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## Upcoming Events

- Latino Unity day will be May 7-8 in Springfield. This year's theme is "Quinceañera, 15 Years of Advocacy and Impact". May 7th will be a half day event. May 8th will be a full day event with an ILLCF Latino Unity Day Quinceañera Celebration to close the event. For more information, including registration, [click here.](#)
- Our 37th Annual Conference will be October 10, 2025 at the Hilton Chicago/ Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center. More information will be available at a later date.

## Annual Bilingual Staff Report

Every April, state agencies are required to file an annual report detailing the number of bilingual front-line staff within their agency. This report specifically is limited to bilingual staff covered under the AFSCME contract. This requirement ensures that state services are accessible to various communities and comply with the State Services Assurance Act.

The report is submitted to the Illinois General Assembly and can be found in Special Reports, [Illinois General Assembly - Special Reports](#). IAHSE will review a number of agency's report along with the annual Hispanic Employment Plan and the annual Bilingual Needs/Bilingual Pay report. The bilingual staffing data helps determine progress in bilingual staff in state government. Periodically IAHSE will review the reports with government senior staff.

## Latino Unity Day

Latino Unity Day marks a 15-year journey of advocacy and unity within the Latinx community. This year's event takes place on May 7 and 8 in Springfield, IL. On the first day, attendees can participate in Community Diálogos about specific bills and budget requests, led by advocates and community organizations. IAHSE will host a panel discussing current Latinx representation in state government that afternoon. On May 8, attendees will hear from the Illinois Latino caucus regarding their legislative priorities. Agenda for Latino Unity Day is posted at [Agenda](#). Additionally, the Board of Directors of IAHSE will meet with Agency Directors. IAHSE will also host a networking reception for Hispanic state employees from 5:30 to 7:30. Attendees are invited to join the evening of May 7 to connect with over 100 Hispanic state employees from the Springfield area. For more information about the IAHSE reception, email [IAHSE.ASSOC@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:IAHSE.ASSOC@ILLINOIS.GOV).

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We will be featuring IAHSE members in our monthly newsletter highlighting our diverse and talented Latino/a/e/x membership. This month's edition, we will be featuring our member . **If you wish to be highlighted or nominate another IAHSE member, please email us at [IAHSE.Assoc@illinois.gov](mailto:IAHSE.Assoc@illinois.gov).**

**Name:** Jose M. Prado II

**Current State Agency & Title:** IL Dept. of Corrections /  
Sr. Corrections Parole Agent

**What city are you based in?** District 1 (Cook, Lake, and Will Counties)

**How long have you worked for the State of Illinois?** began my career August 2, 2010. This will be my 15th year working for the State of Illinois.

**What interested you in working for the State of Illinois & the current agency you are working for?** I had just turned 19 years old and was looking for a job that would help pay for college so I chose the IL Department of Corrections. Like many of us in Corrections, I am on a five-year plan only that I've renewed it twice since and may renew it a few more times until I can retire. I have had many opportunities working for the State of Illinois and do not regret my decision.

**What are your hobbies?** When I am not out participating in running events, I spend my free time with my children reliving my childhood through parenthood.

**Fun fact about you?** God willing and with the support of my family, peers, and IAHSE, I will be a future Chief of Parole for the Illinois Department of Corrections.

**Any achievements that you wish to share? Professional and/or personal?** My most significant achievement is becoming a father. My children, Amy, Manny and Sophia give me the strength every day to go out and make a difference in the community; for their future. They have motivated me to accomplish my professional goals. Since starting my career in 2010, I have been promoted to and served in the following positions, Correctional Officer, Counselor, Lieutenant and as of lately Corrections Parole Agent. As a Parole Agent, I was blessed to be able to serve four years with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Parole Intelligence Unit.

**Anything else you wish to share with your IAHSE colleagues?** Yes, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13) Let us never forget that Christ is Lord!

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