

Francisco M. Vasquez, Ph.D.

Dr. Francisco M. Vasquez hails from the state of Arizona. He resides in the City of Buffalo with his wife, Janet. Their daughter, Brianne, is a University of Buffalo graduate.

Dr. Vasquez received his Bachelor of Science Degree as well as his Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in Arizona. Dr. Vasquez received his Ph.D. in Social Foundations of Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

In his professional career, Dr. Vasquez's focus has been in the field of developmental disabilities and children and their families, a subject of which he is currently focusing on through philanthropic/humanitarian efforts. Dr. Vasquez began his career with the Arizona Department of Economic Security and currently serves as Executive Vice President for People Inc., a Western New York not-for-profit agency dedicated to providing quality services to persons with developmental disabilities. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for the People Inc. Museum of disABILITY History.

Dr. Vasquez teaches a course for the Social Sciences Interdisciplinary Degree Program at the University of Buffalo which focuses on Issues in Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. He also mentored Latino doctoral candidates of the University.

Dr. Vasquez contributes to and participates in several community organizations, including the Western New York Hispanics and Friends Civic Association; Children and Families Task Force; Public Bridge Authority Community Advisory Task Force; Buffalo Urban League; Erie County Self-Sufficiency Coalition; Erie-Niagara Area Health Education Center; Independent Health Foundation; American Cancer Society Regional Planning Council; Community Advisory Committee at Buffalo State College, Black Leadership Forum/Kaleida Advisory Committee; Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board; Oversight Board for the Advancing Arts and Culture Buffalo Niagara; Leadership Buffalo and Mayor Byron Brown's (City of Buffalo) Street Workers Steering Committee. Dr. Vasquez also participates in the National Society of Hispanic MBAs and the National Council of La Raza.