



Grief Counseling & Education for Latinx by Latinx

**Duelo Latino provides
FREE GRIEF SUPPORT in SPANISH.**

MISSION

HEALING IN COMMUNITY.

We co-create inclusive, accessible, bilingual spaces to **share & heal our grief**.

VISION

We embrace our interculturality & strength in community.

WE LEARN ABOUT GRIEF TOGETHER.

We journey toward **healing, hope & joy**.

Duelo Latino provee APOYO de DUELO en ESPAÑOL gratuito.

MISIÓN

SANANDO EN COMUNIDAD.

Juntos creamos espacios inclusivos, accesibles, bilingües para **compartir y sanar nuestro duelo**.

VISIÓN

Acogemos nuestra interculturalidad y fortaleza en comunidad.

APRENDEMOS JUNTOS SOBRE EL DUELO.

Nos acompañamos hacia la **sanación, esperanza y felicidad**.

WHY

NO Spanish-language grief support exists in the state of Virginia. Duelo Latino meets a long-standing need in our growing Latinx population & effectively reduces disparities in healthcare. We accept referrals from individuals & professionals with local, state & national agencies, organizations & nonprofits. We screen our clients to better serve them & to connect them with additional resources through our community partners. We collaborate with a range of clinical, social service, educational, religious & civic organizations, including Sacred Heart Center, Virginia Victims Assistance Network, INOVA Health System, Virginia Department of Health, Department of Social Services, Latinos in Virginia Center for Empowerment, Virginia Public Schools, VCU Health, Bon Secours Mercy Health, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, Daily Planet, Richmond Police Department, & more.

How

Because we are hurt in relationship, we can only heal in relationship. **Duelo Latino fosters safe, sacred spaces for Latinx grievers** to share their stories, relieve their pain, create community & receive **competent, FREE grief support & education**. For accessibility, **participants can choose either virtual or in-person groups**, for which limited childcare & transportation assistance are available, thanks to our partnership with Sacred Heart Center.

WHO

Rev. Igmara Sánchez Prunier, Duelo Latino's Founder & Co-Director, is a Board Certified Chaplain & Grief Counselor with 17+ years of experience in critical care, community & hospice settings in central Virginia. **Yozaira León-Santiago**, Duelo Latino's Co-Director, is a Licensed Professional Counselor with 16+ years of behavioral health experience in community, educational, immigration & law enforcement settings. Igmara & Yozaira recognized how the lack of Spanish-language counseling support has only grown more widespread because of Latinx population growth, culturally-specific barriers & lack of Spanish-speaking clinicians. As immigrants themselves, Igmara & Yozaira understand that the grief & loss experienced by Latinx communities is often multifactorial, generational & traumatic. These factors make grief more intractable for an already-underserved population. Igmara felt moved to create an accessible & sustainable program that could begin to address this disparity in a culturally-relevant manner. To that end, Duelo Latino will finalize incorporation process as a 501c3 nonprofit in 2025.

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