



Ricardo D. Salcido

Bio

Ricardo D. Salcido is the Linkage To Care Program Coordinator at Zufall Health Center in Somerville, NJ. Since the beginning of his work in HIV, in 2014, he has been a HIV Community Medical Case Manager, and member of the HIV Health Services Planning Council of Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon Counties Transitional Grant Areas in New Jersey where he lead program planning, implementation, learning initiatives, quality improvement collaboratives, and more.

Ricardo has participated in Congressional visits at AIDSWatch in Washington DC, National Quality Center Training of Consumers on Quality, Hyacinth Leadership Advocacy, and New Jersey Cross-Part Collaborative Training for Consumers on Quality. Ricardo is an active committee member of Hunterdon County Partnership for Health, Newark EMA Planning Council - Comprehensive Planning Committee, and most recently presented at the statewide AETC Training of Consumers on Quality in Atlantic City. Ricardo also conducts "Take Control of Your Health" workshops teaching important self management skills, which help individuals affected by chronic condition live healthier (Regional Chronic Disease Coalition of Middlesex and Union Counties – Offices of Health Services).

Ricardo holds a Master of Fine Arts degree concentrating in Performance in Television, Film and Theatre at California State University, Los Angeles. There, Ricardo assisted in undergraduate instructions for *Gender and Sexuality in Pop Culture*, *Violence in the Media*, and *Introduction to Broadcasting*. In 2012, Ricardo was awarded a research stipend and presented his paper on behalf of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexualities Conference entitled *Final Performance: Hospice Care and Identity Reconstruction* (based on his life experience as a hospice survivor).