

Carla D. Burgos

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Carla D. Burgos is a native of Shreveport. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Louisiana State University Shreveport and a Master of Jurisprudence in Children's Law and Policy from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Carla is the Director of Special Initiatives at the Community Foundation of North Louisiana (CFNLA). Her leadership is a beacon of hope and catalyst for change, inspiring the community to unite in creating a brighter future for North Louisiana's children and youth.

Carla is dedicated to building a self-healing and resilient Louisiana. She recognizes that community resilience is vital to improving outcomes for children across their entire journey, from cradle to career. As an ordinary person committed to extraordinary action, she is leading the charge in Northwest Louisiana by creating opportunities for community members to access resilience tools and practices that enhance their protective capacity.

Carla is a Caddo Smart Start READY START Early Childhood Community Network Coalition member and Advisory Council Member. She is also a Bossier Ready Start Advisory Board member. Carla was an advisor group member for the development of the Whole Health Louisiana Plan, a cross-sector initiative created to prevent, recognize, and treat childhood adversity and its effects utilizing a trauma-informed approach. She is currently a Whole Health Louisiana Coalition member. Carla is a member of Louisiana Department of Health Region 7s Community Advisory and Action Team (CAAT), Child Death Review Committee, and the Child Homicide Committee. Carla is also Chair of the Suicide Prevention Committee Region 7.

Carla holds several licenses and certifications, Non-Profit Administration LSUS, Louisiana Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Educator, a Darkness to Light Stewards of Children Sexual Abuse Prevention Authorized Facilitator, Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) Practitioner, A Mental Health First Aider, safeTALK Suicide-Alert Helper.

Carla is married with four adult children and five grandchildren. She enjoys traveling, cooking, fine dining, gardening, singing, reading and floral arrangement and design.