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## Department of Education

## 2023 Transition Leadership Institute

**Speaker: Michelle Romero, Director, Office of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness**

**Session Title: The Power of PWER Initiatives**



**Michelle Romero** is the Director of the Office of Postsecondary & Workforce at the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). She has been with the department since 2019. Michelle has worked in education for over 20 years. Her time in K12 included roles as a network administrator, computer science CTE instructor, and school counselor. In higher education, Michelle worked in TRIO, admissions, advising, financial aid, and communications at a community college and a 4-year university. She is from Antonito, a small town in the San Luis Valley. Currently, Michelle is working on completing her dissertation to earn her doctorate from Northeastern University. Since 2019, Michelle has overseen concurrent enrollment, ASCENT, early college high school and P-TECHs in CDE's Office of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR). She appreciates the statewide perspective working for CDE has given her to better support school districts, students, and families. She is committed to improving outreach and awareness of PWR programs to increase access to underserved students.