



Timely Support for Immigrant Families & Children: Philanthropy Strives to Meet the Moment

A Funder-to-Funder Conversation

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Panelist Bios

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Jazmín Chávez is the Vice President of Innovation, Equity, and Communications at Hispanics in Philanthropy. In her role, she manages a high-impact portfolio and multinational teams comprised of Communications, Digital Innovation in philanthropy and leads, Racial Equity, Leadership, and Organizational Culture & Belonging and leads multimillion-dollar fundraising for both organizational infrastructure and equitable grantmaking strategies for scalable impact in Latinx communities.

She brings over 20 years of experience in digital strategy, fundraising, communications, and innovation for nonprofits, philanthropic organizations, and government agencies. She has 25+ years of experience in community organizing, advocacy, and strategic outreach in underrepresented communities. Jazmín has used communications and legal theory to examine new tactics for digital mobilization and movement building, using social media platforms and narrative power analysis to engage Latinx communities. Jazmín is a graduate of CU Boulder and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She lives in her hometown of Denver with her husband and two children and is an Adjunct Professor of Chicanx Studies professor at Metro State University of Denver.

PANELISTS



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Rodrigo Barraza co-leads Global Fund for Children’s grantmaking, capacity development, and integrated programming in the Americas. He has extensive professional experience with migrant children and women in Mexico’s southern border region. He has worked for organizations such as the Human Rights Center Fray Matías de Córdoba and Mesoamerican Voices, where he was responsible for the Migrant Children and Youth program. Rodrigo holds a PhD in gender studies and a master’s degree in applied anthropology from the University of Salamanca (Spain), along with a master’s degree in international cooperation from the National University of San Martin (Argentina). A native Spanish speaker, he is also fluent in English.



Shannon L. Rudisill

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Shannon Rudisill is the first Executive Director of the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative (ECFC), assuming the position in November 2016. Under her leadership, ECFC is pursuing a strategy of growth and strategic engagement with partners across philanthropy to build capacity for supporting policies and practices that help young children and their families thrive.

Prior to joining ECFC, Shannon was the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development at the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Shannon served on the Obama Administration’s senior leadership team for early childhood programs, setting strategy for ACF programs such as child care and Head Start, as well as programs jointly administered with the U.S. Department of Education, such as the Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge and the Preschool Development Grants. She is especially proud of the \$500 million Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership grants which will bring higher quality early care and comprehensive services to thousands of infants and toddlers from families in poverty.

From 2009-2014, Shannon was the Director of ACF’s Office of Child Care (OCC). OCC administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which provides over \$5 billion per year to States, Territories, and over 500 Tribal communities to provide child care for about 1.5 million children each month. At OCC, Shannon tirelessly pursued strategies to make child care work better for families and to ensure that children are served in safe, healthy, and nurturing early learning and afterschool programs. Under her leadership, the Obama Administration’s principles for child care reform were reflected in the reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant for the first time in almost 18 years.



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Ivy leads GCIR's program and policy strategy and development, funder education and engagement, and funder mobilizing and organizing. Previously, she was a program officer at Open Society Foundations, where she focused on immigrant and refugee justice, managing a multimillion-dollar portfolio and developing a strategy challenging the systems rooted in the racialized treatment of immigrants throughout US history. Prior to joining OSF, she was an attorney and director of the Anti-Trafficking Initiative at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, working at the intersection of migrants,' workers,' and women's rights, providing legal representation and advocating for policy changes informed by the lived experiences of her clients.