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Francisco Baires is an Education Service Specialist for Family Engagement leveraging 11 years of mission-driven experience in engaging communities for positive change.

Francisco began his career in community engagement as a Community Organizer in central Illinois. He built strategic coalitions that won policy change while developing community-based programs to serve marginalized individuals and families. The policy changes won and the programs built continue to support this diverse community.

In his current role, Francisco created and manages the Connecticut Home Visit Hub to support the statewide Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP). Francisco leads the team that trains school districts and community-based organizations to develop meaningful partnerships with families. He also provides technical assistance to help stakeholders improve the school experience for all involved.

Francisco finds great joy in the mission-driven work of community and family engagement. He is eager to help practitioners do this work confidently and is passionate about helping others find joy in this work as well. He holds a Master of Arts in Anthropology and is a proud father who loves spending time with his family.