



Jazmin Bojorquez

Associate & Outreach Specialist

Community Engagement | Food Justice | Spanish Translation | Economic Development | Research

EXPERTISE

Jazmin Bojorquez is an advocate and organizer who is passionate about creating healthy communities. For eight years, she conducted intake and coordinated programming for women, unhoused populations, and immigrant communities in Colorado. Internationally, she spearheaded projects in nutrition and sanitation to provide clean water and food systems in rural communities. She believes access to healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate food is a human right.

As an associate for Progressive Urban Management Associates, Jazmin specializes in engaging with hard-to-reach communities to market the Colorado Fresh Food Financing Fund. She provides technical assistance for the program, Spanish translation, education, and eligibility screening to identify and mitigate barriers to entry for historically marginalized and underserved populations.

Prior to joining P.U.M.A., she conducted research on national best practices and authored reports on equitable policies related to the supplemental-nutrition-assistance program (SNAP), cash assistance, and Medicaid. While in Washington, D.C., she lobbied legislators to increase funding for social safety net programs. Jazmin leverages her diverse skill set and humanitarian values to approach economic development in a holistic and culturally sensitive manner.

Representative P.U.M.A. projects include:

- Managing operations and marketing, and processing applications for the Colorado Fresh Food Financing Fund, a loan and grant fund designed to improve access to healthy, consistent, affordable, and culturally relevant food statewide
- Facilitating communication in Spanish-speaking communities through translation, surveys, focus groups, and interviews in Tucson, AR; San Jose, CA; Long Beach, CA; Denver, CO; and La Junta, CO
- Combining best practice research and stakeholder feedback to develop goals, strategies, and action plans for economic recovery and resiliency in rural communities, including La Junta, CO; and Montezuma County

PAST EXPERIENCE

Education Policy Fellow, The National Urban League, New York, NY, 2021

Led the "Disconnected Youth Storytelling Campaign," which connects stories and data to advance educational equity. Managed 32 young people nationwide, to identify how students are engaging with remote learning. Facilitated trainings, and developed project timelines and external coordination strategies.

Community Organizer, Colorado Legal Services/The Bridge Project, Denver, CO, 2013-2020

Established income eligibility and conducted intake for Coloradans seeking representation in civil court. Translated statements for domestic disputes within the Immigration and Family Unit at Colorado Legal Services. Supported the development of youth living in Denver Public Housing ages 6-17 through tutoring, mentorship, and summer program coordination.

Research Assistant, Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C., 2019-2020

Analyzed census data and translated interviews to co-author a report on the economic hardship of Black and Latina mothers. Created and presented fact sheets to tax policy staffers on Capitol Hill to encourage progressive budget reforms. Developed an anti-racist curriculum for internal education by centering narratives at the intersection of gender, class, and race, increased mixed media, and expanded lessons on structural racism.

Sustainable Development Leader, The Invictus Initiative, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, and Kenya, 2017-2019

Partnered with local nonprofits to fund water pipe construction in Jinotega, Nicaragua. Identified approaches for addressing malnourishment in Kenya. Helped craft business plans with women living in Addis Ababa. Led workshops on water filter replacements and arsenic level testing in rural villages internationally.

AFFILIATIONS

Downtown Colorado, Inc.
International Downtown Association
Ednium (Denver Public Schools Alumni Leadership Collective)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in International Economic Development, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina, semester abroad

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