



Rosalia Fajardo, is the founder and Executive Director of The Multicultural Family and Education Center (MFEC). She has spent the last 20 years working in the Latino community on issues of empowerment through advocacy for equal rights on access special and regular education for Latinos, promoting development of the small business for entrepreneurs of diverse background “her passion”, a leader and partner of national organizations. Dr. Fajardo believes that ensure that all children will have access to a great education and successful life, through family, school, community and business partnerships. MFCF programs are not limited to what happens in school. Dr. Fajardo believes that the family, schools, communities, and businesses must work together, not only with schools to promote student academic success, as well as positive children's health, wellness, and opportunities. Through information and partnerships families and their children will see how their hopes and dreams can become their future realities. She has been active in Education, promoting development of the small business for Latinas, and providing access to college, parenting education, health advocacy, immigrant advocacy, special education, literacy initiatives and emergency response. She is the recipient of the 2009 SCAN award, and numerous community recognitions. She served as Outreach Director of the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center and the Virginia Parent Information Center (PIRC) Latino Outreach. Dr. Fajardo has received numerous accolades for her efforts to inform Latino families that they are their children’s first and most important advocate. Dr. Fajardo was the first bilingual professional monitoring compliance of the Individual Disabilities Act as special adviser to the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Special Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Her background includes serving as a human rights investigator in Colombia, her country of birth.