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- 26 years old, from Querétaro, Mexico. He has a BA in Communication and Journalism from the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro. He is also a sexuality educator, an activist in the fight against AIDS and a defender of sexual and reproductive rights.
- Has worked in workshops as a counselor in human sexuality, civil rights and HIV/AIDS prevention in several NGOS: La Asociación Queretana de Educación para la Sexualidad A.C. - Salud y Género A.C. - Equidad de Género A.C. - Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir A.C.
- Has participated in various social and governmental forums related to youth, addiction, sexuality and HIV/AIDS.
- Has promoted and supported actions to involve marginalized groups in Querétaro in the eradication of discrimination and in preventing sexually transmitted infections such as HIV/AIDS.
- Has worked in social promotion (sexuality, addictions and social services), in the Instituto Queretano de la Juventud (IQJ), where he conducted segments on sexuality on Radio Querétaro.
- He has published articles in the weekly *Tribuna de Querétaro*; “Fanzines” and other alternative publications (for adolescents who enjoy rock music and skateboarding); and in the magazine *Tinta Joven*, published by the Instituto Mexicano de la Juventud.
- Was an independent candidate for the federal representative’s position from the first district of Querétaro for the diVERSA/Democracia Social alliance in the 2000 elections. His goal was to put sexuality and HIV/AIDS issues on the public agenda, as well as

legislate in favor of vulnerable and marginalized sectors of society. He has been a member of diVERSA, a national feminist political association, since 1998, is currently president of the Querétaro chapter and is Communication Secretary at the national level.

- Founding and current member of the national coordination of the México Posible party. Diversity Secretary of the Provisional State Executive Committee of México Posible in Querétaro.
- Was candidate for the local representative's position from the First District of Querétaro for the México Posible party.
- Received a grant in 2002 from the Packard Foundation's Institute of International Education for a leadership program in population.
- He believes social diversity must be represented at the national level. He seeks to promote public policies that allow for a re-education in human sexuality that is diverse, non-discriminatory and non-violent, one that allows us to talk about and understand different sexualities in order to break the silence and raise awareness of prevention in sexual practices, avoiding thousands of deaths that are coupled with shame, loneliness and silence.