



Proyecto Matria

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Our mission

To support the development and self-sufficiency of women and LGBTTTQ+ people in Puerto Rico by offering housing and economic development alternatives and comprehensive services in areas such as education, psychosocial support, the incubation of micro-businesses, and the offering of micro-credit services, so that they overcome situations of violence and discrimination based on gender and can exercise their right to a life free of violence and full of individual achievements.

Consistent with that mission, Proyecto Matria, a 501 C3 nonprofit organization, operates a network of services throughout Puerto Rico. Matria's innovative approach transcends the welfare vision of people as victims and offers services committed to their needs, their full human development, and the development of their own and permanent capacity for their self-sufficiency and independence.





Our vision

Manage the self-sustaining empowerment and human and economic development of survivors of gender-based violence or very low-income women head of households. Facilitate the incubation and viability of community micro-enterprises led by empowered women, LGBTTIQ+ people, and people from communities stricken by disasters. Provide and facilitate transitional housing opportunities leading to permanent housing for survivors of gender-based violence and their children. Build capacity through training and job placement for very low-income survivors of gender-based violence or heads of households. Provide support services to overcome the impediments faced by survivors of gender-based violence or very low-income heads of families to achieve economic, occupational, and educational mobility (childcare, transportation, tuition payments, psychological services, and other services vital). Provide microcredits to diverse people with negative credit histories for the development of business activities. Promote public policies and multisector alliances in favor of community economic development and equity for diverse populations.

The foundation of all of our services is a comprehensive approach to women's/LGBTTIQ+ empowerment, training, emotional stabilization, articulation of short- and long-term goals, and coordinated access to support services (health, legal, etc.) based on a 360° analysis of their particular needs.

This is the basic platform for participants to achieve at least one of the following goals: successfully train in a trade, manage a self-employment opportunity, develop a micro-business, or get a viable job. This process includes workshops on emotional empowerment, training in business skills, and leadership development. They are provided with a support system that enables economic benefits such as the reimbursement of child care and transportation expenses while they study, and the payment of training and study materials.

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Gaia

Is a Housing Program with two Modalities: Permanent Housing and Temporary Housing.

Permanent Housing

Serves Homeless Persons for more than 12 months in an unsuitable setting. Survivors fleeing Domestic Violence, living with physical or mental disabilities (the person or their minor children), and in need of housing.

Transitional Housing

We support Lesbian Women and People of Trans Experience that need housing while fleeing domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking or Human Trafficking. (Up to a maximum of 24 months)



- Living place
- Supplemental Support Services
- Psychosocial Support and Economic Development
- Referrals to organizations and Advocacy
- Pro Bono Law Professionals Program

- Social Work-Case Management
- Psychological Therapy
- Support groups
- Empowerment Workshops
- Security Plans, monitoring and accompaniment

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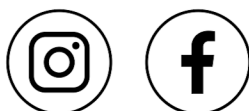
Arepa Chic

It is a social enterprise dedicated to generating jobs and economic opportunities for women in our country. We are a micro-franchise that bets on equity.



From Caguas, Puerto Rico

Arepa Chic's mission is: To serve tasty Arepas of consistent quality, with solidarity and respect, for the well-being of the people who visit us, employees, and business associates.



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Casa Solidaria

It is a disaster recovery project founded in 2017 after Hurricane María by Proyecto Matria in Miraflores Community, Saltos neighborhood, Orocovich.

Mission

Develop the capacities of the community to advance their community economic development and guarantee access to human rights while recovering from Hurricane María and strengthening their response capacity for future events.

Vission

A Miraflores with development opportunities for its children and youth, safe spaces to work, have time for leisure and manage wellness initiatives.



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Línea de Ayuda 24-7 Domestic Violence Helpline

It is a Telephone Response Program created and coordinated by Matria in 2020 as a response to the COVID19 crisis and lockdown. We serve women/people in gender-based violence situations seeking help. We have a person-centered approach, sensitive to trauma with a gender perspective. It is operated through a network alliance with: Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos, Casa de la Bondad, Hogar Nueva Mujer, Oficina de la Mujer del Municipio de Caguas, Hogar Ruth, Casa Pensamiento de la Mujer del Centro, Casa Juana Colón and Proyecto Matria.

- Critical and concurrent factors are analyzed
- Fatality Index is evaluated
- Security Plans are established
- Escape Plans are coordinated (Location in Shelters or Relocation)
- Guidance is offered
- Services are channeled



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Law Program

It is a network of law professionals who offer pro bono services to support the participants of Matria and the 24-7 Helpline.

Matria was accredited in 2019 by the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico to certify Pro bono hours to legal professionals.



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Public Policy Program

It promotes Public Policy to guarantee women and LGBTTIQ+ human rights. Matria maintains an active voice in the public discussions pertaining to equity, security, and other issues that impact human development. We know that we have to transform the social and economic structures that sustain inequality and this program is part of our institutional efforts in that direction.



La Ruta de Las Mujeres

The Women's Route is a project of social and political empowerment aimed at educating women throughout the Island so that they learn about electoral and political processes and develop skills to effectively insert themselves in them.



What we do

- Educational campaigns about electoral processes.
- Virtual and face-to-face workshops on political empowerment.
- Micro workshops in live format on FB on specific topics.
- Research with a gender and human rights perspective about aspiring candidates for political positions and their party platforms.
- Public consultations with women/LGBTTIQ+ people to develop proposals for political parties.
- Reaction panels to debates.
- Presentations and memorials in legislative processes



Mesa Social

Was created by Matria to coordinate a human rights watch and response when COVID19 provoked a complete lockdown in Puerto Rico. It is a group of organizations and professionals committed to comprehensive health and human rights in Puerto Rico.



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