



**Leticia Lopez, Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR)
WIC Director
Cameron County Department of Health and Human Services**

Mrs. Leticia Lopez' career is a visionary testimony to the term "working your way from bottom-up". Impressively, having been a victim of life's uncertainties herself, her career is set in motion as a WIC participant in need of assistance as financial crisis impacted her family. Mrs. Lopez has 19 yrs experience in clinical nutrition and customer service. She is no stranger to the desired purpose of the Women, Infant and Children's (WIC) Program. Having begun her career with WIC at an entry clerical level, her admiration for community service leads to continued education at the University of Minnesota, where she earned an Associate in Applied Science as a Dietetic Technician. Immediately after graduation, Mrs. Lopez returned to the Rio Grande Valley and took on the positions of Competent Professional Authority (CPA)/Clinic Supervisor, then Clinic Coordinator, and Assistant WIC Director before acquiring the position of WIC Director.

Mrs. Lopez has served three years as a member of the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) WIC Dietetic Internship Planning & Evaluation Committee. In addition, she currently serves as a member of the Texas Association of Local WIC Directors (TALWD). Mrs. Lopez also partakes as Reporter in the organizations newsletter and serves in the Legislative Committee. Moreover she is involved in many leadership organizations such as the National WIC Association (NWA) and International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA). As a fellow member of the American Dietetic Association and Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), Mrs. Lopez is committed to national health by advocating dietary information through research and education, to improve the understanding of nutritional values in our community.

Mrs. Lopez is not only committed to the health of Cameron County residents but also participates in specialized trainings associated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist in natural disasters. She has many certificates involving the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) and the All Hazards Incident Management Team (HAZMAT). Additionally Mrs. Lopez contributes her time in the Hurricane Preparedness Exercise Planning (HURREX 08) that is held annually in the Rio Grande Valley.

Being a Texas native and having grown up in Brownsville (Cameron Park colonia community), Mrs. Lopez recognizes the need for public health assistance and understands what is essential for the residents of Cameron County. Although, her profession is primarily administrative, she remains closely observant to the needs of WIC participants, specifically a child's need.