

ESPERANZA YBARRA

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EMPLOYMENT:

Esperanza currently serves the Director of the Women's Health Unit at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Prevention Services Division where she has worked since 2000. She has been in her current position since February 2010. Esperanza has held other positions with the department including, Nurse Home Visitor Program Director, Office of Home Youth Services Director, and Program Manager for the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program. Previously, Esperanza worked for the Department of Local Affairs beginning in 1995.

Prior to joining state government, Esperanza worked as a community social worker for local non-profits serving high-risk youth, including Juvenile Diversion Program at the Adams County District Attorney's Office, Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation and Big Brother/Big Sisters.

EDUCATION:

Esperanza received a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) granted by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners.

PERSONAL:

The youngest of 8 children and raised by a single-mother, Esperanza is originally from El Paso, Texas and has been in Colorado for 20 years. She has two sons, Alejandro (11 years old) and Santiago (9 years old). Personally, Esperanza is most passionate about being a loving, supportive parent to her children, and she loves to dance! Professionally, she is dedicated to serving, along with her team, some of the state's most vulnerable populations by enhancing their personal health choices, health access and quality of care.

