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Carolina Siliceo Perez is the Acting Director for Latinx and Hispanic Policy and Strategy at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). Since joining NCDHHS in 2023, Carolina has leveraged her expertise in public service and lived experiences to deepen community partnerships and communication pathways for Latinx/Hispanic North Carolinians, led strategies to improve language access, and initiatives to strengthen culturally centered strategies to reduce health disparities. Carolina previously served in COVID-19 response and community and partner engagement roles in the Buncombe County Vital Records Department and Buncombe County Sheriff’s Office. Carolina’s efforts led the development of the U/T Visa Policy for undocumented crime victims and contributed to the creation of Language Access Policies and Plans, supported by UNC Chapel Hill’s Institute for the Study of the Americas. Beyond her professional work, Carolina is known for her advocacy in educational equity, immigrant rights, language justice and healthcare access, as well as her creative writing and public speaking and also served on the board of Colaborativa la Milpa, in Asheville NC and currently serves on the board for the Western Carolina Medical Society amplifying and supporting their Project Access work for underinsured and uninsured populations.

