

Hello! My name is Imelda Davalos Pribe and I was born and raised in Los Angeles and I am of Mexican descent. I grew up bi-lingual, speaking Spanish at home and started learning Spanish grammar and literature from my mother, a retired school teacher from Guadalajara, Mexico. I graduated from Mills College with a BA in French Studies and a minor in Chemistry, and obtained a Masters in Public Health from UCLA. I was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service until my first son was born. Concurrently the Surgeon General Richard Carmona declared 2005 "The Year of the Healthy Child", and placed the research and issues related to the health and well-being of children in our nation at the forefront. This inspired me to stay at home to raise my son, and now 3 sons, with my husband and to impart an appreciation for Spanish and the Hispanic culture.

My background in the Spanish language includes graduate classes at Middlebury College Spanish School, medical interpretation and translation work, and teaching catechism classes for children in Spanish. I have over 10 years of experience working with children as a Kindermusik instructor for babies to 7 year old children and also as a Catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. I am the owner of Circle of Musical Friends studio and I am very excited to introduce Bamboleo in Whittier and the surrounding community to support those also interested in imparting the Spanish language to their children.