

Gloria Medina, Training Director, SCOPE

Gloria Medina has coordinated training and technical assistance for Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE) for the past four years. SCOPE is a grassroots organization based in South Los Angeles that builds power through community organizing, leadership development, alliance building, public education and policy advocacy to improve living conditions and opportunities for low-income and disenfranchised residents at the local, state and national level.

Gloria helped launch the training component of SCOPE in 2007, and continues to coordinate the expansion of SCOPE's training and capacity building programs. In addition to conducting trainings she oversees the process of developing and improving tools and methods designed to increase the capacities and effectiveness of organizations and coalitions. Some of the current available SCOPE trainings are Power Analysis, Community Organizing, Mapping for Organizers, and Civic Engagement.

Prior to joining SCOPE, Gloria provided direct services to youth and their families in disadvantaged communities. She worked with families who had been impacted by domestic violence; substance abuse; HIV/AIDS; and economic & health disparities by providing counseling, case management, support groups, advocacy and trainings. Her experience working with the community has also included developing and managing supportive services programs, which helped reduce barriers to employment, economic and social opportunities.