CBPP Announces New Vice President for People and Culture

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) announced that John-Anthony Meza has joined the organization as Vice President for People and Culture, following an extensive national search. Meza will lead the Human Resources team’s work to recruit, retain, and support a talented and diverse staff that is well prepared and empowered to help the organization meet its mission. He also will collaborate with senior leaders to foster an inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible workplace and organizational culture.

“I’m thrilled that John-Anthony has joined the Center’s leadership team,” said Sharon Parrott, CBPP President. “Our dedicated, skilled, creative, collaborative people are the Center’s greatest strength. John-Anthony’s rich experience and commitment to equity and inclusion will help us continue to support and retain our staff and build a culture that is welcoming and contributes to staff engagement, well-being, and success.”

Meza brings over 25 years of leadership experience in human resources, performance management, learning and development, total rewards, recruiting, and diversity, equity, and inclusion in both the nonprofit and for-profit sectors, often serving the social sector. He has served in human resources and operations leadership roles with the Raffa Companies, KABOOM!, the Community Health Accreditation Partner, Corporate Voices for Working Families, KPMG, and, most recently, Arabella Advisors.

Meza led the people and operations team for Arabella, a professional services firm that provides customizable services to clients in the philanthropic sector, including institutional and family foundations and nonprofit organizations.

“I care deeply about the Center’s mission to advance policies that ensure everyone has the resources they need to thrive and share in the nation’s prosperity,” said Meza. “I’m thrilled to bring my passion and expertise to engage and empower the Center’s talented team and help make the organization the best it can be.”

Meza is a published author and has been a frequent presenter on progressive human resources topics. He also is a senior certified professional through the Society for Human Resource Management and has served on multiple nonprofit advisory boards.
A native of southern California, Meza studied Industrial/Organizational Psychology at California State University, Long Beach, and holds a degree in Psychology from California State University, Northridge, the largest Latino-serving institution in the CSU system.

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