

## **Neisy Rodriguez**

### **Case Manager**

Neisy Rodriguez is an experienced child development specialist, licensed with the Illinois State Board of Education with additional certifications earned from the American Heart Association, American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Illinois Action for Children, and Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA).

Neisy earned her Associate's degree from Moraine Valley Community College and Bachelor of Arts from Saint Xavier University with a major in psychology and a minor in sociology. During her studies, Neisy gained research experience focused on autobiographical memory, working in both English and Spanish with study participants of varying abilities and ages from 50+ years. This inspired Neisy's appreciation and abilities as an advocate and community researcher.

As a case manager with LiftUp Communities Neisy supports researching and vetting available resources for the community and utilizes her creative influence to aid in the planning and implementation of family-centered programs/workshops solutions to help influence positive behavioral health and conditions.

Neisy was born and raised in Chicago, the oldest of four siblings born to Hispanic parents of Puerto Rican and Guatemalan descent. She is the proud mother of beautiful twin sons, aged 12 (going on *20-I'll-tell-YOU-what's-up*). She is committed to helping others break barriers and enjoys encouraging others to make progress towards their personal growth.