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BIO

Mr. Arteaga was given permission from his Native American teachers to run traditional Native-American ceremonies as well as holding space in various circles. He is a trainer with the National Compadres Networks and currently sits on the National Council Wisdom Keepers of Native American, Chicano, African American, as well as other men of color who are working on issues around generational trauma, restorative justice, and healing. Mr. Arteaga was a part of the San Diego Unified School District Race/Human Relations and Advocacy Department for 16 years, training staff and departments on Culturally Relevant Instructional Strategies, Cultural Proficiency, Restorative Practices, and Trauma-Informed Care and is currently placed at Lincoln High School. He has been a consultant to many agencies in California and has conducted various workshops with community organizations that are working with youth on building community by incorporating restorative work into their curriculum. He is also the Executive Director of Izcalli, a nonprofit organization that has worked with at-risk youth for over 20 years. His work with Izcalli's "Circulo de Hombres" program that focuses on the arts, mentoring, and Restorative Circle practices has reached hundreds of youth, including many distinguished San Diego civic and arts leaders. He has presented at world and international conferences on Restorative Justice work and has appeared in documentaries in England, Canada and PBS. He is also a published poet, playwright, actor and graduate from UCSD.

In 2005 Mr. Arteaga received the Local Hero of the Year Award by KPBS and also Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Local Hero Award. In 2006, he was honored with the Males as Positive Forces Award from the Chula Vista Community Collaborative and in 2009 received Local Hero from Best Buy. In 2009 the City of San Diego Recognized February 27th as Macedonio Arteaga Jr day for his contribution to the community. In the summer of 2010 Mr. Arteaga was recognized as a National Hispanic Hero on the Maria Antonieta radio station that was broadcast throughout the United States and Latin America. His latest recognition was in 2014 when he received the National Positive Impact Award in Florida for his work with Restorative Circles focusing specifically with young men of color.