## LiveOn NY's Boots on the Ground Roundtable

Panel Discussion: Growing Within the Field of Aging

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Panelist: Michael Velez, MSW, Director of Case Management & Friendly Visiting Program, RiseBoro Community Partnership

Michael Velez was born and raised in Puerto Rico and obtained his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico. After graduating, he moved to NYC and landed a bilingual teaching position in the heart of Corona, Queens. From there, he changed fields and began working for various non-profit organizations dealing with the elderly population in various positions. Michael holds a Master's degree from the Hunter School of Social Work with a specialized certification in Adults, Older Adults and Families Field of Practice. Now, with twenty-two plus years in the field of social work, Michael is the Director of Case Management and Friendly Visiting Program at RiseBoro Community Partnership in Brooklyn.