

Corinne Sánchez Biography

Corinne Sánchez, Esq. is a visionary leader whose dedication to serving the community has led to significant improvement in the quality of life for thousands of underserved, undocumented individuals and families over the last three decades.

After earning a B.A. and graduating from California State University of Long Beach, Corinne worked for the United States Civil Rights Commission in Washington D.C. She traveled throughout the Southwest United States promoting the development of establishment of the Mexican American Studies Departments in the colleges and universities.

Corinne pursued a law degree from San Fernando College of Law. Upon passing the bar, Ms. Sanchez volunteered her time with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Domestic Violence program, where she assisted battered women with filing temporary restraining orders and pursuing their legal options. She is a founder and is a Past President of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association, and has served as a member of the organization's Board of Directors from its inception through 2004.

Born in San Bernardino in a family of seven siblings, Corinne learned at an early age that nothing would be handed to her. With that understanding, she took destiny into her hands and embarked on the path that would lead her to become President and CEO of El Proyecto del Barrio and a member of the State of California Bar Association.

As President and CEO of El Proyecto, Corinne's leadership and vision has contributed to the remarkable growth of the organization in serving the underserved and undocumented populations in need of medical and social services. El Proyecto has expanded its services to the entire San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles, a service area that encompasses 400 square miles and serving over 50,000 people annually. The organization provides a wide spectrum of services including family health care medical clinics, satellite clinics, and immunization programs for children, employment/training and youth centers and substance abuse programs.

In addition to her duties at El Proyecto, Corinne has always provided strong leadership in the community. Some of her past activities include serving as President of the Los Angeles County Department of Social Services Commission (DPSS), and as Past Chairperson of the California Health Policy and Data Advisory Commission (CHPDAC). (Ms. Sanchez is also a recent graduate of UCLA's Health Care Executive Program.) Corinne is a founder of California Primary Care Association (CPCA) and served as its Secretary for two years and board of directors for over 10 years. She is Past-President and Treasurer of the CICALAC (Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County) and Past-Chairperson of the County of Los Angeles Commission for Public Social Services (CPSS).

Presently, Ms. Sanchez serves as Co-Chairperson of the SCWP (Southern California Workforce Association), is appointed Commissioner by Los Angeles Supervisor Hilda L. Solis to the Commission for the County of Los Angeles WorkForce Development Board and appointed Commissioner by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl to the County of Los Angeles Hospitals and Healthcare Delivery Commission.

In May 2004, the Republic of Mexico honored Corinne with its prestigious “Ohtli Award” for her commitment to the well-being of the Hispanic community in the United States. The “Ohtli Award” for community service is bestowed to one person in the United States annually.

In more than three decades of service, Corinne has never forgotten her roots. As she has worked to make the community a better place, she has nurtured the spirit of “esperanza” (hope) for thousands of underserved families and individuals. Corinne’s achievements are a living testament of how inspiration, hard work and perseverance can make a vital difference in helping people realize the power of their dreams.

Corinne lives in Glendale with her husband Efren Manjarrez.