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Matt Cervantes is a Managing Director at Sierra Health Foundation and The Center and leads the Healthy Youth Development programming, including the Positive Youth Justice Initiative, which seeks to improve the health and social outcomes of young people impacted by the juvenile justice system. Matt also oversees all Boys and Young Men of Color programming, including the My Brother's Keeper Sacramento Collaborative and the California Funders for Boys and Men of Color. Additionally, he manages the public-private partnership with the California Department of Health Care Services to serve as the implementation partner to the statewide youth substance use prevention program – Elevate Youth California.

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 a 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.