

Yaneth is a certified health education specialist and has experience working with diverse populations and communities. She has worked on several tobacco-related research projects since 2003, including as a health educator on a tobacco prevention and cessation program with Southern California alternative high school students; as a research assistant for a study that addressed the effects of acculturation on tobacco and other drug use; and as a research assistant for a project that studied cultural risk and protective factors that affect commercial tobacco use among American Indian adolescents.

She was awarded the Tobacco Related Disease Research Project's Cornelius Hopper Diversity Award in 2004—a training grant to develop ideas and to study the student receptivity of a culturally tailored tobacco prevention program for Chicano/Latino youth that incorporated culturally relevant activities in an existing tobacco prevention and cessation program.

Other experience includes working with the University of California, Irvine, as school coordinator and data manager on the HEALTHY Study, a National Institutes of Health-funded national, large-scale intervention study on the prevention of Type 2 diabetes among middle school students.

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