

Marisa Ramirez*Industry Director**Bay Area Community Resources*

Marisa Ramirez is the East Bay Industry Director of Expanded Learning Programs at Bay Area Community Resources. The East Bay Expanded Learning Programs make up of 80 school-based programs across K – 12th grades and across 7 school districts.

Marisa brings over 26 years of experience working in youth development and educational settings. Her journey in the field began as a middle school mentor volunteer while she was at UC Berkeley studying Social Welfare, Psychology and Public Policy. Through this volunteer experience she found her two passions. One dear to her heart passion is to be at service in underserved communities, similar to the ones she was raised in. Secondly, her passion for developing leaders. She is a passionate advocate for the empowerment of educators, helping them identify their professional strengths and encouraging them to bring their best selves to the youth they serve. Most recently, Marisa obtained her Executive Leadership certificate from Duke University.

When Marisa is not at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband of 16 years and finds her self care therapy comes from watching her children, 6 year old boy, 10 year old girl, and 13 year old boy play sports. From knowing little to nothing about sports, she may now be able to give tutorials on soccer, baseball, gymnastics, football, volleyball, or cross country!