

Kimberly Montano

Kimberly Montano is a first-generation, Bolivian American. She is a Health Educator at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, for the Substance Use and Prevention Program in the Adolescent Medicine Division. She works with youth to promote awareness, prevention, and an open dialogue regarding substances. This includes dismantling stereotypes concerning substance use, treatment, and recovery, particularly within the Latinx community. Simultaneously, she is a scribe at St. Francis Medical Center Emergency Department in Lynwood, CA working alongside physicians and physician assistants. She completed her B.S. degree in Biology and Sociology from Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. Afterwards, Kimberly was an Emergency Medical Technician in Los Angeles County, and responded to 911 calls from 2019-2021. Subsequently, she worked at ULCA Medical Center Emergency Department as an Emergency Trauma Technician. She credits her field and hospital experience during the Covid-19 pandemic, for honing her patient care skills. By working through a devastating coronavirus surge in disproportionately affected communities, she gained a lived experience of healthcare disparities and ways to achieve health equity progress. Kimberly is pursuing a Physician Assistant and Public Health dual degree and is excited about her future roles connected to patient care and community health education.