

**Healthy Neighborhoods
Learning Collaborative Meeting
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Speaker Biosketch**

Marissa Martin is the Executive Director of The Advocacy Institute, a nonprofit committed to supporting the legislative advocacy of social justice and movement-building organizations in New York State by developing talent, building networks, and providing tools and information to win legislative campaigns and build more power and organizing infrastructure along the way. Marissa has a wealth of experience in organizing, advocacy, and policy reform, gained through years of cutting-edge work in nonprofits and government. Most recently, she served as the Northeast Director at Young Invincibles where she led advocacy efforts to expand access to higher education, good jobs, and healthcare for young adults. Prior to Young Invincibles, she served as the Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives at the NYC Public Engagement Unit, which connects New Yorkers to key services, such as tenant support and healthcare. Much of Marissa's experience comes from her work as the Director of Policy and Government Relations at ExpandedED Schools, and as the Director of Government Affairs for the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF). At CACF, she led state and local budget campaigns to improve equity for Asian Pacific American community.

She earned her Master's in Social Work from Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in 2012, focusing on Community Organizing, Planning and Development. Marissa received her license in 2014.