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Baby2Baby

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Marisa Muma is the Director of Disaster Relief at Baby2Baby, a non-profit organization that provides essentials to children living in poverty and those in the wake of disaster. In this role she oversees strategic programming in all 50 states, striving to take a human rights-based approach to humanitarian action.

Marisa directs the design, implementation, and evaluation of Baby2Baby's comprehensive programming that serves over one million children annually through partnerships with local organizations, hospitals, schools, government agencies, and more.

Notable efforts include working with USAID and the Department of Homeland Security on Operation Allies Welcome to ensure a dignified and child-focused response for newly-arrived Afghan refugees. Additionally, Marisa launched the New York State Cares + Baby2Baby Diaper Bank – an initiative with the Governor of New York providing over 20 million diapers to vulnerable children.

Prior to joining Baby2Baby, Marisa served as a Child Protection Officer in refugee camps in Southern Rwanda. She provided technical support for programs for 20,000 children – including early childhood education, learning through play, and WASH – and helped strengthen child protection information and data management systems. She also spent time at the United Nations where she contributed to advocacy work on the rights of children in humanitarian contexts and monitored the work of the General Assembly and Security Council.

Marisa is thrilled to be back at UCLA Law to meet fellow changemakers and those who are passionate about children's rights.