

# Mariana Cervantes

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## SKILLS

- Environmental Education
- Project Management
- Fluent in Spanish
- Community Outreach
- Data Analysis
- CPR/AED Certified
- Mental Health Advocacy
- Case Management
- Childcare K-12

## EDUCATION

### **B.S. Psychology**

*May 2020*

University of Texas at El Paso

Relevant Courses: General Biology Lab, Organismal Biology, Organismal Biology Laboratory, Intro to Environmental Science, Toxicology, Forensic DNA Analysis, Environmental Health, Histology, Environmental Policy & Law, Pre-Calculus, Calculus I, Advanced Statistics

### **A.S. Multimedia Journalism**

*May 2019*

El Paso Community College

Relevant Courses: General Biology, Statistics & Research Design

## EXPERIENCE

### **Outdoor Educator**, Lincoln Hills Cares

*May 22 - present*

- Responsible for teaching science, leadership, and communication skills to groups of underserved K-12 youth in the Rocky Mountains — lead courses on wildlife, local ecology, outdoor/survival skills, botany, and other topics.
- Educated students about nature, hiking and wildlife etiquette, Leave No Trace principles, indigenous land knowledge, mental health, etc.
- Provided instructions to students for them to closely observe nature in relation to their environment.

### **Nanny/Household Manager**, Front Range Nannies

*Aug. 22 - present*

- Established lasting, professional connections with families and children by encouraging open communication and delivering positive feedback.
- Promoted language development skills through reading and storytelling — taught child Spanish, everyday skills, basic math, science, and social studies.
- Built positive and nurturing environments to support child social and emotional growth.

### **Assistant Inventory Manager**, City Floral Greenhouse

*Nov. 21 – May 22*

- Worked on plant production for nine greenhouses — grew horticultural plants for sale, display, exhibition, and educational research.
- Tracked production costs and progress using Excel and reported results to department managers.
- Translated Human Relations content to H2A and H2B visa employees from Latin American countries.

- Helped develop and translated educational and training material to Spanish.

**Registered Behavior Technician**, Optimum Guidance Behavior Consulting *Sep. 20 – Nov. 21*

- Empowered people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by teaching them about fundamental ways to live in their communities, overcome their goals, and advance their communication skills.
- Maintained a caseload of seven clients — ran one-on-one therapy sessions with clients between the ages of 6 and 35 in both their natural home environment and clinic settings.
- Implemented and helped develop a variety of scientifically based methodologies following the Behavior Intervention Plan, Skill Acquisition Plan, and Individualized Education Program.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Empower Change: Paso del Norte *Aug. 18 – Jan. 20*  
Center for Mental & Emotional Well-Being

Projects:

- Paso del Norte Behavioral Health Resource Directory
- El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium
  - Justice Leadership Council
  - Integration Leadership Council
- Empower Change Evidence Based Inventory
- UTEP Expertise Connector

## VOLUNTEER

**Sustainable Climate Advocate**, Citizens' Climate Lobby *Oct. 21 – Jan. 23*

- Assisted with devising strategies for modifying existing policies to better integrate sustainability initiatives.
- Taught employees, customers, and members of the public foundational principles and practices of recycling, energy conservation, and ecosystem restoration to enhance engagement and program success.
- Spearheaded awareness through public speaking to create community partnerships.

**Equine-Assisted Therapy**, Car-ynne4kids *Dec. 20 – Oct. 21*

- Served as a liaison between participants and activity instructors.
- Assisted in therapeutic riding lessons for children with cognitive and developmental disabilities in order to receive physical, speech, and emotional benefits.
- Created and developed customized office and tracking forms for behavioral improvements for special needs clients — achieved more than a 90% success rate.

**Research Assistant**, SEEDS Environmental Advocates *Dec. 19 – June 20*

- Conducted a meta-analysis on the relationship between student mental health and time spent outdoors.
- Attended meetings and networked to create community partnerships with other student led organizations.
- Advocate stewardship and conservation of natural resources.