

Biography for Jose Munoz, Interim Director, Institute for Educational Leadership and Director,  
Coalition for Community Schools

José Muñoz became the Institute for Educational Leadership's (IEL) Coalition for Community Schools Director in 2017, bringing over 30 years of cross-sector partnership experience in youth, family, and community development. Before joining IEL, he was the executive director of the ABC Community School Partnership in New Mexico, which is a unique cross-sector joint partnership agreement between Albuquerque Public Schools, the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Central New Mexico, and the University of New Mexico. During his time at the ABC Community School Partnership, he served the children in Albuquerque and across New Mexico. José strategically scaled up the community schools strategy from four to 26 schools in five years, securing over three million dollars through successful policy advocacy and developing key partnerships for community schools with state and local governments, school districts, teachers unions, and local businesses. In 2014, José won the first Community Schools Initiative Leadership Award.

Before ABC Community School Partnership, he served three states, four counties, and nine cities through the Boys & Girls Clubs. José developed high-quality, out-of-school time activities and led gang prevention, intervention, and re-entry programs, earning a national legacy award. He developed full-service Clubs that met the needs of every child and family. He is a founding member of the Southern Nevada Community Gang Task Force and is responsible for establishing a youth-run business. José expanded his service in Bernalillo County, New Mexico as the Coordinator of a national model site for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

José is married to the lovely Leslie Muñoz, and they have a blended family of two sons and three daughters. In their free time, the Muñozes like to serve their community through their church and by leading community groups.