



MISSOURI JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

Latinos represent one of the most dynamic and diverse racial/ethnic groups in the United States. In just a few decades, there has been a dramatic impact of the Latino population on the demography of this country



Nidia A Lopez was born and raised in Colima, a rural, coastal town in Mexico. At the age of 13, a coyote smuggled Nidia along with her mother and 9 month-old brother across the border to reunite with her father who was working in the United States. After settling in the Midwest, Nidia earned a Bachelor of Arts/Science degree in Psychology from Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Missouri. She has dedicated more than 13 years of her career to advocacy, most recently in the Migrant Education Program, working with at-risk youth helping families access resources and teaching parents how to advocate for their children's education to increase high school graduation rates. Currently she is working in Communications for the Kansas Department of Labor, focusing on messaging to the Spanish speaking community through the Spanish media across the state. She is also an active advocate for the immigrant and LGBTQ+ community.

Nidia will be providing 6 Latino Lunchtime Learning sessions on topics requested by you and other court personnel. Each session will begin promptly at noon and last 45 minutes. All are encouraged to attend! The zoom link for the series can be found below.

CALENDAR OF LATINO LUNCHTIME LEARNING SERIES

Thursday, February 24th Latino Family Values and Cultural Norms Part 1

Nidia will discuss demographics, a culture within a culture, their language, and religion.

Thursday, April 28th Latino Family Values and Cultural Norms Part 2

Nidia will discuss achieving cultural competency, understanding assimilation in urban vs rural areas.

Thursday, June 30th Motivating and Understanding the Latino Youth

Nidia will discuss supporting Latino youth in the system and in the community.

Thursday, August 25th Utilizing Translators and Translating Documents

Nidia will discuss the importance of bicultural competency, to google or not to google, literacy and language competency in the immigrant community.

Thursday, October 20th Immigration Basics

Nidia will discuss immigration 101, DACA, Asylum seeking, and TPS status.

Thursday, December 29th General Immigration Resources

Nidia will discuss local, regional, and national resources for immigrants.

To Join Zoom Meeting

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