

Diana Romero Campbell

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Transformational Community Leader and Strategist, who has led efforts to help address unrecognized community needs via the formation of partnerships with policy makers, community leaders and state representatives.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mile High United Way, Denver

2006 to Present

Director, Early Learning and Education 2015- present

Director, School Readiness 2011-2015

Director, Issue Based Strategies 2009-10,

Senior Director, School Readiness 2008-09,

Director, School Readiness, Homelessness & Housing 2006-07

- Direct and monitor \$ 2.3 million in grants to 33 School Readiness Initiative programs reaching over 35,000 children, families, and caregivers in 5 Metro Denver Counties annually.
- Lead, inform, and provide content expertise to Mile High United Way's School Readiness Initiative area to reach community and donor stakeholders through donor information communication, boards, commissions, and committees.
- Supervise Colorado Reading Corps team managing 54 AmeriCorps members in 3 school districts.
- Manage, convene, and facilitate statewide Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Learning Community engaging over 60 organizations and over 100 individuals focused on establishing the recognition, identification, and support of FFN care givers statewide.
- Integral member of the leadership teams that provides internal and external communications and project development ranging from events, marketing, major gift cultivation, resource development and community investment, evaluation, and resource allocation process
- Led community partners and early childhood stakeholders to identify key community strategies and target areas for Mile High United Way School Readiness initiative area engaging over 150 individuals over year-long process to guide strategic priority areas and future investments.
- Led the education focused program through the Making Connections-Denver strategy funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation resulting in intensive strategies at Harrington Elementary School increasing 3rd grade reading scores, and early education while reducing student chronic absenteeism. These efforts were foundational to inform the creation for the national Campaign for Grade Level Reading.
- Led process in collaboration with the City of Denver's Department of Human Services to staff Denver's Road Home, resource allocations committee and monitor reporting of \$2.5 Million in allocations over three grant cycles.
- Collaborated with internal staff and Volunteers of America for program and engagement of residents for the United Way constructed Brunetti Lofts, a 23 unit transformational housing development.

Family Star Montessori and Early Head Start, Denver

2005 to 2006

Program Director

- Directed and led all internal and external operations at the Northeast Center.
- Supervision of 16 staff members including annual evaluations, onboarding, and dismissals.
- Project supervisor with additional budget responsibility for Community Development Block Grant for playground renovation. Developed and facilitated partners to leverage time and doubled the in-kind funds for playground and building renovation projects.
- Integral member of the leadership team that provided health/nutrition, mental health and family community partnership coordinators to deliver services to 75 children and families in the Early Head Start, advantage and private pay program.

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The Piton Foundation, Denver

1998 to 2002

Program Officer 2000-2002

Program Manager, Beacon's Adaptation 1998-2000

- Conceptualized and developed a Youth Development Program area and initiatives.
- Managed, planned, and trained 6 coordinators, 5 community agencies, and 60 youth in summer employment program in citywide Youth Mapping project.
- Technical assistance coordinator to Mi Casa Resource Center, Urban League, and Catholic Charities at Lake, Cole, and Rishel middle schools for the National Beacon Adaptation Project.
- Created and developed a youth development leadership training program.
- Facilitated youth team to develop and implement a national youth conference engaging over 100 young people.
- Managed budget and grants related to Beacons project and youth development programs.
- Assisted in organizing youth as leaders, mentored youth development fellow.

Colorado Bright Beginnings, Denver

1996 to 1998

Vice President, Warm Welcome

- Developed and oversaw Warm Welcome universal home visitation program statewide.
- Trained more than 600 volunteers statewide. Developed training of trainers program and materials and trained over 20 master trainers.
- Facilitated statewide computer network for 12 sites and provided technical assistance to 14 coordinators in the areas of programming, community outreach, and computer and database needs.

Colorado Children's Campaign

1995 to 1996

Colorado Bright Beginnings Program Manager

- Led the development of Warm Welcome home visitation program policies and procedures working closely with volunteers and other community organizations.
- Developed volunteer training program and training materials.
- Coordination of Warm Welcome universal home visitation program statewide in 15 anchor communities. Strong team player in small office to execute programs including statewide Doll Day, luncheon, press conferences, and grant reports.

Peace Corps Honduras, Central America

1993 to 1995

Peace Corps Volunteer

- Child Health Survival Extensionist, specializing in Maternal/Child Health Education.
- Trained 24 midwives and village health workers in collaboration with local nurse.
- Developed, managed grant funds for, and oversaw a potable water basin project serving over 119 households, an increase from the planned 75 households through negotiation and cost savings.
- Implemented health programs in coordination with 6 village health action groups, engaging over 100 women in local village area.

Peace Corps Volunteer Trainee

1992

Peace Corps Guatemala, Central America

- Completed intensive training program focused on technical skills, maternal, child, and community health; Spanish language; management and planning; Central American-area studies; public affairs; and community development.

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Community Organizer

Colorado Center for Community Development

January 1992 to July 1992 and September 1992 to February 1993

- Collaborated with community leaders in Five Points to identify top community issues. Leading issues included RTD Light Rail, gentrification, and Denver Housing Authority plans for new housing.

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate, Education, Leadership and Policy Studies,

Morgridge College of Education, University of Denver, Projected graduation in 2016

Certificate in Early Childhood Leadership,

Morgridge College of Education, University of Denver and Clayton Early Learning, Denver, CO

May 2012

Executive Leadership, Program Graduate,

John F. Kennedy School of Public Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 2000

Executive Leadership Program Graduate,

Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO, July 2000

Masters of Non-Profit Management

Regis University, Denver, CO, 2001

Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs

University of Colorado at Denver, Denver, 1991

Major: International Affairs

University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 1987 to Spring 1990

BOARD EXPERIENCE

Denver Public Schools, Co-chair, District Accountability Committee to School Board

January 2015 to present

Denver Public Schools, Bond & Mill Levy Advisory team, Maintenance workgroup

March 2016 to present

The Blossom Project, Board Member

2014 to Present

Denver Preschool Program, Founding Board Member

March 2007 to March 2013

Circle of Latina Leadership, Board Member

June 2011 to 2012

Early Childhood Council Advisory Team, State appointment for HB 1062

November 2007 to 2011

Denver Mayor's Early Childhood Education Commission, Commissioner

2004 to 2012

Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council, Board Chair 2010-2013, Board Member 2008-2010

October 2010- May 2013

Denver Early Childhood Council, Board Member,

2008 - 2011

University of Colorado-Boulder Alumni Association and Hispanic Alumni Association, Board of Directors

1998 - 2001

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

2015 Exchange Leadership Initiative, National Exceptional Emerging Leader

2011 Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program Fellow

2011 Legacy Leadership Fellow, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

2006 Co-chair for Preschool Matters Campaign

2000 National Hispana Leadership Institute Fellow

1996 Colorado Trust Fellowship for Regis University NonProfit Management and Leadership Program