



Throughout a thirty-five-year career in healthcare, **Migdalia "Micky" Jimenez** has demonstrated a fervent passion to help others in their moments of greatest crisis. Micky began her career as a Registered Professional nurse in an alcohol detox Unit and has, in essence, come full circle, most recently serving as Regional Director of the Acacia Network / Camino Nuevo chemical dependency treatment Program and methadone treatment center—a program begun by Capital District LATINOS, a local affiliate of the Acacia Network. During her 6-year tenure Camino Nuevo, the program has grown from 40 to its current census of over 600 Clients. She then moved to

overseeing and managing the new Capital District LATINOS location in Jan of 2018, while maintaining a strong commitment to Camino Nuevo, and the recovery community. As the director of CDL, Micky was able to obtain small grants from the DOH-OMH to address the health disparities in the community. Health fairs which focused on the cardiovascular and diabetes prevention among people of color. Programs to focus on food insecurities, addiction, mental health, and language & Cultural challenges among the Latino community. Participated in the 2020 CENSUS in Albany county. During the pandemic, CDL was able to assist families, with clothing, food, and other necessities.

Whether working as an emergency room or intensive care nurse, or as a top-level administrator for high-profile healthcare companies, the Brooklyn native from Williamsburg (born in Lorain, Ohio) has always brought the same profound commitment to quality of care along with her. One of six children (the only girl) born to Puerto Rican parents, Micky witnessed firsthand the ravages of heroin addiction in her neighborhood. She worked with HIV/AIDS patients at St John's hospital in Queens NY. She later worked for MFY home health care in the lower east in NYC during the time when 1 in 3 families were affected with a loved one with AIDS. Later in her adult life in 1986 she relocated to Albany NY with her two children, Naomi and David Jimenez. Ironically, later both children chose careers in law enforcement.

Since arriving from Queens NY to the Capital District some 34 years ago, Micky has continually sought to contribute to the community through volunteerism. Included among the many boards of directors she has served on are: Capital District LATINOS, Support Ministries, Hispanic Outreach Services, and 100 Hispanic Women. She has also served as President of the New York State Association of Health Care Providers and is a member of the Capital District Substance Abuse Disorder Providers, Board Vice chair for Support Ministries, and Board Vice chair for the Healthy Capital District Initiative.

Micky holds a bachelor's degree in Science with a major in nursing from Long Island University. She did post-graduate work at Babson school of Executive Education. She is a Registered Professional Nurse since 1982.