



## Jorge Montalvo

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Jorge Montalvo has distinguished himself as one of the most entrepreneurial thinkers in public service. He employs his training as a chemist to take a "systems-based approach to make change and open opportunities for hard-working people."

Montalvo currently serves as the Deputy Secretary of the State of New York for Economic Opportunity. Prior to his appointment, Montalvo served in New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's administration as the top policy advisor to the New York Secretary of State. In this role, he created the New York State Office for New Americans. The Office's Opportunity Centers - 27 in total - have been heralded as the model for immigrant integration policy in this country. In their first year alone, the Centers have served more than 34,000 immigrants with English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages training; naturalization and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals assistance; federal immigration law and policies information and referrals; and business development training.

Among his many accomplishments, Montalvo developed the state's Opportunity Agenda to ensure those living in poverty were included in the state's economic revitalization, helped merge the state's consumer protection and occupation licensing agencies and created the Empire State Fellows program — an innovative approach to attracting and training cross-sector leaders for public service. Montalvo collaborates with economic, environmental, justice and industry groups, state and local agencies, and the members of the state legislature on the New York State Council on Food Policy.

Previously, Montalvo helped lead two state government agencies, created and oversaw the state's Safe Toy NY toy testing program and served as the policy advisor to the NYS Council on Interactive Media and Youth Violence. Additionally, he managed New York City's 2012 Olympic Bid's corporate relations and volunteerism efforts and served in New York City Mayor Bloomberg's Economic Development Office. Montalvo graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in chemistry and spends his weekends teaching free GED and SAT prep classes to disconnected youth in the South Bronx.