



YESENIA BAKER, M.S., P.P.S.

Professional Learning Specialist

BIOGRAPHY

"School counseling is a special position to be in. We play so many roles in our work with families, students, and the communities we service. The work we do allows us to bring equity to all, and that to me is phenomenal. We get to be a voice for others and inspire change. Being a part of the Hatching Results family allows me to connect with a wide range of professional colleagues to build equity across all districts."

Yesenia started her career path in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT). While working in schools as an MFT Intern, she realized how much she enjoyed working with children and the school setting. This pushed her to go back to school to get her PPS credential. Yesenia has been in her current school district in Southern California for over six years. She loves her job, as well as the students and community with whom she works!

TESTIMONIALS

"Yesenia's joyful, charismatic and professional demeanor makes her an exceptional school counselor as well as a leader to her colleagues. In her role as a leader, Yesenia is a strong communicator and empathetic listener. She builds strong rapport and relationships with all she interacts with."

– Jaclyn Vander Veen, Elementary School Counselor, Alvord Unified School District, CA

"I have had the pleasure of working with Yesenia Baker for the past five years at the Alvord Unified School District. She is not only a wonderful counselor, but an inspiring leader as well. Under her leadership, we presented our comprehensive counseling program at the ASCA National conference and been recognized by our school board for our program. Yesenia is both task focused and goal oriented and works diligently to meet our team needs. She is a constant professional with a unique blend of problem solving and creativity. She has often been the "voice of reason" for our team and knows how to collaborate well and bring forth positive resolutions. Her counseling skills extend far beyond the population she serves as she is always ready to be a listener and mentor for her peers. Yesenia is a natural influencer and I am grateful to be part of her professional circle."

– Susan Perez, Elementary School Counselor, Alvord Unified School District, CA

FUN FACTS

- Yesenia enjoys traveling – her favorite destination so far is Pauanui, New Zealand.
- Yesenia was a collegiate athlete, having played volleyball for Division 3 (her team went to nationals, and made it to finals!).
- Yesenia enjoys planning events and parties as a hobby.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Presented at the 2018 ASCA Annual Conference
- Elementary Counselor Co-Lead, 2016-2020
- Named Support Staff of the Year, 2016



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