

# Marlayna Martinez



## ABOUT

Marlayna Martinez is a Community Research Liaison (CRL) in the San Luis Valley, where she is working on a number of projects that increase community engagement and improve community health. Current projects include: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Rio Grande Prevention Partners, the P50 lung cancer screening project, along with many more. Marlayna is now the CRL's ex officio voting member on the PACT Executive Committee.

## CCTSI ENGAGEMENT

Community Research Liaison

- CRL Ex-Officio Voting Member
- Education & Training Committee

## PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

Beyond her work as a CRL, Marlayna serves on the Education and Training Committee for the CCTSI community engagement pilot grant trainings and collaborates on additional practice-based research projects through High Plains Research Network (HPRN). She also works for the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (RMPRC), where she is currently working on a project addressing early childhood social/emotional development by increasing quality of wrap-around services for families. Marlayna has also been heavily involved with Alamosa VOICES, an UPSTREAM suicide prevention program for middle school children, where students are connected with peers and caring adults, in order to foster connection and engagement.

**“We are in a unique time right now, we have the opportunity to help drive what the future looks like and if we don’t engage community now, we are going to have our future written for us.”**

## OUTLOOK

She loves her job as a CRL and has found it to be rewarding, as she is consistently learning; always looking for better ways to engage, advocate, and represent her community's needs. She says her job has challenged her in a way that has allowed her to achieve a tremendous amount of growth both professionally and personally. She has been able to create meaningful relationships and build more open communication with leaders in her community. Looking forward, she hopes to see the children of the San Luis Valley supported and safe, bringing a new generation of progress to the community. She also hopes her work will improve outcomes for substance abuse, by increasing awareness and providing resources to community members. Marlayna is helping to amplify the San Luis Valley's voice.