

# Priscila Desiderio

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## Relevant Qualifications

Experience steering and directing all aspects of Talent Acquisition. Success orchestrating multiple projects with competing priorities involving relationship management, marketing, and event management. Effectively collaborating with internal and external customers to establish relationships of trust. Proficient in delivering comprehensive analyses and reports to facilitate decision, improvements, and continuity.

## Education

### **Bachelor of Arts Degree, Emphasis in Education and Community Studies**

June 2018

The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA

*Coursework Highlights: Community Outreach/ Latino Advocacy/ Subject Matter Expert/ Bilingual Communicator/ Team Player/ Relationship Building/ Self Starter*

## Experience

### **Mi Centro's Deputy Director**

September 2023-current

Tacoma, WA

- Supervise staff and programs such as; the front desk, small business program, civic engagement program and family support services which includes victim of crime and college readiness.
- Assist Executive Director in managing and overseeing the operations of the organization. This role includes strategic planning, decision making and handling various administrative responsibilities.
- Program grants narrative reports for OCVA, BY and FOR, UNITED WAY, and INATAI foundation.

### **Mi Centro Director of Family Support**

September 2022-August 2023

Tacoma, WA

- Supervises front desk, DV advocate and program assistance.
- Launched Mi Centro's new family support services in 2023.
- Immigrant and victim of crime case management. Assistance with college readiness, employment and resources.
- Coordinate Mi Centro's first "Breaking Barriers Conference".

### **Mi Centro Victim of Crime Advocate**

December 2020 -September 2022

Tacoma, WA

- As an advocate I managed a case load of 15 cases per month. Advocate duties included in person intake and through phone. Crisis intervention, safety planning and referrals. Placed clients at emergency shelters, rental assistance and moving expenses.
- Assisted with legal advocacy with protection orders, restraining orders and anti-harassment orders. File personal and witness statements through Linx account and supported victims with their court hearings.

- Interpreting in Spanish for the Latinx communities. Assisted clients fill out apartment's applications, employment applications and L&I crime victims' compensations.

***Upward Bound Shelton Site Coordinator***

February 2019-December 2020

Olympia, WA

- Recruited and managed a caseload of 20 high school students from low income backgrounds as they prepared to be the first in the family to graduate from college. Most of these students spoke English as a second (or third) language, were from immigrant backgrounds, and had significant educational and personal challenges.
- Advocated for undocumented students by leading WASFA workshops and communicating their education options. These students did not qualify for Upward Bound and were in addition to the caseload of 20.
- Created educational and informational materials including, Spanish pages of the website, flyers, social media posts, paperwork requests, translations of newsletters and other documents, and recruitment presentations.

***Youth Advising and College Access Coordination Intern***

January 2018-June 2018

Upward Bound Program, Olympia, WA

- Boost up after school Mentoring program coordinator in partnership with Upward Bound.
- Develop and manage a Spanish speaking caseload day to day operations for college access program.
- Manage funds and donations.

***Co-Founder and Student Coordinator***

April 2017-June 2018

Familia Student Organization, Olympia, WA

- Advocate to start a Retention Program at The Evergreen state college.
- Creating workshops to better serve undocumented students, write budget proposals to access funding for Familia student group, fundraising for undocumented students at Evergreen and social events for recruitment and retention.

***Presidential Equity Advisor***

July 2018-August 2018

The Office of the President, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA

- Researched and compiled best practices regarding student conduct code, restorative justice practices, and higher education law and policy.
- Worked with Equity Council and Vice President/Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion to create a student outreach, communication, and engagement plan related to issues of equity for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Provided a written report based on research which identified issues of concern regarding communication and engagement with students, best practices for communication and engagement, and recommendations for how the college can improve student engagement in college decision making and communication with students.

***Student Activities Desk Assistant***

January 2016-June 2018

Student Activities, The Evergreen state college

- Welcoming student coordinators and members.

- Answer phone calls, File paper, use Outlook, word document and excel.

### **Community Leadership and Engagement**

- Governor's Civic Leadership Award.
- Underserved/Undocumented Student Task Force.
- Strengthening Sanctuary, Training Team Member.

### **Skills and Training**

- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite Programs
- Facilitate "Know your rights" workshops
- Sexual Assault Advocate core – Spanish, 4/8/2022
- 2 - Housing Justice Summit, 6/9/2021
- Housing Justice Summit, 6/8/2021
- "Creative & Confident: Taking on Difficult Advocacy Conversations with Connie Burk 5/26/2021
- Suicide Prevention 101, 5/21/2021
- 2 - Confirmation: Dissolution and Common Legal Questions with NJP, 5/12/2021
- 1 – Confirmation: Dissolution and Common Legal Questions with NJP, 5/10/2021
- LGBTQ Core Competency Training, 5/16/2021
- Supporting Immigrant Survivors, 5/4/2021
- Child support 101, 4/26/2021