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A Fond Farewell to an INMED Trailblazer

INMED bids a fond farewell and best wishes to Maria Elena Vasquez-Alvarez after more than 20 years of dedicated service to transforming the lives of Loudoun County's most vulnerable children and families. It is impossible to quantify the many ways that Maria has shaped the mission and culture of INMED's local programs, but here are a few highlights:

Maria was the long-time director of Healthy Families Loudoun, an intensive home visiting program facilitated by INMED Partnerships for Children to prevent child abuse and neglect. In her two decades of overseeing this program, Maria led a small but dedicated team of family support specialists who have large caseloads of families living below the poverty line as well as teen parents who need resources and nurturing mentors to raise healthy, self-reliant children. Under Maria's leadership, INMED's Healthy Families Loudoun program has consistently ranked among the top 5 child abuse prevention programs in the Healthy Families Virginia network.

Maria also was the founder, heart and soul of INMED's Family & Youth Opportunity Center in Sterling, VA, where she launched after-school and weekend STEM enrichment programs for at-risk children as well as parent education and support groups and workforce development classes for low-income adults. To the children and adults who rely on our Opportunity Center, Maria became a wise mentor and trusted friend.

Beyond the Opportunity Center, Maria generously shared her expertise with numerous other nonprofits, family service agencies and Chambers of Commerce, serving on advisory boards, committees and task force initiatives. Because of Maria, thousands of children are growing up in healthy, loving environments filled with opportunity.

We are forever grateful for Maria's tireless dedication to helping our neighbors in need and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Welcome, Paula Callaghan!



Please join us in welcoming Paula Callaghan to the INMED USA team. As our new Community Educator, she will expand the services of INMED USA to bridge the digital divide—especially for the most vulnerable families in Loudoun County.

With a degree in public relations from NUR University, Bolivia, Paula is passionate about education advocacy in both her professional and personal life. She is a true change agent, creating innovative programs for children and adults in under-served communities, particularly when there are language or economic barriers.

Professionally, Paula began her career in Loudoun County as a Parent Liaison for Loudoun County Public Schools. She also leads the outreach effort for the Loudoun Free Clinic to serve the uninsured in our community. During COVID-19, Paula has filled the information gap for families who needed information about education options, precautions to keep families safe during the pandemic and access to community resources, such as food distribution in Spanish. We are thrilled to have Paula on our INMED USA team!

Congratulations, Cecilia and Rosa!



Cecilia Diaz-Yap
Program Manager, Healthy Families Loudoun



Rosa Tobar
Community Response Coordinator

We would like to recognize two rising stars on our INMED USA team, who were recently promoted to new positions. Cecilia Diaz-Yap has spent the past several years as the Home Visitation Supervisor of our Healthy Families Loudoun program. Under her direction, participating families have consistently achieved program goals for healthy child development, financial literacy and ZERO founded reports of child abuse or neglect. As Program Manager, Cecilia will be responsible for managing our family support specialists as well as meeting rigorous compliance requirements for accreditation by Healthy Families Virginia.

Rosa Tobar has been promoted from Program Assistant to Community Outreach

Coordinator. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Rosa has been instrumental in organizing and distributing donations of food and daily essentials to families in need. She is a master of logistics, always has a smile for everyone and is a vital member of the INMED team.

Please leave your own congratulatory comment for these ladies on our Instagram and Facebook posts.

Help Wanted: Program Development Coordinator



INMED USA is seeking a Program Development Coordinator to work with our Director and other program staff to identify areas of need in our community and ways to address those needs by recruiting volunteers and community partners to create programming.

The Program Development Coordinator's primary responsibilities include recruiting, training, supervising and retaining program volunteers and staff, as well as engaging community partners to expand our opportunities. Hours are flexible and teleworking is authorized.

Travel pay is authorized as needed. This can be a full- or part-time position as determined by INMED's US Programs Director. [CLICK HERE](#) to receive more information or to apply.

Community Partner Spotlight: Under Her



Feminine hygiene products are one of life's essentials for women, but they're a luxury for women living on a shoestring. Under Her, a local nonprofit advocacy group, believes all women deserve the right to these products, regardless of the cost.

Founder Shaye Brooks had her volunteers regularly donate a variety of feminine hygiene products to our Opportunity Center—and our program participants are extremely grateful! Follow this amazing group on Facebook at [@therealunderher](#).

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