The California Wellness Foundation

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The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. The Foundation has a Responsive Grantmaking Program that prioritizes eight issues for funding: diversity in the health professions, environmental health, healthy aging, mental health, teenage pregnancy prevention, violence prevention, women's health, and work and health. It also responds to timely issues or special projects outside the funding priorities.

Grants addressing the issue of violence prevention are commonly given to organizations that provide services for youth (ages 12-24) including mentoring programs, gang intervention programs, reentry programs, community-based violence prevention programs and after-school programs. An emphasis is placed on funding organizations that work with at-risk youth, including gang-affiliated and previously incarcerated youth. Grants are also made to organizations that provide leadership development activities to those working in the field of violence prevention, as well as organizations that inform policymakers and advocate for public policies that prevent violence against youth.

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Julio Marcial is a program director at The California Wellness Foundation where he currently manages grantmaking related to violence prevention, leadership development, capacity building and innovation. His responsibilities include reviewing letters of interest, requesting and evaluating grant proposals, conducting site visits, making funding recommendations and monitoring active grants.

In 1998, Marcial joined the Cal Wellness communications department, and was appointed program director in 2007. Previously, Marcial held a fellowship through the Committee on Institutional Cooperation at the Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where his thesis focused on the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to addressing child sexual abuse.

Marcial is an appointed member of the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee of the California Board of State and Community Corrections, and a member of the World Health Organization’s Violence Prevention Alliance Advisory Committee, the Executives’ Alliance to Expand Opportunities for Boys and Men of Color, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth. He is also a board member of T.R.U.S.T. South LA and a 2014 American Express NGen Fellow. Previously, he was on the board for the All For One Youth Mentoring Program, the Los Angeles Music and Art School, and Hispanics in Philanthropy.

Marcial earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology of mass communications from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he was awarded an American Sociological Association fellowship to study racial and ethnic disparities in the California juvenile justice system.