

Armando Perez

Mr. Perez is a first-generation queer, Latine and is currently working in street medicine for Healthcare in Action. He graduated with honors from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa with a B.A. in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies as well as Sociology. While he received his college education in rural Iowa, Mr. Perez was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley.

After his undergraduate studies, Mr. Perez completed a term with AmeriCorps at a low-income middle school during which time he became involved with a grassroots LGBTQ+ organization in the San Fernando Valley. He then worked with queer and unhoused individuals at a social services nonprofit and research facility in the heart of Hollywood with the goal of health education and risk reduction before working in East Los Angeles. Introduced to clinical and biomedical services at a federally qualified health center, Mr. Perez promoted HIV prevention and treatment to populations historically impeded from accessing medical care. At present, he is a medical case manager for unhoused individuals in the South Bay of Los Angeles.

Public health experience in tow, Mr. Perez decided to further pursue his passions with a Master's in Public Health. He aspires to implement and evaluate programs that seek to further improve health outcomes for the underserved and disadvantaged, queer and unhoused individuals in particular.

In his free time, Mr. Perez tends to his plants and Dungeons and Dragons campaign. He also enjoys going to the beach, traveling to new destinations, and attending concerts and music festivals.