



Ramona Reyes
Bilingual Trainer
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Ramona R. Reyes is a bilingual trainer with *Working Partners*[®]. In addition, she is the director of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center at Catholic Social Services. Prior to coming to the Center, she worked as a Human Resource professional at Nationwide Insurance where she was employed for 24 years.

Ramona R. Reyes was appointed to the Columbus City Schools Board of Education in January 2009 to advocate for a quality education for all children. She is currently serving in her second term and is the first Hispanic elected member of the Board. She chairs the Public Engagement Committee which has championed the annual Columbus City Schools Children's Day celebrations, "Kicking it with CSS" a student lead radio show, and the parent ambassador program.

She originally came to Columbus when she was awarded the Campbell Soup Migrant Scholarship, a scholarship for children of migrant farm working families, to attend the Ohio State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Transportation Logistics. While at Ohio State, she was a member and president of Alpha Psi Lambda fraternity and cabinet member of the Undergraduate Student Government. She is an alumnus of the National Hispana Leadership Institute, a Grass Roots Leadership program.

Over the last several years she has committed herself to volunteerism. She has served as a Commissioner with the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs and President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She is currently serving on the Board of East Coast Migrant Headstart, Mt. Carmel School of Nursing, Advisory Council of the Columbus Association of the Performing Arts (CAPA), and volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio.

Ramona received the Champions of Diversity Pioneer award and an EXPY from Experience Columbus as chair CAPA's Latino Festival steering committee. She was featured in the inaugural edition of Women's Book and the 2013 WELD - Women You Should Know Calendar. She has been named a Columbus Hispanic Hero by the City of Columbus and the Columbus Crew, served as the Publisher for Who's Who in Latino Columbus, and named a Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan by the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs and the Governor of Ohio.