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Zurisaday Robbins Briz is a dedicated advocate and leader committed to advancing educational equity, mental health, and language access. Originally from Mexico and a resident of Galveston, Texas since the age of ten, her lived experience as a first-generation immigrant profoundly shapes her mission to support immigrant families and children with special needs. Through her deep-rooted involvement in the Galveston community, Zuri builds collaborative relationships across faith-based, nonprofit, and academic sectors, expanding her reach to advocate for and support marginalized populations throughout the county and state.

Zuri holds a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Sciences from the University of Houston–Clear Lake and is currently completing her Master of Social Work at Our Lady of the Lake University, specializing in Hispanic Families and Youth. A proud Latina, Zuri has been recognized for her academic dedication and leadership as a two-time recipient of the Power on Heels Academic Scholarship. Her academic leadership also includes serving as Vice President of the Phi Alpha Delta Delta Honor Society.

Zuri is also pursuing licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, committed to providing culturally responsive, clinically informed care that empowers individuals and families.

In addition to her academic work, Zuri is actively engaged in community leadership and has served as a board member for several nonprofit organizations, including Partners Resource Network, Vision Galveston, Family Service Center of Galveston County, and Houston Tool Bank, among others. Through these roles, she has contributed to initiatives that strengthen families, expand access to critical resources, and support community-based services across the region. Zuri is particularly passionate about uplifting and empowering Latino voices and advocating for culturally responsive services that honor the strengths, resilience, and lived experiences of Latino families.

In 2023, Zuri co-founded Dreamers Thrive, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering local Hispanic Students and their families on the path to college success. In 2024 she launched Gulf Coast Alianza Language Access & Equity Consulting LLC. Leveraging her Medical Translator certification from the University of Houston-Downtown, she provides expert language and cultural competency consulting to local social services federal human services organizations, local non-profits as well as private businesses.

A fellow of the American Leadership Forum (Houston Gulf Coast Chapter), Zuri also serves as a strategic consultant for the Community Impact Council of the American Public Human Services Association, bridging the gap between local grassroots needs and national systemic change.