

# Lorenzo Ramirez

**“We are bringing the community back to the table.”**

## ABOUT

Lorenzo J. Ramirez is a Community Research Liaison (CRL) for the Latino communities of Colorado, with a focus on Urban Latino communities. He is currently working to expand his track within the CCTSI Colorado Immersion Training (CIT) in Community Engagement program to include Pueblo, Greeley, and Fort Collins, as many of the issues these communities face are very similar to that of Denver Latino communities. He also works with Servicios de la Raza and the National Latino AIDS Action Network (NLAAN), and serves as the Artistic Director of Grupo Folklorico Sabor Latino, Inc., a highly regarded folklorico dance company.

## CCTSI ENGAGEMENT

Community Research Liaison

- Education and Training Committee

## PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

Lorenzo is especially proud of his CRL role, as he is able to act as a link between two worlds. He is able to help communities figure out what they need and help to translate that to an academic lens. Currently, he is working on a project that is addressing the community's views on vaccines and how they can best address concerns and challenges surrounding these vaccines. Lorenzo also helps with training and education for the CCTSI Community Engagement Pilot Grant Program.



## OUTLOOK

Lorenzo has been a CRL for many years and prides himself on seeing the progress the group has made since he started and how CRL programs have been expanding across the nation. Lorenzo is especially grateful for his CRL family, as they helped him through the roughest times in his life and have always been a source of support. As a CRL, Lorenzo has sometimes struggled with helping the community to understand the research process and all that comes with it, but has pushed for success in the trust he has built with the community and the healing that has come along with each of the projects he has been a part of. As he looks to the future, he sees a new wave of change, one that mirrors the passion and drive of the Chicano movement he was part of as a young man. He knows the new generation is capable and willing to take the lead in driving progress and equity. Lorenzo hopes to create more connections across communities and more collaboration to address the issues at hand.

**PACT**

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