



MARIA GUEVARA CARPIO

Maria A. Guevara Carpio was born and raised in Lima, Peru. She moved to the United States when she was fifteen years old. Maria completed her Bachelor of Science in Public Health and Masters in Social Work at Rutgers University. While completing her bachelor's, she discovered a passion for working with the community through the Rutgers Bonner Leaders Program. There, she worked with various community-based organizations in New Brunswick on social issues such as food insecurity and domestic violence. Beyond that, she has worked with the Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation on developing projects for the foundation's network, such as a podcast and a guide on civic engagement and higher education. During undergrad, she learned about her passion for research. She has worked on projects about mental health, a Delphi study on youth with problematic sexual behaviors (PBS), and currently, a mixed-methods study on PrEP services. Currently, Maria is pursuing her Ph.D. at Rutgers University. Her goal is to conduct community-based research in communities in Peru similar to the ones where she grew up and create educational resources.