

**Alejandra Y. Castillo**

Alejandra Y. Castillo serves as the Chief Executive Officer of YWCA USA and its network of over 200 associations serving 2.2 million women and girls around the country in 46 states and the District of Columbia. With over two decades of professional experience in Washington, D.C., she has served as senior leadership in two presidential administrations. Given her policy, legal and business expertise, Alejandra has worked in various public, private and non-profit settings. In 2014, Alejandra was appointed by the Obama Administration to serve as the national director of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), becoming the first Hispanic-American woman to lead the agency, helping to secure financing and capital in excess of \$19 billion and creating or retaining over 33,000 jobs.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Castillo worked at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy as a Senior Advisor on issues related to drug prevention and treatment as well as drug trafficking and interdiction, and money laundering. As a lawyer, Ms. Castillo worked on matters of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and also served as Executive Director of The Hispanic National Bar Association.

Ms. Castillo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in economics and political science; a Master of Arts degree in public policy from the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin; and a Juris Doctorate from American University, Washington College of Law.