



Miriam Ortiz

Director of Education and Training, Just A Start Corporation

Miriam Ortiz currently serves as Director of Education & Training Director at Just A Start, where she leads student-centered workforce development programs. Throughout her career, Miriam has built strong managerial, strategic, and operational competencies in her work with underserved populations, including mixed-status immigrant families, adult learners, and young parents. Before joining Just A Start, Miriam held the position of Chief of Staff at Italian Home for Children and Associate Director and Youth and Families

Program Manager at Centro Latino. Beyond these positions, Miriam serves on the Massachusetts Future of Work Commission and Cambridge Redevelopment Authority advisory board and is a member of the steering committee for RISE, the City of Cambridge's guaranteed income pilot. Miriam has a personal commitment to working with people in her community with a strengths-based approach to remove individual and systemic barriers to educational, social, and economic mobility. Originally from Mexico, Miriam lives in Hyde Park with her family.

- **Leadership Superpower:** Being an attentive and engaged listener and empathetic coach and facilitator. I make it part of my practice to use appreciative inquiry to lead productive conversations
- **What brings her joy:** Quality time and experiences with people I love, my mom's enchiladas.
- **Theme Song:** Latinoamérica by Calle 13