



Empowering Maricopa County women to break the cycle of generational poverty.

2021 Impact Report

225 Women Served

Ongoing individualized coaching

85% Mothers of Dependent-Age Children

Upon enrolling in Live & Learn:

70% Reliant on Government Assistance

50% experienced Domestic Violence

15% Substance Use Disorder

35% experienced Homelessness

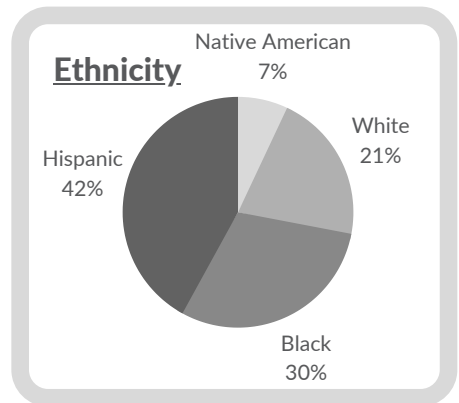
"Now I see the light. Thanks to Live & Learn, things are brighter. I have peace."
-Ana, 2021 client, mother, DV survivor

Education
142 women earned a post-secondary certification or degree

87 women rose off government assistance



Women purchased 1st Car



250 Hours of individualized Financial Literacy Education

Employment

83% January unemployment dropped to 18% December unemployment

72% increased hourly wage with average increase of **\$10/hr**

2150 Hours of one-on-one Client Coordination

Well-Being

- 181 women accessed Primary Care Dr
- 170 women accessed Dental Care
- 94 women received counseling
- 8 women received eye exam and glasses
- 6 women matched with Mentor



A Mother's Journey: *Meet Amanda*



Amanda was pregnant and homeless when referred to Live & Learn in October 2020. By December, she had found a part-time job and started a Medical Assistant Certification program.

However, Amanda experienced food insecurity and high stress during her pregnancy. With long days and grueling commutes by public transportation, her body struggled and she was ordered on bed rest. She took a leave of absence from her job and dropped out of the Medical Assistant program.

Live & Learn helped Amanda so she could focus on taking care of herself. Her Client Coordinator helped her secure rent and utility assistance, helped Amanda enroll in nutrition assistance programs, and was always available to talk and listen.

In January, Amanda gave birth to a little boy with medical complications. She returned to work, but frequently missed days when her baby was readmitted to the hospital or was sick.

“She was really disheartened, but she never gave up,” says her Client Coordinator. Live & Learn helped Amanda stay stable and access many resources to make ends meet, including rent, utilities, food, and continued to offer encouragement and support.

In August 2021, her landlord gave two-weeks notice to move out because the apartment was being sold. Unemployed and struggling financially, Amanda had nowhere to turn. Thanks to donors contributing to our Emergency Fund, Live & Learn provided financial assistance to help Amanda secure a new place to live.

That same month, our partner Blue Signal Search helped Amanda craft a resume and prepare for interviews. Amanda soon secured a job offer, but she and her baby contracted Covid-19 after her first week on the job and she was fired.

Amanda soon secured another job opportunity as a janitor at Banner Medical Center, which she has retained for four months. Her baby's health has stabilized, and he is doing much better. Now, Amanda is working with her Client Coordinator to return to a Medical Assistant Certification program in spring 2022.

“ Amanda had a lot of really hard challenges this year. There were some bad moments, and things came up that were completely out of her control. She never despaired, though. She stayed focused on building a brighter tomorrow for herself and her baby.
— Jocce, Lead Client Coordinator