



# Independent Living Association Quarterly

July 2016

Happy Summer!

## Upcoming ILA Events – Open to ALL Independent Living Owners

**Mark those calendars – the ILA has great trainings and events coming up!**

For those of you ready to take the **ILA New Members Course**, the next ILA Membership Course will be: **Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** from **9:15am to 4:00pm** at Point Loma Nazarene-Mission Valley (4007 Camino del Rio South, #206, San Diego, CA 92108). This course is **FREE** & open to any Independent Living Home owner. Advance registration is required, due to limited space.

**RSVP: [info@ilasd.org](mailto:info@ilasd.org) for this event!**

Please check out the online calendar [here](#) for updated class schedules.

## Welcome New ILA Members!

We are excited to welcome new ILA Members, all of whom have lovely homes that will provide safe and quality housing options to San Diego residents.

Please join us in welcoming **F&C Independent Living, Inspiring Life Independent Living, VSS Angels Home Care, JOJO Independent Living II,** and **Horizon Independent Living LLC** as our newest Independent Living Association Member Homes!



All ILA Member Homes can be viewed online at the ILA Member Directory at <http://ilasd.org/ila-directory/>

## Current ILA Statistics

ILA Full Member Homes: **56**  
Beds in ILA Full Member Homes: **477**  
Active ILA Applicant Homes: **21**

## ILA Staffing Update

### **The Independent Living Association at Community Health Improvement Partners is now fully staffed!**

Melanie Briones, Director of Strategic Outcomes, brings 17 years of public health experience including coalition development, community health and policy research and analysis, program evaluation, and strategic planning experience in the areas of health inequities, chronic disease prevention, behavioral health and housing. Prior to joining CHIP, Melanie directed a Healthy Policy unit for the Central Valley Health Policy Institute where she facilitated a regional collaborative effort among the 8 San Joaquin Valley county Public Health Departments.

Elana Soltz, Operations Manager, has worked in nonprofit residential programs for over 17 years. Elana worked at a residential treatment facility for Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) adolescents in Chula Vista, for 10 years. She then moved on to work with homeless individuals and families in downtown San Diego, managing transitional and interim shelter housing programs. Her experience has given her a deep appreciation for how nonprofits seek to improve the quality of life for people facing barriers and mental health challenges in our community.

Mauri Hamilton, Project Assistant, brings her customer service, community engagement, partner relationship and resource coordination skills to the ILA. She began working at CHIP in April of 2014. Mauri's professional interests include health inequities, chronic disease prevention, community engagement and advocacy, and social justice for vulnerable populations.

### ILA Member Spotlight: M&M Independent Living



This quarter's ILA Member Spotlight is on Guadalupe Martinez, owner of **M&M Independent Living**. Guadalupe has been an active ILA member since April 2016.

Guadalupe was born in Tijuana and grew up in East LA, where a solid work ethic was instilled in her. On her participation with the ILA, "I feel blessed to be able to provide housing to those in need..."

To read more about M&M Independent Living, this quarter's ILA Member Spotlight, please visit <http://ilasd.org/news-and-publications/>

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