

Veronica Gardner-Mendoza's academic training includes a Master of Social Work degree and a Bachelor in Psychology degree. She has been working in the social services field for over 10 years, and hopes to continue on, to receive her LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) and open a private practice. Over the years, Veronica has worked with a wide variety of populations, including the adult mentally ill, children with emotional disturbances and behavior problems, people living with cancer, the frail elderly, and those dealing with drug addiction and HIV. Veronica has facilitated support groups including a cancer support group for the caregivers of cancer patients and a support group for children who have family members dealing with cancer.

Veronica gave birth to her first child in June of 2006 and has been blessed with the opportunity to stay at home to be with her daughter. During this time, Veronica has developed an interest in infant development and has taken an infant massage course. In addition, Veronica has begun to research topics relating to development, attachment, and learning. Veronica hopes to combine her knowledge and experience through her social work training, along with her personal experiences with her daughter to help others find peace and comfort with the role they play in helping their little ones develop.