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Dr. Lorissa Villarreal has over eight years of experience in the nonprofit sector supporting vulnerable adult populations both inside Los Angeles County jails and in the community to meet educational and workforce goals. As the Reentry and Workforce Manager, she led the Prison to Employment grant to provide justice-involved and formally justice-involved individuals with support services and subsidized employment opportunities through community partnerships. As the Grants and Assessments Manager for New Opportunities Organization, Lorissa wrote, implemented, managed, and evaluated the WIOA, Title II grant, securing millions of dollars in support of adult education. She spearheaded the development and implementation of local and state-mandated educational assessments and policy and procedures in challenging large-scale county systems across eleven sites.

Lorissa has a Doctorate of Social Work from the University of Southern California, a Master's of Public Administration with a Nonprofit concentration from the University of La Verne, and a Bachelor's of Organizational Management from Ashford University. She is a lifelong learner, an innovator, and futurist. Lorissa holds professional memberships and affiliations with the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare, Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA), Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and USC Unchained Scholars.

As an advocate for economically disadvantaged minority populations, her philosophy is to provide meaningful experiences for all people putting equity, diversity, and inclusiveness at the forefront of whole-person care.