Rachel Quintanilla
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Rachel first came to Project Vida in 1992 as an Americorps Volunteer. She received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from University of Texas at El Paso in 1997 and Masters in Social Work from New Mexico State University in 1999. Shortly after, while on staff as a counselor at Family Service of El Paso, much of her concentration was dedicated to providing counseling in the schools, working with LGBT, Young fathers, doing crisis intervention; grief counseling, and working with domestic violence victims to include all victims of crime; She advocated for abused and neglected children as a CASA volunteer and trained other volunteers, and was part of El Paso's Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). Because of her extensive experience working with individuals and families under extreme trauma and stress, after the 9/11/2001 attack on the Pentagon, she was asked to go to Northern Virginia to assist those affected by the attack on the Pentagon under FEMA's "Project Resilience". Upon her return to El Paso, she was called to work as a Parenting Coordinator with the 388th Judicial District Court assisting with high conflict divorce and custody cases until 2006 when she returned to Project Vida to initiate Integrated Behavioral Health in the Primary Care setting where she now serves as Chief Behavioral Health Officer. Rachel dedicates much of her time and efforts to bringing community awareness to social issues that threaten the well-being of individuals and families in our community. At the top of many hobbies are traveling, baking, cake decorating and enjoying time with her family and her four Chihuahuas Mia, Peque, Chiquis, Cuatro, and Golden Doodle Prince Harry.