



**Laura Cano** currently serves as the Director of Federal Programs for Liberal USD 480. Her duties include overseeing the Title 1, ESL, Migrant and Preschool Programs. For the past 17 years her experiences in education have included being a bilingual preschool classroom teacher, ESL teacher, and school principal. Other professional experiences include consulting in the areas of second language acquisition, ESL programming, developmentally appropriate practice for bilingual preschool children, adjunct professor for Kansas State University, and guest speaker at both state and national level conferences. Mrs. Cano knows education is the key to success and strives to be an advocate for children of underrepresented groups. As an immigrant herself, she believes dedication and perseverance are important traits to instill in children and families.