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NRFC Webinar Series *Working with Latino Dads* *Presenter Bios*

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Dr. Alicia La Hoz, Founder and Executive Director, Family Bridges

As a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Dr. La Hoz has worked with the Latino community in the Chicagoland area in collaborative and community efforts developing and coordinating Family Bridges comprehensive marriage and relationship programs serving approximately 10,000 persons annually. For the past three years, she has participated in the Hispanic Research Work Group organized by the Office of Planning and Research Evaluation under the Administration of Children and Families. Dr. La Hoz has been involved in providing lay counseling training in Latin America and has served as an assistant faculty member for Trinity International University, South Florida Campus teaching Community Psychology in the graduate Psychology department. Most recently, under her leadership, Family Bridges worked with ICF International in completing a toolkit for stakeholders working with Latino couples and individuals. She is currently working on research to understand the process of change involved in educational marriage and relationship education programs as these relate to the Hispanic community. Moreover, Dr. La Hoz practices at Meier Clinics treating persons with a myriad of mental health programs including depression, anxiety, OCD, and specializing in family and marriage relationship distress

Jose D. Muñoz, Director of Fatherhood Services, Compadre Y Compadre, The Children's Shelter, San Antonio, TX

Jose Muñoz has been in health and human services field for almost twenty years. His experience includes working with children and foster parents with agencies across South Texas. As Director of Fatherhood Services for The Children's Shelter in San Antonio, he leads a group of six parent educators as they teach over 400 clients each year to connect their heads and hearts to become nurturing fathers. A native of San Antonio, Jose has been in the Air Force Reserve for 20 years after serving four years in the Army. He is the proud dad of a fourteen-year daughter, who is the world to him.

Jerry Tello, Director, National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute and Co-Founder, National Compadres Network

Jerry Tello comes from a family of Mexican-Texan roots and was raised in South Central Los Angeles. He is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of fatherhood, family strengthening, community peace and mobilization and culturally based violence prevention/intervention issues. Over the last 30+ years, Mr. Tello has dedicated his efforts to preventing and healing the pain of relationship/community violence, teen pregnancy, fatherlessness and internalized oppression by speaking to over half a million people and training thousands of facilitators across the nation to address these issues. He is co-founder of the National Compadres Network (established in 1988) and the Director of the National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute. He has incorporated his real life experience, together with research based knowledge and indigenous cultural based teachings, to engage people in a reality-based healing and growth-inspiring experience. He is the author of various children's books, professional publications, culturally based curricula, and inspirational CD's and DVD's. Mr. Tello has received numerous awards including the Ambassador of Peace award and Presidential Crime Victims Service award. He also directs the Sacred Circles Center in Whittier, California and is a member of the Sacred Circles performance group dedicated to community peace and healing. He is the proud father of three children Marcos, Renee, Emilio and grandfather of Amara.

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