

Graduate Education in Health for Minority Scholars (GEhMS)



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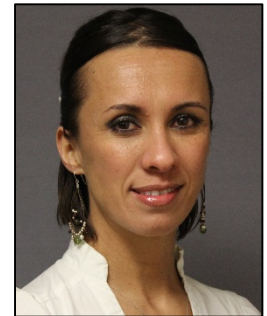


Violeta was born in Mexico City, Mexico, raised in Livingston, Montana, and has lived in Alaska and Washington. She received her bachelor's degree in modern languages and literature from Montana State University in 2014. She also received a minor in photography and Latin American studies. Upon graduation, Violeta started working at Community Health Partners in Belgrade, Montana. She learned how to process medical records, track labs, send referrals, work directly with patients, translate documents into Spanish, and interpret appointments for Spanish speaking patients. This job sparked Violeta's interest in healthcare and working with the community, specifically with Latinos.

Violeta is currently pursuing her Master's degree in community health. She wants continue to be an advocate for Latinos in rural Montana and learn more about the health issues they face in the community.

Esther "Tey" Silva

Master's student
Family & Community Health



Esther received a bachelor's degree in human resources in México, where she was born and raised. She has lived most of her adult life in Vancouver, Canada and the United States. Esther has been working for the last six years for Community Health Partners (CHP) as a Resource Coordinator, Certified Medical Interpreter, and recently as an Administrative lead. Esther found a passion in the health field in CHP's Mission: to enhance community health and well-being, and in CHP's Vision: 100% access, zero disparity for all. She works as a case manager, supporting the elderly and disabled in navigating the complex system of healthcare and Social Security. As a Certified Application Counselor for the Affordable Care Act, she connects uninsured individuals to social programs, charities and appropriate health insurance. Esther also advocates for minorities, in the education, health and legal setting and provides free professional interpretation services for the Hispanic population. By assisting the most vulnerable and underserved population in Gallatin County, Esther collaborates with other non-profit organizations towards ending homelessness and health disparities in the community.