

Leticia Casarez was born in San Jose, California and raised in North-Central California. She moved to Longview, Washington in 2014.

She has experienced various types of homelessness over the last decade, coupled with years of chronic substance use. Navigating through agencies that offer services, she found herself falling through the cracks on many occasions. This experience coupled with a lifelong desire to help people inspired Leticia's personal mission: to reach back and offer a hand up, fostering integrity and accountability along the way.

Leticia has volunteered with numerous agencies and organizations since 2017. Her volunteer work with meal-share groups, food and clothing banks, and shelters is the foundation for her current work. After graduating treatment in 2018, she went on to found The GirlGang of Cowlitz County, an organization that connects people to established resources within the community. Leticia currently works at Love Overwhelming as a Care Coordinator and Health-care for the Homeless with Cowlitz County's most vulnerable demographic.

Leticia's interests and hobbies include hiking and dispersed camping in the Pacific Northwest and writing poetry. She is a mother to two young daughters, Harlynn, age 10, and Nova, age 4, and a dog-mom to her two-year-old American Bully, Ghost.