

## **Dr. Francisco Reveles**

## **BIO**

Dr. Reveles is Professor and former Department Chair at California State University, Sacramento, in Educational Administration and Policy Studies and has served as a Senior Research Associate at the Center for Delinquency and Crime Policy Studies.

He has conducted extensive research in areas relating to resilience and success in youth with special emphasis on students/families living in at-risk conditions (e.g., lack of educational opportunity, poverty, gang-affiliation, violence). He is a consultant to community colleges, universities and public schools (K-12, Adult Ed.) throughout the nation and has served as Principal of a Division I high school and held the positions of Head School Counselor and Biology/Chemistry Teacher. He has also done extensive consulting with juvenile/court facilities.

Dr. Reveles recently launched nationwide an online bilingual educational magazine for classroom use titled *Si Magazine: Celebrating Creativity and Achievement in Latino/Migrant Youth* emphasizing research and digital media skills while highlighting compelling peer role models ([Simagazineonline.com](http://Simagazineonline.com)). He has also directed and produced a motivational DVD film for students titled *Latino Youth: From Survival to Success* showcased in Los Angeles at a major educational conference.

Additionally, he will soon be releasing a bilingual Latino parenting handbook titled *Nuestros Hijos: Amor, Animo y Apoyo (Our Children: Love, Encouragement and Support)*. He has co-authored the nationally recognized Latino dropout prevention curriculum titled *Cada Cabeza Es Un Mundo (Each Mind is a World)* developed with the support of Latino artists Carlos Santana, Rita Moreno, and Edward James Olmos.

He has also authored a beautifully illustrated life management textbook for the California State Department of Education titled *Encuentros: Hombre a Hombre (Encounters: Man to Man)* specifically written for adolescent Latino males with an introduction by actor Edward James Olmos. In addition, he serves as project director/writer for a new book titled *Mariposa (Butterfly)* aimed at adolescent Latinas and is collaborating with extraordinary Latina writers.

Dr. Reveles has been featured in a book and film on role models titled *The Try: Reclaiming the American Dream*. Both the book and film were released nationally and highlight twelve Americans whose life struggles can serve as sources of inspiration and hope for individuals of all cultures. He has delivered major keynote addresses on the steps of the California Capitol, at NASA's Langley Research Center and numerous national and international venues. His extraordinary bilingual presentations are deeply inspiring utilizing culturally relevant humor and audience participation while stressing the importance of moving away from a *SURVIVAL* life paradigm to one that emphasizes a *SUCCESS* orientation in the education of our youth.

Dr. Reveles was born in El Paso, Texas, in an urban barrio known as 'El Chuco' and worked in the agricultural fields of California. He makes his home in the beautiful Sierra foothills where he finds plenty of inspiration and hard work tending to his land and animals. He is the proud father of a daughter who is an attorney and works in the wine industry and a son graduated from the University of California as a composer and pianist.

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