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CalWORKs Newsletter

• Testimonial •

"My family is in a high financial need like never before. I would not be in school if the

CalWORKs/GAIN program would not be supporting me. At the same time, the opportunities to get a better job would not be in my plans because before I got in the CalWORKs program I was getting hopeless. The work-study opportunity helped me when I became homeless to go back to a place on my own with my family. My goal is to positively impact other families in the future and be able to give back all what I am getting for this great support. The staff was always supportive and demonstrated this by caring for the needs of myself, as a student and my family.. The workshops, orientation and guidance from the CalWORKs program has made a difference in the way I see education, and that is why I am not going to stop until I take my life to the next level. I feel proud of saying that I am a CalWORKs student, because I am getting the best support to get a better future."

Monica Campos – LAMC Student Child Development Major

• Community Partners •

Neighborhood Legal Services –NLS is available to research legal issues arising out of work with CalWORKs recipients, and represents individual students serving the San Fernando, San Gabriel and Antelope Valleys.

Child and Family Center – Provides quality mental health and behavioral and educational services for children and families to help them reach their full potential for becoming responsible individuals.

Homeless CalWORKs Family Project – A board approved project whose goal is to locate CalWORKs homeless families - stabilize them and remove mental health barriers to employment and housing.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS TO LAMC CALWORKS</u> STUDENT!

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Tiffany Gonzales – a CalWORKs student at Los Angeles Mission College, is one of the ten recipients of *California Community Colleges CalWORKs Association Scholarship.* Ms. Gonzales' bio was nominated and accepted to be included in a *Portrait of Student Success* statewide publication.

Tiffany, is a single mother of three of which two children are autistic. Motivated by them, she has decided to go back to school to get an education and one day not only work with children with special needs but also be an advocate. Tiffany is



majoring in Child Development, and just recently she became a recipient of the Dean's and President's Honor Awards for having a 4.0 GPA. Last Christmas, she was adopted by LAMC's Counseling Department and was presented with a generous gift from the staff. We want to recognize the counseling group that participated and thank them for the kindness that they have bestowed upon a student who is working exceptionally hard to accomplish her goals.



Counseling and CalWORKs Staff with Tiffany Gonzales

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The LAMC CalWORKs program provides comprehensive array of support services to students. The services include but are not limited to, on and off-campus work study, processing book and supply requests, on and off-campus child care, job development and placement, one-on-one case management and referrals to community resources; all of which assist the students to successfully complete their education and transition from dependency to self sufficiency.