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She currently works as Senior Director, California Strategic Consultation, for Casey Family Programs (CFP), a privately funded national operating foundation whose 2020 goals include working in partnership to safely reduce the number of children in foster care by 50% by 2020 and to improve foster care outcomes in education, employment and mental health. Previously, she directed Casey offices in Tucson and San Diego.

Prior to her work with Casey, Ms. Choca focused on public and private social service administration and program development. She was Operations Manager for Arizona's Administration for Children, Youth and Families, with oversight for all centralized child welfare functions—budget, planning, policy, licensing, contracts, information systems, training and adoption subsidy, and later also administered Arizona's Office of Children's Behavioral Health. As Vice-president of Human Development at Chicanos Por La Causa, an Arizona community development corporation, Ms. Choca developed and implemented a model demonstration teen pregnancy and parenting program, residential and outpatient substance abuse programs and outpatient mental health services.