



## **Biography**

Jorge Cardenas, Director of Community Relations, Sodexo Providence School District, and Chair, Back to School Celebration of RI

Jorge, earned a Masters Degree in Science Management from Revans University, UAL-Boulder, Colorado and Master of Science in Industrial Relations from Peru.

In 1999, Jorge co-founded the Back to School Celebration of RI. He has been a colleague in education and youth development advocacy for many years. He has excelled in community outreach efforts, as a collaborator on a number of projects including youth development, workforce training and career readiness initiative.

Cardenas' strengths and talents are many. He has helped redesigning many fundraising activities, youth mentor training , and various after school tutoring initiatives.

As a leader Cardenas has managed staff that coordinated volunteer efforts to ensure that all participants received the support they needed to be effective tutors and mentors. In addition Jorge has worked closely with both parents and after school coordinators, teachers, business partners, funding sources and students' participation to implement mission and goals.

Jorge Cardenas has become an asset to SODEXO, the City of Providence as well as the State of Rhode Island. He is a true youth development advocate. and a team player. He is a role model, an active member of our community. Always involved in helping and supporting individuals and organizations.

Jorge serves on the Executive Board of the Back to School of RI and many other non-profit organizations. His tireless work has made him the recipient of many awards and recognitions from different important organizations, elected officials and dignitaries.

Jorge Cardenas is an outstanding community activist who has made Rhode Island a better place, by bringing together business, community and elected officials to work for the well-being of children. He brings a wealth of experience to SunRise Forever,Inc.