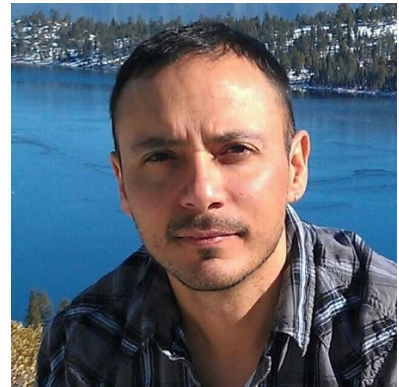


Thomas Chávez, PhD was selected as a 2018 Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI) Scholar!

Dr. Chávez, one of the TREE Center's principle investigators of the pilot project with the NM Dreamers was awarded a very competitive scholarship to participate in the Health Disparities Research Institute from July 23-27, 2018 in Bethesda, Maryland. The goal of the Health Disparities Research Institute is to provide participants with a broad overview of the leading issues facing minority health and health disparities research and stimulate discussion of proposed research projects. Activities will include lectures, seminars, interactive sessions, and small group discussions with leading scientists and NIH staff. In his statement of interest, Dr. Chavez emphasized his passion and vision for addressing the needs of his community in northern New Mexico through research- *"My pilot grant aims to address the mental health issues among undocumented Latino youth and their families. I am in the process of developing my research agenda and intend to apply what I learn from the NIMHD health disparities training in order to develop an R21 or R03 award to test interventions for underserved populations in our state. The question I have most entertained throughout my career is: 'How can I bridge public health paradigms with reductionist biopsychological models of wellbeing of counseling and psychotherapy?' Specifically, I am interested in developing larger studies and interventions that capture the holistic health complexities among Native American and Latino communities."*



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