

## YSC Employee Questionnaire



**Name:** Maribel Palafox

**Title:** Parent Liaison / Discovery Prep Program Coordinator

**Education:** Pursuing a BA in Sociology with a minor in Human Sexuality at Cal State Northridge

**Hometown:** Pacoima, CA

**Family:** I am blessed with 2 wonderful moms, a ton of siblings (*which helps to always keep myself entertained*), and a dad. I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> and oldest girl of the family.

**Hobbies:**

Currently the FIFA WORLD CUP!! Goooo MEXICO!!, watching a lot of Soccer, going to Dodger games! Driving random places with my son, and watching Re-runs of Grey's Anatomy.

**How did you come to Youth Speak Collective?**

I was only suppose to be with YSC for a few weeks helping out with handing out snacks to the students at Discovery Prep and then go back to Las Vegas, but I realized that this is where I wanted to be and give back to my community like it had given to me as a teen. I slowly began to grow within the organization by getting involved with different projects.

**What is your role at Youth Speak Collective?**

Currently I coordinate the Discovery Prep after school program and serve as the Parent Liaison for the program. We serve 115 students per day by providing academic tutoring, enrichment courses, and youth empowerment services. I also get the fun task or organizing events for both the youth and their parents.

**What is the best part of your role?**

I love to sit with a parent and a child in one room and provide guidance and support for the family. It brings me joy to see the progress and the end result and to empower families. Also, the thought of being a lost teen like I was growing up makes me become a more proactive member of this community. I hope to lead the youth in a positive direction and have them pursue a higher education.

**What is your favorite TV Channel?**

Oxygen, E! and TLC

**Favorite place you have been and why?**

Guanajuto, Mexico. I was fascinated with the "Leyenda del Callejón del Beso" in the city of Guanajuto.

**Where is the next place you would like to go?**

Costa Rica or Jamaica

**What makes you laugh/cry?**

My dad's jokes make me laugh so hard that tears come out.