

# The Developmental Disabilities Family Clinics Grupo SALTO

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# **The Developmental Disabilities Family Clinics Bilingual Specialty Services**

- **Bilingual and bicultural services for diagnostics and treatment**
- **Support and education for parents who have children within the Autism spectrum disorder**
- **Training and consultation in the community**

# The Developmental Disabilities Family Clinics

Groups offered vary depending on time of the year and interest. For information about current, and future groups, contact: Intake: 312-413-1593

- **Social Skills Groups:** School age, and HS. Learn about social skills in a fun and interactive environment.
- **Social Language Group:** Younger children learn to initiate interactions.
- **Early Learners Group:** Support geared toward younger children with less language.
- **Games Group:** Practice turn – taking, following rules, initiating conversation, and listening

# My sons: Carlos, David y Luis



# **Grupo SALTO** (Latino Autism Society working with Autism)

- **Grupo SALTO is a non-profit organization dedicated to provide support for families who have children with an autism spectrum disorder and whose primary language is Spanish. The main purpose of the group is to provide training, information, resources, education, and support for parents and their children on a monthly basis.**
- **Was co-founded by Dr. Elina R. Manghi (RIP), and Latino parents of children with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), and the Hispanic program staff from the UIC Developmental Disabilities Family Clinics (DDFC) in 2003.**



# **Grupo SALTO**

## **A Latino emphasis in autism:**

**With over 550 registered families, Grupo SALTO has become the largest organization for Latino families with ASD in Illinois, and possibly the United States.**

**An average of 45-75 families attend the third Saturday of each month; as well as 35-45 children, adolescents, and adults who participate in different programs, such as child-care, arts & crafts, social group, and visual art.**

**Since its inception Grupo SALTO has obtained several collaborations and success stories.**



# Grupo SALTO Collaborations

- **Monthly Educational Sessions: Parents receive updated information on topics of interest with the collaboration of different individuals and organizations.**
- **Parents Taking Action / Promotoras de Salud is a research study developed by Dr. Sandy Magaña from DDHD at UIC for Latino parents who have a child or children with an autism spectrum disorder.**



# Grupo SALTO Collaborations

- Tu y Yo (Child to Child international concept) Program where young adults with high functioning autism will share their experiences through presentations in the community about myths and facts on autism, their experiences, e.g. bullying, schooling, jobs.
- Advocay
  - April 16: On April 2 Governor Bruce Rauner cancelled state funding for TAP. In response people all over the state mobilized to protest this decision. In mid April Grupo Salto Tu Y Yo members travelled to Springfield to urge congressmen to continue supporting TAP.





# Volunteers make this Program Possible



# Picnic in July and End of the Year Family Party



# Autism Walk

