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Ray A. Ostos serves as the Director for the National Center for Teacher Education (NCTE) a department in the Academic and Student Affairs Division at the Maricopa County Community Colleges District (MCCCD) Office. The Center serves in a leadership role for teacher education initiatives, working collaboratively with community colleges, school districts, business, education groups, and government to develop programs and services that support the community college role in teacher education.

He also serves as the Executive Director for the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP). NACCTEP promotes the community college role in the recruitment, preparation, retention, and renewal of diverse PreK-12 teachers. NACCTEP facilitates connections between and among community college teacher education programs and community college teacher education faculty.

Mr. Ostos has served as a project leader on numerous federal grant projects. Currently he is serving as Principal Investigator on the National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Grant *Achieving Technological Literacy for Arizona's Students and Teachers* (Award # 0802487).

He previously served as Director of Community Partnership Programs for NCTE from 2003 to 2007. In this role he developed, implemented, and managed grant programs and initiatives which included K-12 and community college students and educators. Past work experience includes serving as a U.S. Department of Agriculture Liaison Officer for Hispanic Serving Institutions where he developed educational partnerships with community colleges in Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, and New York.

As a Michigan State University Extension Youth Development Agent, he successfully provided leadership to a K-12 youth leadership program. He has over 17 years experience directing education programs.

He graduated from New Mexico State University with his M.A. degree in Agriculture Education. He is currently a doctoral student at Arizona State University. He lives in Chandler, Arizona with his wife and two daughters.