



LILIANA SILVA DIAZ, Ph.D.

Lead Professional Learning Specialist

BIOGRAPHY

Liliana Silva Diaz is a passionate school counselor and is currently a district counselor in the College and Career Readiness department at Sweetwater Union High School District. She previously created and oversaw a mentoring program for 35 new school counselors in the district and led professional development centered around implementing a comprehensive school counseling program. For the past six years, she has chaired the district's School Counselor Standards Committee. The committee's goal is to implement a district wide comprehensive school counseling program aligned with its LCAP goals and focusing on providing data driven multi-tiered, multi-domain systems of support. At the heart of her work is focusing on groups of students that have been disenfranchised or hurt by policies set forth by our schooling systems and working to dismantle those policies.

For five years, Liliana was an adjunct faculty member at San Diego State University for the Counseling and School Psychology department where she taught courses in ecosystems and the ASCA National Model. Liliana earned her doctorate degree from Claremont Graduate University/San Diego State University. Her dissertation centered around the ways in which Latinx families and school counselors help foster social capital in first- and second-generation students, in their pursuit of being college ready. She believes working collaboratively with parents and families is essential to students' success.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Current district school counselor with middle and high school experience
- 2016 Sweetwater Union High School District School Counselor of The Year
- Former adjunct faculty at San Diego State University
- Presented at local, state, and national conferences



FUN FACTS

- Liliana's most fun-filled days are those spent with her husband, daughter, and their family dog, Perfecto.
- Liliana enjoys cooking and tackling new recipes.
- Liliana's life goal is to visit every country in Latin America and learn a little more about the history and culture.

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