

SISTERS IN *ENERGY*

Chelsea Gaines— *Solar Energy*

Chelsea Gaines, Associate Director of Colorado Solar for All at the Colorado Energy Office, has dedicated a decade to serving marginalized communities. Her work empowers those on the “margins,” recognizing them as essential contributors.

Chelsea’s career includes case management for refugees, the homeless, and formerly incarcerated individuals, focusing on empowerment and resource navigation. She then addressed housing barriers, recognizing the nexus of energy efficiency, affordable housing, and renewable energy. In the solar industry, Chelsea advocates for these communities, providing free residential solar and paid training. She now leads the Colorado Solar for All Grant, deploying \$156 million to low-income and disadvantaged communities, a historic win for equitable energy access.

