APHA Conference Bio

Daisy is a Public Health professional with a history of community advocacy and program implementation. She has worked with underserved populations and is dedicated to facilitating cross-discipline collaborative opportunities to tackle issues of health and social inequities.

Over the past 15 years Daisy has engaged in the implementation of programs aimed at addressing alcohol abuse in youth and adults and facilitated activities aimed at understanding disparities that contribute to the problem of substance use. Daisy lead the implementation of the NM, School-Based Health Center, Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program. This statewide program aimed to improve the health and healthcare experiences of youth using Motivational Interviewing and other evidence-based practices. Additionally, she worked with Native communities through the Center for Development and Disability, New Mexico Indian Children's Program and the Fetal Alcohols Spectrum Disorders program, two multi agency, community-based initiatives that provided clinical assessment and advocacy for families impacted by substance use related disabilities and other disabilities.

Currently, Daisy serves as a junior evaluator for the McKinley County Strategic Network of Advocates for Prevention of Suicide & Substance Abuse (SNAPS SA) program and Program Coordinator for the Organic Farmers Safety, Health and Life survey, a study funded by NIOSH through the Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention, and Education (SW Ag Center). Daisy is also the first student at the College of Population Health to received new investigator research funding through which she developed and conducted a National COVID-19 Survey of organic producers addressing four specific areas: prevalence; collateral health damage; preventive behavior; and resilience.