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Hi my name is Yvonne Lepisi, I currently reside in Sacramento. I have been a resident of Sacramento since 2005. I am 5'8", medium built, Pacific Islander female who is surrounded by the love of my family. I have been happily married to the love of my life for 17yrs. We have been blessed with 3 children. My children play a major role in my life and the goals I have. Being a mother & a wife I have come to understand the importance of family and the priorities that are included.

First, I truly understand that being financially situated, educated and motivated is a step towards raising a family. With the help of my husband, we have made every effort to survive as a family. Our family believes that with God, all things are possible. We stay rooted in what we believe in. We know that every family has their struggles in life, but if we stick together as a family, we will definitely overcome any obstacles, together.

I am currently employed with Natomas Unified School District. I have been a part of this school district for four years. I hold two positions within Natomas Unified. I work in the Adult Education Department and the Food Services Department. In the Adult Education Department I oversee all the administrative responsibilities. We offer night classes for High School students who have fallen behind in credits and are seeking a way of catching up. I really love this position due to the fact that it truly benefits the family and student once the student has accomplished their goal. I have also had the chance to work with adults who have not received their high school diploma. My main focus in this situation is to contact their high school, request transcript and set them up to receive their GED. My purpose in the Food Services Department is the process of free and reduced applications. I enjoy this role because with the economy I try my best to help families, depending on their income, to receive free or reduced lunch for their children. Many families are not familiar with the school system; therefore it is my position to explain it to them in details.

Aside from my home life and work, I am also involved in church as a Youth Leader. Leadership is an important role. Many of our youth today have been struggling with teen pregnancy, drugs, gangs, peer pressure etc., My responsibility as a leader is to be there as a friend, mentor or a go-to person whenever they are facing hardships in their lives and they have no one else to turn to. Leading at risk teens is very vital. I have learned to love this role and cherish the time that I spend with each individual. I will continue to seek more opportunities and resources that will help benefit the lives of these young adults.

I believe that because of my personality, it has helped me get along with many people that I come in contact with. I am very easy to get along with and I value my relationships with my peers. Looking forward, my plan is to continue to invest in the lives of our youth or anyone who could use motivation and encouragement. I will continue to thank God for the wisdom, knowledge and the open heart that He has given me. It has only made me a better person, mother, wife and friend.