



SPECIAL ENVOY

for the Development of Families & Children



Mrs. Rossana Maria Briceño is an esteemed Belizean Special Needs Educator married to Belize's current Prime Minister. Raised in Orange Walk Town, Belize, Mrs. Briceno sought a more service-oriented career path and attended the University of North Florida, where she obtained a Master's in Educational Leadership. Additionally, she obtained a certificate in Diagnostics Assessment and Curriculum Development in a Master's program from Houston Baptist University. She also has a Bachelor's in Special Education.

In her early years, she worked at the Stella Maris Government School, the only school in Belize that specializes in teaching special needs students at the elementary level. She taught at St. Peter's Anglican School for 33 years. She spent the last 13 years as principal where she oversaw the administration of the fully functional special needs center at the primary level.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Briceno has also worked closely with several women's groups, including WOM (Women On the Move), where she helped to champion and advocate for women against violence, and assisted in providing safe homes for women in need.

On January 22nd, 2021, she became appointed as the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children. She is also the Chair of SCLAN and Coordinator of the Special Education Unit at the Ministry of Education.

Mrs. Briceno's goal, as Special Envoy over the next five years, is to build relationships and empower vulnerable families and children, with a focus on special needs families and children, who are unable to achieve healthy and productive lives for meaningful participation in Belize's development due to various interconnected deficiencies.

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