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Biography

Marlayna Martinez has been a community research liaison in the rural San Luis Valley in Colorado since 2019. She has been dedicated to working within early childhood and supporting our youngest community members and the people and systems that surround them. Through this work Marlayna continues to build relationships in the six diverse counties of the San Luis Valley and understanding the lived experiences of children and families. She brings skills and knowledge in group facilitation, event planning, and nutrition education. She previously worked as a Cooking Matters coordinator breaking bread with community and teaching about healthy eating habits and also worked on a Farm to School Taskforce working with school districts to incorporate healthier options and local foods on their school menus. She was born and raised in Colorado and married a San Luis Valley Native in 2014. She is a proud mother of two young children and spends lots of time with her hands in the dirt either with plants, with children, or with community.