



La Voz de Esperanza (The Voice of Hope): A Family-Run Organization in Kane County, Illinois

La Voz de Esperanza (The Voice of Hope) is a bilingual Family-Run Organization serving Latino families across Kane County in the Chicago suburbs. The organization originated in 2021 as the Kane County Health Department Parent Council and later evolved into an independent 501(c)(3) rooted in lived experience, cultural humility, and family leadership. Built by parents who have navigated behavioral health systems for their own children, La Voz works to ensure Latino families have accessible supports and a network of parents with shared experience.

La Voz provides peer support, healing circles, and resource navigation designed to strengthen family mental health and increase access to care. Services are delivered in both Spanish and English through culturally responsive, trauma-informed practices that create safe and welcoming environments for parents, youth, and caregivers. Through workshops, peer gatherings, community conversations and collaborations with organizations such as Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI), families build advocacy skills, reduce isolation, and strengthen intergenerational connections. Staff and parent leaders serve as trusted cultural bridges, helping families interpret complex systems while ensuring providers better understand the lived realities of the communities they serve.

Additionally, La Voz works closely with schools, churches, healthcare providers, and community-based organizations throughout Kane County to improve coordination between families and service systems. These partnerships help ensure families receive accurate information, timely referrals, and culturally appropriate support for children's behavioral health.

La Voz grew out of a community leadership movement and continues to operate with family voice at the center of decision-making. Parent leaders help shape programming, share knowledge with other caregivers, and strengthen trust between families and local institutions.

By providing bilingual support, culturally grounded programming, and strong community partnerships, La Voz de Esperanza helps Latino families access services earlier and engage more confidently with the systems designed to support their children.

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“We are not a program – we are a community-led movement built by families, for families.”



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