

Biography

Manny Bernal



Manny Bernal is the latest addition to PROCEED's NCTSTA team. He joined the NCTSTA team in November 2006 and is currently the **Program Manager of PROCEED's United Communities for Youth Empowerment (UCYE)** program. This anti-gang, anti-violence, capacity building and technical assistance program consists of a collaborative of four partner agencies with PROCEED as the lead. Partner agencies receive capacity building and technical assistance to improve and sustain their organizational infrastructure, leading to new, enhanced and expanded youth gang/violence prevention strategies.

Prior to PROCEED, Manny was employed by Gandara Center in Springfield, MA as Program Director for a psychiatric outreach program and a Hispanic psychosocial club (drop-in center) model. He has served in numerous boards such as Kiwanis Club, Western Massachusetts Training Consortium, Puerto Rican Cultural Center, and former President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Western MA.

Manny Bernal has assisted numerous non-profit organizations increase their capacity by developing innovative marketing strategies and initiating profitable fundraising events such as the Flamingo Kiwanis International Festival (AKA FlamingoFest) in Hialeah, FL, Heart-Speaks-to Heart Gala for the Western Massachusetts Training Consortium, Puerto Rican Cultural Festival in Springfield, MA, and NAMI of Western Massachusetts Annual Walkathon, among others. Mr. Bernal holds a Master of Management from Cambridge College and currently pursuing a second Master's in non-profit management.