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Matt Cervantes is the Director of Health Programs at Sierra Health Foundation and The Center and manages the Youth Pathways to Health programming and grantmaking, including the Positive Youth Justice Initiative, which seeks to improve the health and social outcomes of young people in the juvenile justice system. Matt also leads the Leadership Development for Racial Equity organizational capacity building program, and manages all Boys and Young Men of Color programming, including the Sacramento My Brother's Keeper Collaborative, and oversees the California Funders for Boys and Men of Color.

Matt brings a great deal of experience in youth development, policy and advocacy to his work at the foundation and The Center. During his public health career, he has managed youth advocacy programs at the Yolo County Department of Health, the Great Valley Region of the American Cancer Society, the California Youth Advocacy Network and the Western States Affiliate of the American Heart Association.

Matt is a California State University, Sacramento graduate in Social Work and fellow of Sierra Health Foundation's Health Leadership Program and Grantmakers In Health Terrance Keenan Institute for Emerging Leaders in Health Philanthropy. He has a passion for ensuring all young people have an opportunity to contribute to their communities.