

# **Juan Araque**

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Dr. Araque is an expert in education, community development, diversity, violence prevention and positive youth development.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Araque has worked more than 15 years in the fields of education, community development, diversity, violence prevention and positive youth development. His interests include the research and design of public, private and non-profit system structures to support positive child and adolescent development, and robust child-adult-community relationship building.

As executive director for the University of Southern California TRiO Programs, he oversaw the college access programs, which help motivate and support low-income and first-generation minority students through the academic pipeline from middle school to college.

Prior to joining USC, Araque oversaw funding allocation, programming implementation and advocacy efforts for Orange County United Way. He has served on multiple boards, including the Orange County Business Council's Latino Educational Attainment Initiative; the Orange County Department of Education's Institutional Review Board; Jewish-Latino Roundtable; Orange County Workforce Investment Board, Health Funders Partnership of Orange County; and Orange County Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

Additionally, he served for five years as a board member of the California Governor's Child Abduction Prevention Task Force (Amber Alert) and the California School/Law Enforcement Partnership. Araque led the implementation of the nationally recognized Youth Development Framework School-Based Pilot Program. He has authored numerous reports and program evaluations in community resources and gaps, positive youth development, parent involvement, academic achievement, need assessments and community resource mapping.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Amber Alert, Adolescent Development, Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Inter-organizational Relationships, Leadership, management and social policy in the public and not-for-profit sectors, Organizational Development, Youth Development and Resiliency, Parent Engagement, Child Development, Child-Adult-Community Relationship Building

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## **Affiliations**

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR), Network of Social Work Management (NSWM)

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## **Education**

**University of Southern California**  
PhD Public Policy

**California State University**  
MA Political Science and International Relations

**California State Polytechnic University**  
BA Political Science

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## **Accomplishments**

### **US Congressional Recognition**

2014

Awarded by the United States Congress for Providing Exceptional Educational Support.

### **Certificate of Recognition**

2014

Awarded by the California Legislature Assembly for Providing Exceptional Educational Support.

### **Corporate Champion Award**

2012

Computers for Families Program Evaluation  
Los Angeles Opportunities Industrialization Center

### **Program of the Year Award**

2010

USC TRiO Programs  
WESTOP Association

### **Estrella Education Award**

2009

Latino Educational Attainment – Initiative Chairman, Orange County Business Council  
Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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