

Amalia ChamorroDirector, Education Policy Project, UnidosUS

Amalia Chamorro leads education policy for UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza), the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization. Her work encompasses early childhood education, K-12, and higher education. In this role, Amalia provides strategic direction and manages activities for the education policy team. Her work focuses on closing opportunity gaps and advancing equity for Latino students and English learners at both the federal and state levels (priority states include Arizona, California, Florida, and Texas).

At UnidosUS, Ms. Chamorro is responsible for identifying promising education policy innovations, conducting and publishing policy research, and carrying out legislative advocacy. Amalia brings over 15 years of public policy and advocacy experience at the local, state and federal levels. Prior to joining UnidosUS in November 2018, Amalia was Vice President of Public Policy at United Way Bay Area, where she launched the organization's policy and advocacy initiative to cut poverty.

Ms. Chamorro holds a Juris Doctor from Boston College and a bachelor's degree in political science/international relations from UCLA. She serves on the board of Hispanic Lobbyists Association. A former English learner and daughter of two public school teachers, Amalia hails from Lima, Peru.

Recent Media Engagements and Commentary

- Arizona Mirror: Lack of Latinos in AZ education leadership driving new organization
- National PTA Podcast: <u>COVID-19 & Back to School?</u> and <u>Lo que necesitas saber para apoyar la educación de sus hijos</u>
- **Despierta América**: <u>Hay estudiantes del país que no pueden seguir sus clases online debido a la falta de computador o internet en sus casas</u>
- Progress Report: Commentary: Why Assessments Matter for Latino Students