

Marion Sanders is a uniquely qualified social service expert with a drive to transform the lives of underserved youth, individuals, families and communities. Her childhood experiences have made her a fierce advocate with an empathetic understanding of the complex barriers that people face within their environment.

Marion has more than 10 years of experience working in the field of social services. She began her tenure with Special Service for Groups in May of 2007 in the Occupation Therapy Training Program (OTTP) division as a case manager working with transitioned aged youth. Subsequently, in May of 2011, she transitioned to the Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS) division and developed her love of working with individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Marion has served in various leadership roles at HOPICS. One of which, afforded her the opportunity to be a part of the regional collaborative that designed the single adult continuum of care known as SPA 6 Coordinated Entry System. In 2017, she was appointed as the Regional Homeless Advisory Council (RHAC) representative for SPA 6 tasked with providing strategic leadership to all homeless stakeholders with an emphasis on systems alignment, resources sharing, and accountability to people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, she served as the SPA 6 representative on the Measure H Revenue Planning committee charged with determining funding recommendations for the Homeless Initiatives for consideration by the LA County Board of Supervisors.

In her role as Associate Director for Homeless Systems Integration, she will be responsible for leading the charge to strategically integrate the three homeless systems of care (Youth, Individuals, and Families) and others that impact people experiencing homelessness, with a specific emphasis on regional coordination, outreach, and education.

Marion received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach and a Master's Degree in Social Work with a concentration in mental health from the University of Southern California. Marion attributes her success to approaching her work from a learning prospective, remaining connected to the people she is serving, and a "whatever it takes- for how long it takes" attitude.