“who mentors” vale por 2!
Mexican Immigrant

- Raised and surrounded by strong females
  - Mom - Lorena Salinas
  - Aunt - Luisa Salinas
  - Grandmother - Esther Vega
  - Great Grandmother - Guadalupe Zendejas
- 1989 (10 yrs. old) and 1991 (12 yrs old)
Teenage years

Santa Ana  →  Anaheim
Adverse effects of teen pregnancy

- By age 22, only around 50 percent of teen mothers have received a high school diploma and only 30 percent have earned a General Education Development (GED) certificate, whereas 90 percent of women who did not give birth during adolescence receive a high school diploma.
- Only about 10 percent of teen mothers complete a two- or four-year college program.

https://youth.gov/youth-topics/pregnancy-prevention/adverse-effects-teen-pregnancy
Teen mother (NOT just another statistic)

- 15 yr. old run away
- 16 and pregnant
- You don’t belong here!
- (TAPP)Teenage Pregnancy & Parenting
- My mentor: Sharon Clizbe
- My mentor: Peg Lukkes
Fullerton College Student

- 1st generation college student
- “I’m just going to get my AA or a certificate”
  - My Mentor: Adela Lopez
- Cadena Transfer Center
- Northern California Trip to UCs
- My mentor: Sharon Clizbe
Do I really belong here?
Major: Psychology & Minor: Chicano Studies
Published by accident and persistence
  ○ In their own words: Pregnancy Prevention Needs of Latino Teen Mothers
In 2001 (Less than 3%) in 2017 (21%)

My schooling continued!

- 2003-2004  Teaching Credential
- 2007-2009  Masters in Education and Admin Credential
Educator for life!

2003-2010
Math Teacher

2010-2011
Dean

2011-2013
Dean

2013-2015
Assistant Principal

2015-Now
Assistant Principal
Lifelong learner and mentor
El Poder de la Mujer Latina:

- Equity is giving everyone what they need to be successful.
- Diversity is when you bring a variety of perspectives to the table to create a culture of innovation.
- Social justice is recognizing and acting upon the power that we have for making positive change.
MY MENTORS & MY MOTIVATION