

Gina Plata-Nino Bio

Gina Plata-Nino, J.D., serves as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Director at the Food Research & Action Center, a leading anti-hunger advocacy organization. In this role, She brings experience in food assistance policy, legal advocacy, and coalition-building, with a focus on reducing barriers that prevent families, older adults, children, and individuals with low incomes from accessing nutrition support.

Plata-Nino joined FRAC in 2022 as Deputy Director of SNAP and later served as the organization's Interim SNAP Director. In 2023, she served as Senior Policy Advisor for Nutrition and Agriculture on the Biden-Harris administration's Domestic Policy Council, where she helped advance the National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. Earlier in her career, she worked at the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, where she led advocacy efforts related to food insecurity among college students, and as a legal services attorney at the Central West Justice Center, representing low-income individuals in Central Massachusetts.

She holds a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and a bachelor's degree in history from Montclair State University. Plata-Nino has received several honors for her work, including the Massachusetts Bar Association's Access to Justice Award Rising Star, the Worcester County Bar Association's Liberty Award, and Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's Top Women of Law award. In 2025, she was selected for the Obama Foundation USA Leaders Program. She remains active in her local community through service on boards and coalitions.