



Melito Ramirez

Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Melito Ramirez

POSITION: Intervention Specialist

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 17 years

Q. What are the primary duties as Intervention Specialist at Wa-Hi?

A. My role is to support our students with whatever needs they may have. I often support our most at-risk students with services ranging from discussing grades to talking about alcohol and drug issues, gang involvement or other problems impacting their lives.

Q. What changes have you seen in the intervention program?

A. It has become more positive over the years. We provide a lot of support for our students and have more staff contact. I can't think of any student in need that we don't touch base with or check on to see how they are doing. I am really proud of what we are doing at Wa-Hi.

Q. What are some of the trends you are seeing requiring your services?

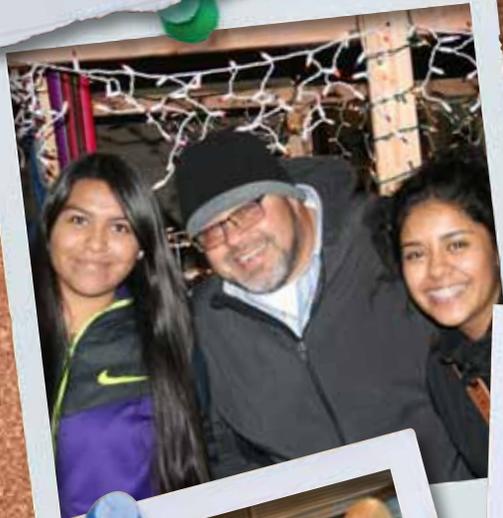
A. Mental health issues are rising. We are seeing more students dealing with depression and anxiety issues. Many of these students don't have the coping skills for dealing with their mental health issues so we often seek the outside support resources they need.

Q. How do you coordinate with other agencies?

A. We have really good relationships with the social services agencies in the community. They are fantastic. I've never been turned away if I have a need for a family. They are always willing to jump in and provide support. BMAC is a big support as well as C2C. We also work with Red Cross and Salvation Army. These relationships make our job easier.

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NOTES:
Sometimes I feel exhausted or am not feeling well, but I know the students need to check in with me every day. The students motivate me to be here. It's an honor to work here with these students.



Highlights Melito Ramirez

I was a migrant student as a child and our family moved all over the United States. I'm originally from Texas.



I spent time in Walla Walla as a child. I always enjoyed and liked the small town environment of Walla Walla. I knew this is where I wanted to live.



I started my career in College Place in the 1980s.