

Patricia Flores-Cantu Regional Technical Assistance Specialist

Patricia Flores-Cantu is the Regional Technical Assistance Specialist for Region 1 Education Service Center. In this role, Ms. Flores-Cantu provides professional development and technical assistance for the *Texas School Ready! Project*. She trains mid-level field managers in data based decision making, social and emotional development, and academic curriculum areas.

Ms. Flores-Cantu joins CLI with over 16 years of experience working with young children, early childhood professionals, and local communities. For six years, she was a Project Coordinator Mentor for the Texas Early Education Model. Her expertise includes developing and implementing quality early literacy initiatives, providing professional development in early literacy strategies and creating professional development for teacher mentors. In addition, she has worked as a childcare program specialist overseeing the Child Care Management System subsidy program for working parents within the Cameron County area.

Ms. Flores-Cantu graduated from St. Mary's University with a bachelor's degree in English. She is a certified Early Literacy and Language trainer for the *Texas School Ready! Project* and has conducted a variety of trainings at the local, state, and national level.