

**Marlene Chavez-Toivanen, Institutional Coordinator,
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Marlene Chavez-Toivanen is the Institutional Coordinator (IC) at New Mexico State University-Grants (NMSU-Grants) in Grants, New Mexico. Marlene, who is currently an Associate Professor, has been on the faculty for over a decade and has served as the IC for the institution for eight (8) years. Marlene earned a B.S. in Mathematics in 1995 and an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Math Education from NMSU. She has recently applied to a doctoral program in Educational Leadership. Marlene, who is originally from Grants, New Mexico, is married to Dwayne Toivanen, Director of Human Resources for Grants Cibola County Schools. Marlene and Dwayne have one daughter, Olivia, who is 17 months old. Marlene comments that Olivia is her current hobby, and that watching her grow and being a mom takes up most of her spare time. So for the moment, fulfilling the love of travel that she shares with her husband is being postponed until the day when her daughter is a bit older when they can expose her to new places and sites. Marlene, a former Kika de la Garza USDA Fellow, makes time in her very busy schedule to attend conferences in and out of state and is a member of the New Mexico Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges and the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges.