



Ramon Ramos
Executive Bio

The Founder and President of the CBO Alliance, Ramon Ramos, has a powerful life story that defies the odds. Born and raised in San Bernardino, California, Ramon was exposed early on to the harsh realities of drug addiction and gang violence. By age 15, he was heavily involved in gang activity, struggling with a meth addiction, and living unhoused on the streets, his future seemingly destined for a life in prison.

Determined to break free, Ramon embarked on a journey of deep personal transformation. That journey became the foundation for The Exception, a nonprofit organization he founded to enhance the quality of life for others through a holistic approach to wellness and healing.

Ramon's story of resilience and redemption is woven into the very name and mission of The Exception. His lived experience fuels his passion to help others overcome adversity and unlock their full potential, no matter their past.

With over 25 years of experience mentoring youth and adults with high-barrier needs, including those impacted by the justice system. Ramon has dedicated his life to empowering individuals and strengthening families. Today, he serves as a motivational speaker, philanthropist, consultant, and changemaker. He leads with a philosophy of servant leadership, skillfully cultivating relationships with community stakeholders, media, and government agencies to expand outreach and drive transformational initiatives.

Most recently, Ramon was appointed Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Ad Hoc Committee in Riverside County, where he is helping shape a more community-based approach to youth justice. This work also led to the creation of the CBO Alliance, a dynamic group of community based organizations, united by a shared commitment to fostering vibrant communities and addressing systemic challenges.