

Ariel Valdes

Special Projects Coordinator



Ariel Valdes joined Jane Doe Inc. in May 2014 and currently serves as the Special Projects Coordinator. Ariel supports all JDI programmatic activities and initiatives, helps manage the day to day operations of JDI, and assists the Executive Director. She maintains a welcoming and professional atmosphere of JDI for all members, guests and staff.

Ariel graduated from Merrimack College with a Bachelors of Arts in Criminology and Women's and Gender Studies. She also served as the Administrative Assistant to the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers, Inc., and interned at Family Equality Council where she supported Family Week, the largest annual gathering of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer-identified parents and their families in the world. While at Merrimack College, Ariel co-coordinated a number of projects, including "Speak Up: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness through the Arts" with proceeds from this event going to one of JDI's member programs, the YWCA of Greater Lawrence's Fina House, where she also volunteered.

When she isn't at Jane Doe Inc., Ariel enjoys writing, reading, drawing, trying her hand at new art forms, educating herself through open online courses and hanging out with family and friends.

WORDS THAT INSPIRE

"If you are trying to transform a brutalized society into one where people can live in dignity and hope, you begin with the empowering of the most powerless. You build from the ground up."

Adrienne Rich

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