



Melissa is currently a Chief Executive Officer with Big Brothers Big Sisters overseeing Orange County and the Inland Empire. As CEO of the largest agency in California and the 3rd largest agency in the U.S., Melissa is responsible for the general operations and oversight of over 70 staff members and all programming for the over 3,000 children the agency serves through 200,000 volunteer hours per year. Melissa is also the Chair of the California State Association for Big Brothers Big Sisters. During her time with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Melissa has grown children served by nearly 100%, launched a workplace-mentoring program that has partnered the agency with some of the most premier corporations in the country,

and lead their expansion into San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Recently, Melissa lead the nation by expanding service for youth from ages 6-18 to 6-25 to ensure that every child is able to be the first in their family to earn a living wage and to not rely on assistance programs. Melissa is a tireless advocate for children facing adversity, believing that all children should have the opportunity to succeed in life and reach their full potential. She is a sought after speaker both on the plight of at-risk youth as well as women/mothers in leadership roles.

Melissa received her Bachelors of Science in Accounting with a minor in Economics from Northern Arizona University and an MBA (magna cum laude) from the UC Irvine, Paul Merage School of Business. She currently serves on the Boards of the Beall Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship as well as the Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy & Research Institute, both at UC Irvine and the Center for Leadership at Cal State Fullerton. Melissa and her husband live in Laguna Niguel with their three sons.