



HAROLD MARTINEZ

Field Manager

Harold Martinez grew up in the Humboldt Park and Logan Square/Belmont-Cragin area of Chicago. The youngest of three brothers, he followed in the footsteps of his older brothers and became involved with street gangs, which ultimately led him to prison.

From his life-lived experiences, he utilized what he learned and personally observed about human behavior and his community to help heal and educate his community.

Harold started by volunteering his services with CeaseFire as an outreach worker, where he later elevated to the role of Violence Interrupter in the communities of Humboldt Park and Logan Square, preventing shootings and homicides on the front end.

He later continued his mission as Violence Interrupter for A.L.S.O (Alliance of Local Service Organizations) in the Humboldt Park and Belmont-Cragin communities.

He evolved in his work by way of providing Case Management for the Re-Entry population by way of Rincon Family Services. However, understanding the connection to street violence, which is his main mission to reduce, he continued mediating conflicts, which led him to a new role of Hospital Responder for Cure Violence.

Through his involvement, and by ensuring fidelity to provide quality services for patients, victims, and participants, Harold was able to secure a position with Acclivus Inc. as Trauma Response Specialist. Specifically assigned to Illinois Masonic Hospital, Harold provided services by triaging patients and their family members to local services, including but not limited to mental health, substance use, employment, and education.

Currently he is working as a Field Manager for Metropolitan Family Services, where he ensures collaboration among two agencies in his Zone that cover four different neighborhoods. He also facilitates at the Metropolitan Peace Academy, where he helps support, educate, and motivate outreach workers and case managers from partner organizations across the city.

Harold has certificates in Anger Management, Mental Health First-Aid, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Substance Use, Youth Development, and Communication Skills, all of which he utilizes to bring awareness education and solutions to the daily encounters and pressures that our target population face, including gangs, guns, drugs, addiction, prison, and the challenge of difficult emotions.