



West Michigan Partnership for Children warmly welcomes Pamela Martinez

With a desire to positively impact the lives of children and families, Martinez joins WMPC team in September

West Michigan Partnership for Children (WMPC) welcomes Pamela Martinez as its Contract and Financial Analyst as the organization prepares to administer a performance-based funding model for foster care for children and families in Kent County. In this role, Martinez will work with the Chief Financial Officer to manage WMPC's subcontracts and administer fiscal policies and procedures.

Martinez, who has 15 years of experience in finance and three years in child welfare, has a unique blend of skills that will allow her to bridge the financial and social service aspects of WMPC's programming. This will be an asset as Martinez collaborates with the Care Coordination team around approvals for service utilization to ensure expenses are within budget while offering more timely services with the goal of improving outcomes for children and families.

Martinez most recently served as an Adoption Specialist at Catholic Charities West Michigan. She graduated with a Bachelor in Social Work from Spring Arbor University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Launch day is growing closer for WMPC on October 1, 2017. The organization will partner with Bethany Christian Services, Catholic Charities West Michigan, D.A. Blodgett—St. Johns, Samaritas, and Wellspring Lutheran Services to provide foster care services to children and families in Kent County piloting a performance-based contract structure. Case rates will incentive permanency and allow for the flexibility and creativity of funds to empower and strengthen families and improve outcomes for children.