

Krysten Aguilar Biography

Krysten Aguilar is the Co- Executive Director at La Semilla Food Center where she oversees all policy advocacy efforts, financial & grant management functions, and directional leadership of the organization. Krysten led the initiative to get the Las Cruces Urban Agriculture and Food Policy Plan passed – the first of its kind in New Mexico - and is now leading efforts for a state-wide Healthy Food Financing Initiative. She part of a woman-led leadership team, driving La Semilla's mission of creating a fair and sustainable local food and farm system and riding on the frontier of nonprofit development with an innovative leadership model, holistic programming, and using food systems work as a tool for cultivating community based economic development and healthier communities. Krysten has played a pivotal role in directing the organization to focus on intersectional issues to address systemic issues facing communities in southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. She holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Eastern New Mexico University and a master's degree in Cultural Anthropology with a minor in Food Studies from New Mexico State University.