

BMAC center in Walla Walla



As we enter the thanksgiving season, I reflect on the work I've been a part of since September, the month I began with CHA. In the first month it was getting to know our team, learning of CHA's inner processing works, trainings, outreach planning along with getting to know the Southeast portion of the state through research, which is my designated work area.

I am very thankful on how the existing team has helped onboard me, the team has been very protective on how not to overload us Community Development Officers. From onboarding to planning our outreach efforts to meeting community, recording videos, developing flyers, reading two books, learning new software, and translating documents, it has been full of learning. Thank you!



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About Adán

As the fifth of six children in his family, Adán was born in California to parents who were born in Los Ramones, Nuevo Leon México and had less than a 4th grade education. He and his family were migrant/seasonal farm workers, working in the vineyards of California picking grapes and other crops in Washington state.

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In October I worked 6 events in 5 different counties and with one of those events being a community connection session in Walla Walla. Blue Mountain Action Council was a very helpful partner in organizing the event. It was a success! I'm thankful for how they know their community so well and many were able to complete the questionnaire. I'm learning through the responses received from the questionnaire that many do not understand the difference between race and ethnicity.

I'm thankful that our team assembled a definition of the terms so that our community can be better informed to respond more appropriately. At the Walla Walla WorkSource event, I met many people, but one that stood out was Lourdes. She is originally from Perú and knows Spanish, English, Quechua and Aymara languages. She was very thankful of the resources that Walla Walla has for their residents. I am thankful to have met her.

In the following months, I'm looking forward to learning more from the research we are doing and learn about the assets that each community already has in place.

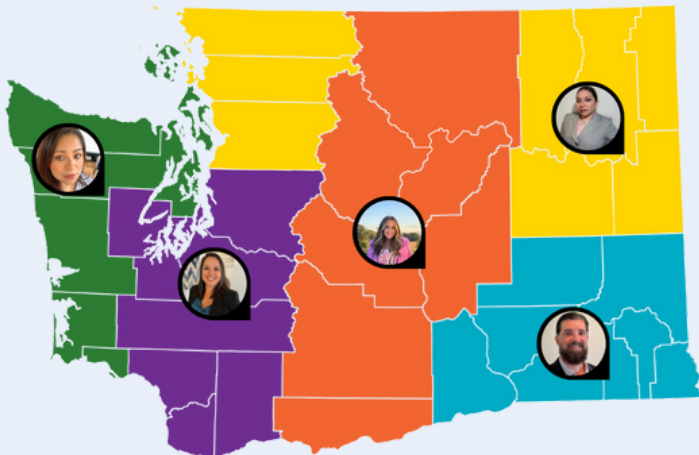


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ABOUT THE TEAM

The Community Development Team is embedded and connected in the regions that we serve. We center relationship-building and trust. The CDOs are building connections with program staff, community-based organizations, elected officials, faith-based and informal community leaders, as well as fellow colleagues at all the state agencies.



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