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Jennifer Godinez is associate director of Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc. (MMEP) and executive director of Minnesota College Access Network (MCAN), an initiative of MMEP. Prior to joining MMEP she served as executive director of La Escuelita, a non-profit ALC/SES after school and summer program focused solely on academic enrichment and leadership development for Latino immigrant and non-immigrant youth currently enrolled in grades 6-12 in Minneapolis schools. She has in-depth experience in youth development, college access program development and education policy development.

In 2004, Godinez was appointed to serve as a commissioner on the Minnesota Out-of-School Time Commission. Jennifer serves on the Advisory Council for the new dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota. Godinez also co-chaired the College Access Working Group on the Minnesota P-16 Education Council. Board member experience for various educational entities includes: El Colegio Charter School, the Latino Scholarship Fund of Minnesota and Achieve! Minneapolis. At the national level, Godinez served on Excelencia en Education's "Promising Practices" event planning committee.

In 2005, Godinez was named one of "25 on the Rise," by the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She has also been honored by La Prensa de Minnesota, a community newspaper, as "Leader of the Year," for her advocacy and access to college work with immigrant youth. For her public policy work, she has appeared on the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer show, MPR, and Star Tribune. In 2008, she was selected as a German Marshall Memorial Fellow and traveled to Europe to meet with public policy and community leaders from five countries.

Godinez graduated from Drake University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She also earned a Master of Public Administration in Public Policy with concentrations in education policy and nonprofit management from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, and was trained in anthropology and Spanish-language training at the School for International Training in Oaxaca, México.