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Natasha is PREP Director and Senior Counsel for the Educational Opportunities Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, where she directs the Parental Readiness and Empowerment Program (PREP). Previously, Natasha served as the first full-time Executive Director of Educación Para Nuestro Futuro (formerly Escuela Bolivia) in Arlington, Virginia, an organization that seeks to empowering Latino children, youth and families through education and leadership. Natasha later joined a boutique education law firm in Washington, D.C., where she advised state and local education agencies on compliance with federal education laws such as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Higher Education Opportunities Act, and the Workforce Investment Act.

In law school, Natasha founded the Emerging Leaders Program, a leadership and college prep mentoring program for immigrant high school youth in Arlington, VA. Prior to law school, Natasha worked with NetOrganix, an information and communication technology start-up in Bolivia, where she worked with children's orphanages through the Alianza Hogar project. Upon graduation from college, she joined AVANCE-Dallas, a family literacy program serving immigrant families, where she created the grassroots organization's development office.

For the past seven years, Natasha has developed the PREP program into a national program, utilizing technology to empower parents across the country. Collaborating with organizations and school districts, she has ensured that families in under-resourced areas have access to learn more about their children's education rights. Natasha speaks at national conferences such as the National Association of Bilingual Education, the SXSWedu Conference, the National Family and Community Engagement Conference, and other state conferences utilizing interactive activities for full audience engagement. She has delivered numerous presentations in English and Spanish on a wide variety of topics such as parent advocacy; personalized learning for parents; and know your rights workshops on special education, English language learners, school discipline, immigrant students, bullying and discrimination.

Natasha received her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law and her Master's in International Politics with a concentration in Children and Youth Development from American University School of International Service. She received her B.B.A. in Marketing and B.A. in Plan II Liberal Arts at the University of Texas at Austin. Natasha is fluent in Spanish and is licensed to practice in New York and the District of Columbia. She is a 2017 Presidential Leadership Scholar.