

Evelyn Torres

My name is Evelyn Torres. I am a divorced mother of 4 children, and a grandmother of 5 children. Currently, I live in the western region of the state with my 18 y.o. daughter and my grandson. I came to the United States from Puerto Rico 6 years ago to look for better opportunities. When my 18 year-old daughter was 12, she began to have problems at school and the school referred me to the juvenile court to look for help. DCF became involved with my family because my daughter got pregnant when she was a minor.

I was referred to Supportive Housing for Families by my DCF worker because I was homeless and my daughter was living in a residential program in Hartford with my grandson. My daughter was waiting for me to find an apartment so that she could discharge home with me.

I am thankful that DCF referred me to the program because I finally got a decent apartment to be with my daughter and grandson. I wanted to raise my grandson in a safe place. Supportive Housing for Families helps me with my goals and getting them done. Supportive Housing gives me support and helps me to get my income stable. I like talk with my Case Manager about my life. She helps encourage me to look for better opportunities and gives me that push that I need sometimes.

I believe that programs like Supportive Housing for Families should continue to receive funding from the State of Connecticut so that other families like mine can receive help and get stable housing to raise their children. Some families need help to keep their families together because they don't have the income to keep nice, safe homes.

I want to be able to one day support myself and my family. Without Supportive Housing for Families; I don't know where I would have gone. Now I am working 2 jobs and living in a nice, safe, apartment with my family. Thank you again for all the help that I received from DCF and Supportive Housing for families.