



Dr. Villanueva

Dr. Villanueva was born and raised in New York City of Puerto Rican parents. She was educated in the public schools including City University of New York at Borough of Manhattan and Hostos Community Colleges as well as Lehman College where she minored in pre-med and received a Bachelor's degree in Puerto Rican Studies.

She was a single mother with three small children when she was accepted at and attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine where she received her Doctorate in Medicine. She was trained in Pediatrics at the Montefiore Medical Center's Residency for Social Medicine.

Since completing her residency, among other job functions, Dr. Villanueva has worked as a Primary Care Physician, Director of Adolescent Health, Pediatric Supervisor, Medical Director, Director of Grants and Special Projects and currently is Network Chief of Child and Adolescent Health at the Lutheran Family Health Centers in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, New York where she is leading the Lutherans' Network Obesity Initiatives including a collaboration with Health Plus Managed Care to develop and implement an Adolescent Diabetes/Obesity Prevention Program and an Obesity Initiative at P. S. 24 with Dr. Giuseppi Costantino, that has been chosen to be listed on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's innovative programs website.

Dr. Villanueva completed the National Hispanic Medical Associations Fellowship in Health Policy, in conjunction with the New York University Wagner School of Public Service. In addition, she received a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health, with a concentration in family and community health. Dr. Villanueva received the Harvard's prestigious Gareth M. Green Award for Excellence in Public Health Practice in June 9, 2005.