



Marissa is a native to the Tri-Lakes area and is proud to return to the community where she grew up. She comes to Tri-Lakes Cares as Director of Operations with more than 15 years of experience in education and community development. Marissa graduated from The University of Tulsa with a B.A. in Spanish and earned an M.A. in International Development from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. She worked as a regional coordinator of community engagement and a data specialist for Denver Public Schools, completed qualitative research with day laborers in Denver, and studied poverty within economic, social, and legal systems in Mexico before joining Tri-Lakes Cares. Marissa cares deeply about implementing effective, community-based programs that achieve measurable goals. She strives to use her extensive experience with data management and community-based programming to support the important impact that Tri-Lakes Cares has in our community. In her spare time, Marissa enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking in the mountains, and traveling. She especially looks forward to one day walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain and visiting Machu Picchu in Peru.