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Dr. Velarde was born and raised in New Mexico. Her family's roots are from Las Vegas, New Mexico and the land grant (ejido) of Chilili, New Mexico. Dr. Velarde received a Bachelor of Science in Health Education; a Masters of Public Administration with certification in Health Care Administration; and a doctorate in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Dr. Velarde completed a Community Fellows Fellowship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) and a Latino/o Research Fellowship at the University of Arizona. Dr. Velarde has taught courses at the graduate and undergraduate level at New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico. Her courses include: Principles of Community Health; Drug Prevention, Stress Management, Program Evaluation, Qualitative Research, Rural Health Intervention Project (RHIP), Bachelor of Arts/Medical Degree (BA/MD) public health course, the public health Practicum and Environmental Health.

Dr. Velarde's research interests include adolescent health, community empowerment and, diabetes and communication among latinos. She has worked as a Vice Chair in the Dept. of Family & Community Medicine for the Integration of Public Health and Medicine; acted as Associate Co-Director of the Masters of Public Health; a committee member of Minority Women in Medicine (MWIM); Faculty Senate, and worked with the international groups: Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and Network Toward Unity for Health. Currently, Dr. Velarde is .25 FTE. She is a Certified Personal trainer (working with Senior Citizens), and is a tin artist in her spare time. Dr. Velarde is committed to the people and culture of New Mexico. She takes great pride at being a native New Mexican.