



Gaby Ortigoni
Regional Vice President – Central Florida

A blend of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican and Floridian, Gaby Ortigoni is Regional Vice President for Central Florida at Prospera (formerly HBIF), an economic development, nonprofit organization that provides free bilingual technical assistance to Hispanic entrepreneurs trying to establish or expand their business in Florida.

Under Gaby's leadership, Prospera's presence in the Central Florida region has been strengthened. In her first 18 months at the helm, the organization successfully held 90 business workshops and orientations for local entrepreneurs in Spanish, hosting over 2,200 attendees. Last fiscal year, the region achieved a 23 percent increase in clients who received individual consulting services. One of Gaby's most significant contributions at Prospera has been the growth of the annual Tour Latino bike ride, which attracts 600 cyclists and is one of the biggest events of its kind in the state.

Prior to joining Prospera, Gaby was Manager of Community Relations at OUC –The Reliable One. In that role, she was responsible for enhancing OUC's position as a community leader, managing the corporate sponsorships, partnerships, employee involvement in the community, all workplace charitable giving campaigns, and overseeing the design and implementation of OUC's safety and conservation outreach programs. She was also responsible for Spanish translations of OUC's materials and served as OUC's spokesperson for Spanish-speaking media.

Gaby's past work experience also includes: Director of Marketing and Sales for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando, Director of the Hispanic Crime Prevention Program for Florida International University's Center for the Administration of Justice, Senior Community Officer for the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration and Legislative Assistant for Florida House of Representatives, District 35.

Her work ethics and commitment to the community has been recognized with numerous awards and recognitions, including: the Orlando Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award in 2012, Telemundo's Triunfadores (2008 and 2013), Finalist in the Up and Comer Category for the 2009 Orlando Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business Awards, La Prensa's Hispanic Women Who Make the Difference Award, Orange County Sheriff's Community Service Award, Orlando Police Department's Good Citizenship Awards and a Merit Recognition from the City of New York Council, Office of the Majority Leader's Merit Recognition.

In 2016, she was featured in Orlando I4 Business Magazine's "Women in Business" issue. She was recognized as one of 12 finalists for the Coors Light *Líderes* National Award and named one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanics by Vision Magazine. In 2013, Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs appointed Gaby to serve as her representative on the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Gaby has demonstrated strong leadership skills and community involvement. She currently serves as member of the Executive Board for ALPFA Orlando Chapter and is past president of this leadership and professional development organization. Gaby has also served as a board member of numerous organizations, including the Saint Cloud Chamber of Commerce, the Central Florida Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. ARMY Executive Grassroots Committee. She is a graduate of Leadership Orlando Class #85.