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Susan Tovar is a coach and an educator. She currently serves as the Director of Teacher Support at OneGoal, coaching teachers, whose students navigate the systems of oppression, to understand college access, and spearheading concepts of design thinking and adult learning. Furthermore, she is deeply invested in the work of diversity, equity and inclusion and has led the People Affinity Group and multiple staff trainings.

Knowing she wanted to work in education equity and understanding the classroom experience to be invaluable, Susan joined Teach For America Chicago in 2009 as a Corps Member. She taught for four years the creative minds of three to five-year-olds at Carole Robertson Center for Learning in Chicago. During her second year, Susan earned the school's annual Teacher of the Year Award. From there, she became Manager of Teacher Leadership Development at Teach for America and coached 41 new teachers in public and charter schools in Chicago. Developing growth mindsets and teaching skills helped make her the coach she is today.

Susan earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Yale University and her Master of Science in Education at Dominican University. As a Chicana, she grew up in an underserved community, Cicero, outside of Chicago with her large and loving Mexican family. This family continues to grow, and she is now a proud aunt to two nephews.

