



Latino Adult Education Services

LAES has developed a series of immigrant issue instructional modules entitled "Tierra de Oportunidad" for orientation to our complex society.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Survey "Women's Changing Roles"**

**1. Have you ever thought or talked with friends, family or co-workers about the following issues:**

	For each line, Please check the box that applies to you			
	Never	Once or twice	Often	Not Interested
a. that in the U.S. women often have to work full-time to make sure the family has enough money?				
b. the different ways families have to change in order to adapt to life in the U.S.?				
c. that some women don't always have close family members to rely on for help with needs or problems?				
d. that some conflicts or experiences will cause people to be upset or tense?				
e. that it is common for family members - husbands and wives, children and parents - to take their personal problems out on each other?				
f. the different types of pressures on individuals and families and the conflicts they stir up?				

**2. How important is it to find ways of approaching the following situations or issues either to help your friends or your family with:**

	For each line, Please check the box that applies to you				
How important is it to:	Not Very Important	A little Important	Very Important	Not Interested	Not Applicable
a. Children's problems at school and in the neighborhood?					
b. Tension or conflict between husbands and wives or between parents and children that is really					

caused by outside stress?					
c. Dealing with the changes life in the U.S. brings about in family life?					

**3. Please read the background and advise Laura on how she should talk to her daughter, Aura.**

*Background:* A husband and wife immigrated to the United States 16 years ago. They speak limited English. Their 3 children were born in the United States. Although the children understand and can speak Spanish, they are only willing to speak English. The parents want Spanish to be spoken at home. Aura, aged 14, has come home and wants to go out to the Mall with her friends. She tells her Mom-"Come on, Mom, all my friends are going. I need to fit in. They'll think I'm dumb if I don't go. I promise I'll help with dinner tomorrow night". Her mother wants her to spend some time with the family and stay to do her homework - she doesn't want her to go to the Mall. She knows Aura's Dad definitely will be displeased if she lets her go to the Mall. Please advise Laura on what she should say to her daughter:

a. What can she tell her daughter about why she shouldn't go to the Mall?

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b. What stresses is Aura feeling? And how can her mom help her with these?

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**4. How important is it for you to learn more about:**

	For each line, Please check the box that applies to you			
	Not Very Important	A Little Important	Quite Important	Have All the Information I need
a. how to decrease tension in families and communicate more effectively about it?				
b. how to discuss conflicting pressures in families, and develop new solutions to personal or family dilemmas?				
c. where people can go to get different kinds of help for personal or family problems?				
d. groups set up by women to help each other with the special problems they face?				
e. ways to communicate with your children and spouse in times of stress or conflict?				

f. how to interpret information (from television, radio, newspapers, flyers, brochures) to find the best place to get help or refer somebody else to it?				
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**5. What issues should the class focus on to better prepare people to deal with how women's lives are changing and what this means for individuals and families?**

I would like to learn:

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