



BIOGRAPHY – Michelle Molina, President & CEO



Michelle A. Molina is president and CEO of PeacePartners™, the facilitator of the PeaceBuilders© youth violence prevention program. They provide a pro-social skills curriculum and staff development to approximately 1,300 youth support providers in 42 states across the nation. Her experience working with at-risk youth in the Paramount Unified School District lead her to create PeacePartners in 2003. PeaceBuilders, science-based and research-validated since it was developed in 1993, is endorsed by the White House, U.S. Departments of Education and Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, and the Centers for Disease Control.

Along with PeacePartners' goal to teach our nation's youth resiliency skills and pro-social behavior, PeacePartners also works to provide a supportive and flexible workplace for their employees. That flexible workplace design, Michelle's priority as President, has won PeacePartners the honored Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility for five years running.

Recently, she was named one of Long Beach's Amazing Women in the Businesswoman/Entrepreneur category, as featured in the *Long Beach Press Telegram*. Michelle has been a Women President's Organization member and American Business Women's Association, Business Associate of the Year award recipient. In her role as educator, Michelle has also been honored to have served as a P.U.S.D. Mentor Teacher and Teacher of the Year in 1995.

She serves on the Board of Directors for Long Beach BLAST, a Long Beach, California youth mentoring organization and, as a former Resource Development Chair for Cameo, an auxiliary to the Assistance League of Long Beach whose philanthropy also involves long-term youth mentoring relationships. She is involved with Trustees of the Pacific, the educational board of the Aquarium of the Pacific. In addition, she is a member of the DLBA – Downtown Long Beach Associates, a non-profit community development team impacting downtown Long Beach residents and businesses.

Raised in Southern California, Michelle now lives with her two children and her husband, John, a Vice President at Molina Healthcare, the largest Hispanic-owned business in the United States. She graduated in 1985 from C.S.U., Fresno, and holds California teaching and administrative credentials from C.S.U., Long Beach, and is finishing her master's degree in Educational Management at University of La Verne.