

DAVID GARCIA

Education

- Master of Public Administration, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, American Military University, Charles Town, WV

Relevant Experience

Director of Government Relations, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta (10/2024 - Present)

- Led strategic stakeholder engagement and advocacy for after-school programs.
- Secured \$150K in county ordinance funding and contributed to \$2M in state allocations.

Program Specialist, Southern Regional Education Board (03/2024 - 10/2024)

- Secured grant from the Hewlett Foundation to launch open education initiatives with HBCUs.
- Advanced equitable access to educational resources across the Southern region.

Director of Policy and Advocacy, GALEO Latino Community Development Fund (11/2021 - 01/2024)

- Directed policy advocacy, grassroots organizing, and civic engagement.
- Launched 501(c)(4) affiliate and developed endorsement programs for Latino candidates.

Case Navigator, The Warrior Alliance (11/2020 - 11/2021)

- Provided holistic support to veterans in housing, education, mental health, and benefits.
- Built networks of care and volunteer engagement programs.

Voter Education and Outreach Coordinator, Fulton County Board of Elections (07/2020 - 11/2020)

- Led nonpartisan voter education campaigns to increase civic participation.

City Impact Manager, The Mission Continues (05/2018 - 07/2020)

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- Executed 100+ volunteer events, mobilized 5,000+ volunteers, and coordinated civic engagement.
- Cultivated cross-sector partnerships and enhanced program sustainability.

Military Student Advocate; Retention Coordinator, Georgia State University (06/2016 - 05/2018)

- Supported military-connected students' academic transition and benefit compliance.
- Expanded veteran programs through campus and community partnerships.

Assistant Team Leader, Construction Surveillance Monitor Program, U.S. Dept. of State (Contractor) (10/2007 - 12/2012)

- Enforced security standards on diplomatic construction sites abroad.
- Trained personnel in high-security and overseas environments.

Marine Security Guard; Supply & Logistics Coordinator, U.S. Marine Corps (11/2001 - 10/2007)

- Protected U.S. diplomatic posts and managed airfield logistics operations.

Skills and Certifications

- Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP), 2016
- Bilingual: English & Spanish
- U.S. Marine Corps Veteran (2001-2007)