

STEVEN T. LOPEZ

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EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 2020 – PRESENT

SENIOR DIRECTOR, HEALTH POLICY PROJECT, UNIDOSUS

NOVEMBER 2018 – SEPTEMBER 2020

DIRECTOR, HEALTH POLICY PROJECT, UNIDOSUS

- Sets strategic vision and goals for the Health Policy Project, oversees a budget of around \$2 million, and leverages the organization's multiple assets to maximize impact and influence.
- Serves on Senior Management team, setting component strategy and goals and informing organizational strategy.
- Serves as institutional spokesperson on health policy engaging with multiple stakeholders, including Congress, federal and state agency officials, philanthropy, and the media.
- Creates and executes a federal and state policy agenda centered on the needs and priorities of Latino and immigrant children and families, with a focus on the ACA, Medicaid, and CHIP, nutrition programs such as SNAP, and emergent issues.
- Serves as co-lead of organization's COVID-19 policy and advocacy working group to ensure an inclusive and equitable federal and state response.
- Oversees organization's efforts to introduce major health equity legislation, the "Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2020", in partnership with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus during the 116th Congress.
- Co-leads organization's strategic efforts to build a culture of health for the Latino community in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

SEPTEMBER 2017 – NOVEMBER 2018

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, HEALTH POLICY PROJECT, UNIDOSUS

- Set overall goals and priorities for the Health Policy Project to maximize impact and influence.
- Designed and executed a policy agenda centered on the needs and priorities of Latino and immigrant children and families, with a focus on the ACA, Medicaid, and CHIP, as well as nutrition programs such as SNAP.
- Managed budgets, maintained funder relationships, and fundraised around \$1 million to support health policy work.

AUGUST 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2017

PROGRAM MANAGER, HEALTH POLICY PROJECT, UNIDOSUS

- Oversaw and contributed to the creation of new knowledge regarding Latino health equity, including the production of UnidosUS's first report on the state of Latino children's insurance coverage in partnership with Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families, as well as UnidosUS's first health poll of Latino voters in partnership with polling firm Latino Decisions.
- Shaped, executed, and managed internal cross-component issue advocacy campaigns including ACA implementation, Medicaid expansion, and insurance coverage for the remaining uninsured.
- Managed select funder relationships, including obtaining new funding to support policy and advocacy work to expand insurance for Latino and immigrant children in AZ, CA, and FL.

MAY 2013 – AUGUST 2014

SENIOR POLICY ANALYST, HEALTH POLICY PROJECT, UNIDOSUS

- Provided expert policy analysis on issues of access, participation, and quality related to Latino health coverage and care, as well as nutrition and food insecurity.
- Lead UnidosUS's ACA implementation work, serving as primary representative to White House and HHS officials to address systems challenges impacting Latino and immigrant consumers.

NOVEMBER 2011 – MAY 2013

HEALTH POLICY PLANNER, SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM

- Lead San Mateo County's disease prevention and health equity work through policy, systems, and environmental change targeting children and the institutions that serve them.
- Collaborated with and provided guidance to local and regional government entities, community-based organizations, and other health entities to advance primary prevention work.
- Managed a portfolio of county-funded chronic disease prevention projects, coordinated and staffed county health workgroup, and communicated work via policy documents, public speaking engagements, and social media platforms.

JUNE 2009 – SEPTEMBER 2011

FELLOW, U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION

- Directed the design and implementation of a multi-stakeholder obesity prevention initiative in the U.S.-Mexico border region.
- Initiated and mobilized strategic partnerships with local and state government entities, health providers, and non-profit organizations to execute the initiative's vision and goals.
- Provided technical assistance to build local policy and program capacity and received recognition from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

JUNE 2006 – AUGUST 2008

ANALYST, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PROGRAM ON ACCESS TO CARE

- Analyzed access to health insurance coverage and care, with special attention to some of the nation's most vulnerable populations including children, immigrants, the working poor, and those from agricultural and rural households.
- Collaborated on technical assistance projects for California Legislature, including the Senate Select Committee on Obesity and Diabetes.

EDUCATION

MAY 2008

DUAL MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC HEALTH, UC BERKELEY

JUNE 2002

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN STUDIES, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

PUBLICATIONS

- K. Whitener, S. Lopez, L. Roygardner, M. Snider, April 2020. "Decade of Success for Latino Children's Health Now in Jeopardy," <http://publications.unidosus.org/handle/123456789/2039>.
- S. Schwartz, A. Chester, S. Lopez, S. Vargas Poppe, December 2016. "Latino Children's Coverage Reaches Historic High, But Too Many Remain Uninsured," <http://publications.unidosus.org/handle/123456789/1672>.
- S. Schwartz, A. Chester, S. Lopez, S. Vargas Poppe, January 2016. "Historic Gains in Health Coverage for Hispanic Children in the Affordable Care Act's First Year," <http://publications.unidosus.org/handle/123456789/1456>.

ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

- University of Texas Institute for Health Promotion Research Exito! Leadership Training Institute, a competitive training institute for emerging health scholars committed to addressing Latino health disparities.
- UC Berkeley Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow (PPIA)
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Public Policy Fellow (CHCI)
- Stanford Haas Center for Public Service Walk the Talk Award for Leadership in Public Service Recipient