. She credits her continued success to the classes she took at Child Care Consultants. She says, “These programs help so much for the new providers. They let you know if this job is right for you and they teach you things like where to get insurance and how to deal with the stress of the job.” Dinorah also likes the fact that she got to connect with other providers during class, share ideas and brainstorm together for ways to make their businesses better.

Dinorah has continued her passion for helping children by enrolling in Keystone STARS and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. She continues to attend many trainings and participates in the provider networking group.

Dinorah says the greatest enjoyment of her job is watching the children grow and learn. And because her group is all age three and under, she sees the children in her care make great strides each day. She loves being able to be home with her own family, yet earn money from her business. Dinorah is currently looking for a new location so that she can expand her business into a Group Child Care. She believes this job is her calling and that she would not be where she is today without the help of Child Care Consultants and the United Way.

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