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Women's Legislative Briefing

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**Gabe Martinez**

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Gabriel Martinez Cabrera, aka, Gabe, has worked with and for underserved communities in New York, Boston, and San Francisco. Over the years, his work evolved into workforce development, where he was in charge of a federally funded program based out of San Francisco's Mission District, that helped young returning citizens find family sustaining employment.

In 2014, he created and managed the Beacon Project for Digital Promise, an education technology research firm based out of Washington, DC. The project was featured on *Univision*, [philly.com](http://philly.com), and *US News*. Through the Beacon Project, he was able to bring to light the work of over 500 adult education sites across the country raising the profile of low-skilled adult learners with a culminating advocacy event that brought together the Joyce Foundation, the Barbara Bush foundation, and the X-Prize Foundation and that convened over 300 participants in 5 cities across the US.

After Digital Promise, he returned to grassroots community work as Deputy Chief Program Officer at the Academy of Hope where he oversaw recruitment, workforce development and non-academic programming, and in 2017, he worked for *SEIU International* overseeing digital learning strategies for SEIU locals up and down the East Coast.

Gabe has been with LCMC since 2017 and comes to the organization with the belief that education is more than teaching; it is an act of community building and, as a result, has created new GED, Digital Literacy, and Entrepreneurship training initiatives that target the inequities faced by men and women of color in this region.

