

Hope has been a practicing social worker in Houston for over twenty years. She has worked on behalf of vulnerable populations her entire career and has spent the last 15 years in direct practice, programming and administration in the field of public education. She was the first social worker at YES Prep Public Schools and was responsible creating and growing the Student Support Counseling program where she was named Texas School Social Worker of the Year 2012.

She is currently serving as the first case manager at the University of Houston focused on developing and providing outreach and support services to students who may need additional support. Hope works collaboratively with colleagues to create systems and programs that engage and empower students to be proactive about their mental health and wellbeing.

Hope has been recognized as University of Houston-Fraternity/Sorority Staff Advisor of the Year 2016; University of Houston-Student Success Award 2016; University of Houston-First Grad Cording Fall Keynote Speaker 2016 and University of Houston-March Golden Paw-Employee of the Month 2017

Hope is dedicated to not only serving her students, but is committed to creating opportunities to support the Latino community both on and off campus. She proudly serves as staff advisor to her alumnae sorority, Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Chi Alpha Chapter, a Latina based sorority.

Hope also serves on the DREAM Zone committee where she works with students and colleagues to help advise on ally trainings to “educate the University of Houston community about the undocumented student experience, discuss the challenges that undocumented students and their families may face, and provide local and national resources that assist undocumented students through their collegiate journey.”

She is the founder and program manager of Las Comadres, a college mentoring program focused on supporting first generation Latina students with meaningful mentoring relationships from University of Houston Latina faculty/staff. Las Comadres offer representation, opportunities, and space for students to feel welcomed, seen and supported.

Hope is a co-investigator on a longitudinal exploratory participatory action (PAR) research study to learn what the short term and long-term impact of this program will be for Latina student participants and Latina faculty/staff mentors. The aims of this research are to improve the educational experiences and trajectories of Latina college students.

Hope is married to GCSW alumni, Donald Goodley and they have 4 children Julia, Olivia, David, and Daniel. She enjoys reading, writing and genealogy research.