

Armando A. Contreras is the President and CEO of the Washington D.C. based, United Cerebral Palsy Inc, the nation's leading organization in advocating and promoting inclusion for people with cerebral palsy and disabilities. A native of Los Angeles, California, Armando's professional career includes serving as the CEO of United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arizona, as the President and CEO of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (AZHCC) and as the Director of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors and the Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Small Business under former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano. Armando earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in Theology from the University of San Francisco. He also attended the Indiana University School of Philanthropy. With three grown children, Armando and his wife Norma reside in Phoenix, Arizona where they are active in the community, particularly contributing their time and talents to faith based social justice issues.

Armando was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Kino Border Initiative, a bi-national organization that promotes US/Mexico border and immigration policies that affirm the dignity of the human person. He also serves on the Board of SourceAmerica and is a member of the Finance Committee of the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. In November 2016, Armando was recognized by the Arizona Business Magazine as one of the top CEO's in the non-profit health sector, and in 2015 he was named one of the most Influential Minority Business Leaders in Arizona. In July 2014 he was awarded a scholarship to attend the Harvard School of Business Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management.

Armando was also the featured CEO in the December 2013 issue of Arizona Business Magazine and the Phoenix Business Journal awarded him with the Champions in Diversity recognition in 2012. Armando was honored to meet with President George W. Bush to discuss faith-based and community initiatives that took place in May of 2001 at the White House, West Wing Roosevelt Room.