



TEPEYAC CONSULTING

Marisol Jiménez is the founder and lead consultant for Tepeyac Consulting. She is originally from Chicago where she began her political education trying to celebrate the Mexican, Irish and Puerto Rican cultures that so influenced her life while also struggling to navigate the strong racial and economic divisions and inequities that demarcated the city. In trying to heal the ways she had internalized

these divisions, Marisol found a community of activists, advocates and allies working for social justice and racial equity that welcomed her and all her intersecting identities. Within this collective, the work became and continues to be as much about personal healing as solidarity in our intersecting struggles. Marisol believes that transformative practice comes through constant self-examination, compassionate conflict, and visionary action by both individuals and communities.

Marisol earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Loyola University Chicago and her Master in Social Work (MSW) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work. She served as the Advocacy Director for El Pueblo, a NC statewide advocacy organization that worked on public policy issues at the local, state, and national levels. She was a steering committee member of the Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform National Strategy Council (2007); and led statewide efforts to organize mass demonstrations for immigrant justice in 2006 and 2007. Through this work, it became clear that dynamics of power, privilege, and oppression were often replicated *within* social justice movements and contributed to her own professional advancement. Marisol made a decision to lean into a growing analysis of her own privilege and shift her position within social justice efforts towards organizational development and leadership development.

Marisol served as the Racial Equity Training Director for OpenSource Leadership Strategies, Inc. a national consulting firm committed to amplifying the work of social justice organizations for several years. In 2015, she transitioned into a contract role with the organization in order to invest more deeply in her local community as an activist and organizer while also building an independent consulting practice. She continues to collaborate with OpenSource through her presentations, trainings, and workshop facilitation. Marisol has worked with leaders in the areas of education, immigrant justice, workers rights, youth leadership development, health, and the environment. Through Tepeyac Consulting, Marisol has been able to work on a number of exciting projects, including: building the infrastructure of a sanctuary movement with Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Acción (CIMA) and Nuestro Centro; partnering with the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to strengthen the statewide infrastructure of the NC Latino immigrant justice movement; and offering racial equity trainings and coaching for community leaders and organizations across the country.

Marisol lives in a house full of noise, laughter, and love with her son, Roan, in the mountains of Asheville, North Carolina.