



Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families and Communities

First Spanish Training

The first **Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families & Communities** language training for facilitators was given in Seattle, WA (USA) sponsored by the Non-Profit Assistance Center (NAC), initiated by Judy De Barros. In November 2005, 15 people successfully completed the training at St. James Church in White Center.

All 15 continued to meet during 2006, as part of the contract with NAC, and started to give their parent groups together and individually. Linda Reyes-Songer, who gave the 5-Day Facilitator training, has continued to be involved with group fund-raising, support and “refresher” trainings in Spanish. All groups are meeting regularly, helping each other organize Spanish language parent groups and provide support and encouragement.

Notable persons are Maria Reyna, her brother Jose Reyna, and Ivonne Heber. Maria has provided many parent groups throughout King County, and Snohomish County. She has assisted other people in her group to become certified facilitators. She along with her brother Jose are a great resource and have returned to speak to and encourage others to move ahead with giving classes, and to become active members in their communities.

Ivonne Heber has given a number of classes and single-handedly translated the first Child Activities Manual into Spanish. She did a great job of it.

