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Mariana Lopez Quintanilla is an Industry Director with Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) in the San Francisco Bay Area, CA. After attending college in her native country, Mariana started her journey in the educational field in 1998, working in early childhood education and leading academic and family support services for students with ADHD in 6th – 12th grades. Her professional career in the U.S. started managing a program for refugee youth with Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services (GCJFS) and The Florida Center of Survivors of Tortured (FCST) – Family and Youth Services, in Miami Dade County. At GCJFS she led a team of staff and volunteers that ensured families had a support system that helped them understand the educational system and give students the resources they needed to develop academically and socially to its fullest.

At BACR, Mariana's career has evolved over the last 15 years, serving thousands of students who benefit from Family Services (Community School Models) and Expanded Learning Programs (after-school and summer offerings). Mariana's purpose has been to serve the whole child by providing high-quality expanded learning programs, mentoring programs, empowering and engaging opportunities for parents, and connections with the community to leverage resources that aim to provide favorable outcomes for the students and families she serves. She is passionate about working towards equity in education, implementing strategies to develop lifelong learners and supporting staff to professionally grow.

Mariana has participated in State-wide initiatives that focus on the development of the EXL workforce and on delivering high-quality programs. She is currently a member of the California After School Network Leadership Team, and the California Advocacy Alliance. In 2014, Mariana received the BACR Best Practices Award for the Expanded Learning Industry and a Golden Bell Award from the Marin County Office of Education for Student Programs. She completed a fellowship in 2016 with the National Equity Project and in 2020, the National After School Matters Fellowship with the National Institute of Out of School Time. In 2022, Mariana received a certification in Non-profit Management and Leadership from Duke University.