

Claire Silva ~ Bio



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Claire has worked in the human service field for 20 years. Fluent in 4 languages (Spanish, Portuguese, Cape Verdean Criolo, and English), she has extensive experience in developing and implementing programs for low-income and immigrant individuals and families. Claire has vital hands-on experience from being a detoxification counselor, homeless and gang outreach worker, and community organizer (for people living in the projects and neighborhoods fighting pollution). She has extensive computer abilities including building award winning databases and websites. As a grant writer and federal grant reviewer, Claire has strived to empower individuals and communities. She is passionate about protecting children and is the author of [A Child's Heart Speaks: Surviving Sexual Abuse](#), for which work she was asked to be a guest speaker on the Montel Williams Show (aired in January 2008). **Education:** BA from Providence College **Bethsaida:** Claire joined Bethsaida as the Executive Director in May 2007. **Resident:** Claire has been a CT resident since 2004, where she lives with her husband and 3 sons. **Interests and Hobbies:** family, sports, languages, cultures, and genealogy