

Maria Chavez Wilcox

Chief Executive Officer, YWCA of King and Snohomish Counties

Maria Chavez Wilcox joined YWCA in 2016 as the organization's first Latina Chief Executive Officer. She has over thirty years of experience as a nonprofit executive, social services advocate, community leader, and philanthropist. Previously, Maria was President and CEO at Childhaven, and spent 15 years as President and CEO of United Way of Orange County.

Maria currently serves on the board of Women's Funding Alliance and the corporate relations board of the Greater Seattle Business Association. She has been a member of the Seattle Downtown Association, NAFE, Seattle Rotary, Association of Fundraising Professionals, and Chair of Seattle University's Nonprofit School of Management. In 2018, she was named one of Puget Sound Business Journal's Women of Influence.

Maria graduated from Boston University with her Master's degree in Administration and Bachelor of Science in Education, with an additional certificate from the Nonprofit Management Institute at Harvard University. Maria is fluent in Spanish, French, and English and grew up in Lima, Peru.

