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Ángela Munguía was the child that always asked why. That question eventually led her towards a career in youth development and social justice, particularly for black and brown people in the city of Chicago. She currently serves as the Chief Dream Director for The Future Project, a national non-profit organization focused on unlocking the potential of young people.

Ángela started her career in youth development, working at the Multicultural Arts School in the Little Village/North Lawndale communities. Serving as a member of the school implementation committee, she helped to develop the values and culture of the school staff and recruiting students from the local community. She oversaw the student support office in collaboration with the school social worker to develop programming specific to the needs of the student population.

Since then, Ángela has developed curricula and designed programming focused in youth leadership and youth-led initiatives within Chicago Public Schools and a number of nonprofit organizations in the Chicagoland area. Ángela led the Chicago Public Schools Student Advisory Council for Mikva Challenge where she designed a six-week summer think tank and worked with students to create youth developed policies to be implemented in collaboration with the office of the Chief Education Officer for CPS. Ángela spent 4 years overseeing the Whole School, Whole Child model for City Year Chicago across seven Chicago Public Schools.

Ángela's passion for youth development and young people of color in the city of Chicago has led her to supporting organizations like Assata's Daughters and Black Youth Project 100- organizations led by and for black youth dedicated to the liberation and freedom of Black people. Additionally, ángela supports local arts and culture organizations/movements committed to creating spaces for young black and brown people to tell their stories and exist. She currently resides in Pilsen, the neighborhood where she grew up, with her 3-year-old son, Hassan.

