



Facilitator Spotlight:

Gustavo López of Amigos Asociación – Guatemala

Strengthening Families Through Knowledge and Community

Each month, we take time to highlight facilitators and organizations who are strengthening families and building community through their work.

This month, we have the pleasure of highlighting **Amigos Asociación**, our first international Facilitator Highlight, based in Guatemala, whose work is creating meaningful opportunities for families to learn, grow, and thrive together.

At Amigos Asociación, the commitment is clear: to contribute to society's well-being through social, educational, and cultural programs that support families and strengthen communities.

As Vice President of the organization, Gustavo López works closely with families to connect them to resources, information, and opportunities that positively impact their daily lives. His approach recognizes that when families have the right tools, they can create healthier, more supportive environments for their children. At AP-OD, we share this vision.

We know that parents are their children's first and most important teachers. When families feel supported, informed, and confident in their role, children build a stronger foundation for growth and development.

This month, we are proud to spotlight Gustavo López, AP-OD facilitator in Guatemala.



Gustavo facilitating a parent child workshop

From Parent to Facilitator

Gustavo first learned about the AP-OD program through social media, but it was his experience as a father that truly motivated him to get involved.

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My biggest motivation was my family. I have children, and my youngest is 4 years old. I realized there were many important aspects of this stage that I didn't fully understand.

What began as a personal learning journey soon became a commitment to sharing that knowledge with other families in his community.

Closing Information Gaps

With about a year and a half of experience facilitating the program, Gustavo has seen firsthand the need for clear, reliable information for parents.

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Today, there is still a lot of misinformation for families. That's why AP-OD workshops have been received so positively.

Through each session, Gustavo creates a space where families can learn, reflect, and grow together.



Gustavo facilitating the AP-OD curriculum with families

Turning Ideas Into Action

One of the most meaningful parts of his experience has been seeing families move from ideas to action.

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It's inspiring to see parents begin to set goals and create visions that were once only in their minds. When they structure them, they feel motivated to follow through.

He also shared the work of a family in Guatemala who carried what they learned beyond the workshop, showing how the program becomes part of their everyday lives.

The Value of a Structured Approach

While information is more accessible than ever, Gustavo recognizes that without structure, it can be difficult for families to move forward. “Without a structured program, it's hard to set goals. With AP-OD, it becomes easier to understand and apply the key points to care for and support our children.”

AP-OD provides that pathway, helping families focus on what matters most.



Gustavo facilitating AP-OD with families at Amigos Asociación

Opening Doors for More Families

Would Gustavo recommend becoming a certified AP-OD facilitator? His answer is clear:

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Yes. The more people who are informed about how to positively support children from an early age, the more we can share this knowledge and benefit our communities.

Gustavo, thank you for your commitment, for sharing knowledge, and for opening doors for other families. Your work reminds us that when we support parents, we strengthen entire communities.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to families.

***Mission:** A group of friends with a strong belief that we can change our surroundings by working hand in hand, taking small steps, even if they seem small, because when you give a child a book, their entire life is transformed.*

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