

Ana Licona, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner at Gendi Pediatrics in Pasadena, Texas. Through her role in this underserved population, she has helped create a disease prevention primary care clinic utilizing a unique Nurse Practitioner compassionate teaching model of care, which is designed for both English and Spanish that is understandable and appropriate for children and their families. Since becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner a year ago, Ana has worked exclusively in the field of Pediatrics. Prior to this, she spent four years as a Registered Nurse with HCA West Houston Medical Center in the Emergency Department. During her first year as a Registered Nurse with Ben Taub General Hospital, Ana was one of the 75 out of 1,200 applicants offered a highly competitive Graduate Nurse Internship. In addition to her nursing experience, Ana has dedicated over a decade to the healthcare profession through various positions at HCA. She is a strong patient advocate who is committed to her patients, which is evidenced by when she provided care to the pediatric population under the supervision of the only Pediatrician volunteer for children affected by Hurricane Harvey at the NRG Stadium. Ana currently serves as a volunteer and Spanish translator for the American Red Cross and has been active in several community activities for HANP and NAPNAP. Ana earned her undergraduate and honors graduate degrees from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston School of Nursing, as well as an Associate's degree in Arts with honors from Wharton County Junior College. In addition to work and volunteering efforts, Ana continuously updates her professional skills by attending HANP monthly meetings, NAPNAP monthly meetings, conferences, and workshops. As HANP secretary, Ana will seek to wholeheartedly fulfill and address the needs of the organization, members, and community.