We want to congratulate and show our appreciation to all the promotores and community health workers nationwide, especially to the promotores of the regional committees of the Network of Visión y Compromiso. As promotores and community health workers you help to build leadership and peer support and develop organizational and advocacy skills. Your resiliency and service from the heart was tested during the pandemic where you adapted to the new realities while acquiring new tools to continue serving communities. You are the bridge between the diverse populations you serve and because of this your hard work was recognized in 2009 when the California State Capitol declared October as the Month of the Promotor. Twelve years later, we still recognize your leadership and service. Many thanks for your servicio de corazón!
MESSAGES FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, NETWORK DIRECTOR, AND REGIONAL MANAGERS

A heartfelt thanks to all the promotoras and promotores on this special occasion.

MELINDA CORDERO-BARZAGA
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
Honor to whom honor is due! You, the promotores who since history have been and will continue to be the managers of social change. You who day by day sow the seeds of knowledge, hope and well-being in our communities. This month of October is dedicated to you because we honor your role of accompaniment, teaching, advocacy and providing hope that facilitates transformation in our communities. Congratulations promotores for your heartfelt service!

NORMA BENITEZ
NETWORK DIRECTOR
Feliz mes del promotor! Every day I am filled with hope, determination, but most of all, more in love with what we have built together, a community of fierce promotores in California and across the nation! I see the determination in your spirit and in your actions to build a more just society based on mutual respect, love and commitment for all that cross our paths. I am honored to call you all my sisters and brothers in our movement towards a more dignified life!

MARIAELENA AGUILAR
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MANAGER
A gift from heaven, that is what the promotores are. Angels, attentive to those most in need! They are doctors and they advocate for the needs of others and some have not gone to a university but they have a great HEART to serve!

ARTURO PALATO
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MANAGER
Congratulations promotores! You who make a difference in your family, community, workplace and wherever you go. My love and appreciation for your tireless work, your heart of service and your joy. Please continue to be our inspiration to improve the living conditions of immigrants, people of color and those most disadvantaged by this system. An honor to work with you!

VERONICA ARCIGA
SAN FERNANDO, LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL COAST, AND LAS VEGAS, NV REGIONAL MANAGER
The pandemic has shown us in a very tangible way the important role that community promotoras/es have in giving that helping hand to our families when they need it most. In these times when hope has been uncertain, you promotoras/es have been the first to respond by going out to offer education and essential resources to our communities most in need. You have also been those people who have understood and listened heart to heart the emotional pain—more than physical—that our community is suffering. Thank you promotores for always being present! For being those heroes with a great heart of service. It is a true honor for me to be able to serve you and support you so that your work is honored. Congratulations this promotor month and always!

NATALY SANTAMARIA
KERN REGIONAL MANAGER
The heartfelt service of a promotor is not measured by size, but by the commitment they have towards their community to achieve community transformation. In this month of the promotor we celebrate all those who day after day work to provide resources, support or simply a helping hand to those who need it.

“Many small people, in small places, doing small things, can change the world.”
—EDUARDO GALEANO

PETER PHILLIPS
ADVOCACY MANAGER
Congratulations! Your hard work as community promotores inspires me. The way in which you guide our families towards a dignified and healthy life is truly unique. You share the needs of our communities and advocate for change. Thanks to you this year there will be classes in mental health for students and health care for undocumented seniors. Thanks!
Meet Five Promotores in Visión y Compromiso’s Network

Many already know the work and the service from the heart of the promotores of Visión y Compromiso. They selflessly give their time, not only to their families but also to their community. They prepare by attending workshops and trainings. They have an insatiable thirst to help others. But do we know what they are like outside of their role as promotores? Join us to get to know five Visión y Compromiso Network promotores.

KATHI CERVANTEZ • LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE
My parents met in Los Angeles, CA and this is where I was born. I am a coordinator, organizer, and facilitator. I am passionate about art, poetry, and listening to stories. More than anything, I like hearing stories from my family. I love to draw and be in classes to learn. It bothers me when I feel like they are not listening to me.

MARIA LUISA FIGUEROA • BAY AREA COMMITTEE
I am from Guadalajara, Jalisco. I work for the community. I am passionate about supporting with necessary information. I like to help in whatever I can. It bothers me that the community does not get involved with their health.

ELVIRA HERRERA • COACHELLA COMMITTEE
I was born in Tijuana but I grew up in Coachella, CA. I have worked as an advocate for domestic violence, rape and human trafficking for years and criminal and family cases. I love fishing and defending human rights. Aside from seeing that justice is served, spending my time with my family. I dislike corruption and injustices.

NANCY GONZALEZ • COACHELLA COMMITTEE
Originally from Sinaloa, Mexico, but I was raised in Mexicali, Baja California. I work in a Medical Billing Office. I have worked in a clinic in the Community Outreach department for seven years as a certified Enrollment Counselor under Covered California, Health Navigator. I am passionate about dancing, smiling and helping people. Since I was young I’d like to help make changes in the difficult situations that our communities face. What I enjoy the most is smiling next to my family. I am bothered by all kinds of injustice in human rights and animals.

FELIZA CRUZ • MADERA COMMITTEE
I was born in Northern Baja California, but two weeks after I was born I was taken to Sinaloa, which I consider my homeland. I have had a law degree for more than ten years. I have dedicated myself to working with the community. I like to work and be myself. A woman who on the same day could be in the office, in a conference, taking tests, in a vaccination event, in a class of the supreme court of justice of the nation, in an appointment advocating with our congressmen, and cleaning pools with my husband. I am passionate about knowing that I am an amalgam of actions, a great diversity of services in one person. I like to dance, sing, walk in the mountains, listen to the sea and go aimlessly on a family walk. I dislike hypocrisy and I am allergic to people who like to humiliate others.
The California Legislature ended its annual session on September 15. We celebrate the passage of SB-224: Instruction for Students: Mental Health Education, and Health for All, the expansion of Medi-Cal to undocumented seniors which begins on May 2022. The Network of Visión y Compromiso advocated for the passage of these proposals. These bills will now go to Governor Newsom for his signature. Our state legislators will be in their districts this fall hearing new bills that will be enacted in the next legislative session in January. The Network of Visión y Compromiso is gathering information on the needs of our communities. Share with us those needs within the health, housing, environment, education, immigration, and workforce categories by filling out the survey below.

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The Senate Parliament did not approve the proposal to provide citizenship to immigrants in the Democrats’ spending bill. Democrats will try again to ask parliament to approve the modified version. The Network will continue to request meetings with congressmen. We are now awaiting responses from Congressman Mike Garcia from Los Angeles, Mark Takano from San Bernardino / Riverside, Jerry McNerney from the San Joaquin Valley, and Raúl Ruiz from Coachella.

If you would like to attend any of these meetings, contact Peter Phillips, Advocacy Manager at peter@visionycompromiso.org.

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Smile, California

We are excited to collaborate with Smile, California. Smile is California's Medicaid program, or as we know it as Medi-Cal, currently offering dental services as one of the program’s many benefits. Medi-Cal Dental, also known as Denti-Cal, is the program that provides free or low-cost dental services to eligible children and adults. Tooth be told, it’s good to have healthy smile goals! Regular dental check-ups are a safe way to help you have good dental and overall health. Visit SmileCalifornia.org to find a Medi-Cal dentist and learn more about your covered services. #SmileCalifornia
For information about these events and more, visit our events page.

**PLEASE NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, these events are virtual and in Spanish.**

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La Red de Promotoras y Trabajadores Comunitarios de Visión y Compromiso los invita a que se inscriban a su celebración virtual del Mes del Promotor

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| 1 de octubre 5pm a 6pm PST | Conozcan a la Red de Promotoras y Trabajadores Comunitarios de Visión y Compromiso  
|                     | ¡Tendrán la oportunidad de descubrir cómo la Red de Visión y Compromiso inició y los comités que conforman la Red |
| 8 de octubre 6pm a 8pm PST | Noche de bienvenida de la conferencia anual [www.vyccconference.org](http://www.vyccconference.org)  
|                     | ¡Para asistir a este evento debe estar inscrito a nuestra 19a Conferencia Anual |
| 15 de octubre 5pm a 6:30pm PST | Cocinando con Violeta  
|                     | PATROCINADO POR EL COMITÉ DEL ÁREA DE LA BAHÍA  
|                     | No hay pachanga sin buena comida. Acompáñenos a cocinar comida rica y saludable. |
| 21 de octubre 11am a 1pm PST | Celebrando y honrando el mes del promotor  
|                     | PATROCINADO POR EL COMITÉ DE ORANGE COUNTY  
|                     | ¡En toda fiesta hay invitados de honor, en este caso son USTEDES promotoras! |
| 22 de octubre 6pm a 8pm PST | Promotores destacando el servicio de corazón  
|                     | PATROCINADO POR EL COMITÉ DE SAN DIEGO  
|                     | ¡En esta celebración tendrán la oportunidad de ganarse unos premios. |
| 29 de octubre 5pm a 6pm PST | Alimentando nuestra mente  
|                     | PATROCINADO POR EL COMITÉ DE SAN BERNARDINO/RIVERSIDE  
|                     | Después de darle alimento al cuerpo sigamos con nuestra salud mental |
| 30 de octubre 9am a 12pm PST | Foro para promotoras y líderes comunitarios  
|                     | PATROCINADO POR EL COMITÉ DEL VALLE DE SAN FERNANDO Y VALLE DEL ANTELOPE  
|                     | ¡Valorando su labor como promotora y líder comunitaria |

Para reservar tu espacio, inscríbete aquí: [visionycompromiso.org/events](http://visionycompromiso.org/events)

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Visión y Compromiso Employment Opportunities

Lead Promotor Comunitario: Kern, San Bernardino Counties and East LA
Promotor Comunitario: Kern, San Bernardino Counties and East LA
Finance Assistant
Administrative Assistant, Education and Training Department • Los Angeles
Policy Director
Program Manager • East Los Angeles Area
Program Manager • Kern & San Bernardino Counties
Network Manager • Inland Empire
Project Coordinator • Los Angeles
Promotor Comunitario, Tarzana Treatment Center
Community Health Educator • Humboldt, El Dorado, and Shasta
COVID-19 Promotor Comunitario • LA, San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley

Please check our website for job descriptions for our current employment opportunities.