



Elizabeth Jones Valderrama

Leadership Arlington Class of 2009

Executive Director, OAR of Arlington, Alexandria and Falls Church

Elizabeth Jones Valderrama has been an integral member of the OAR team for more than 13 years, including five years as OAR's Chief Operating Officer focused on implementing best practice and evidenced-based models for OAR programs and creating a working environment where staff quality, professionalism, and commitment grew and new staff positions were created.

At nine years old, Elizabeth moved with her family from Costa Rica to Arlington, Virginia where she graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1998 as the high school's first Hispanic/Latina Valedictorian. She earned a BA in Spanish and Latin American Studies from the University of Virginia in 2002 and a Master's Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix in 2005. She is a Certified Volunteer Administrator (CVA), a 2009 graduate of Leadership Center for Excellence Leadership Arlington Signature Program, and was honored in 2014 as one of the 40 Emerging Community Leaders under 40 years old in Arlington County.

Elizabeth Jones Valderrama currently serves on the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board, Alexandria/Arlington Regional Workforce Council, Arlington County Community Criminal Justice Board, Leadership Center for Excellence's Programs Committee, Washington-Lee High School Education Foundation Board of Directors, and Community Progress Network Council. Elizabeth is a co-facilitator for Encore Learning's class Crime, Public Safety, Justice, and Reentry in Arlington. For the last five years, she has worked to shape statewide reentry programs through the Pre and Post Incarceration Services Coalition (PAPIS: Virginia Reentry Coalition).

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