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## Faculty Biographies

**Shay Bilchik, J.D.** is the founder and Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute. The Center's purpose is to focus the Nation's public agency leaders, across systems of care and levels of government, on the key components of a strong juvenile justice reform agenda. This work is carried out through the dissemination of papers on key topics, the sponsorship of symposia, and a Certificate Program at Georgetown providing public agency leaders with short, but intensive study, and ongoing support in their reform efforts. Prior to joining the Institute on March 1, 2007, Mr. Bilchik was the President and CEO of the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), a position he held from February of 2000. Shay led CWLA in its advocacy on behalf of children through his public speaking, testimony and published articles, as well as collaborative work with other organizations. Prior to his tenure at CWLA, Shay headed up the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in the U.S. Department of Justice, where he advocated for and supported a balanced and multi-systems approach to attacking juvenile crime and addressing child victimization. Before coming to the Nation's capital, Mr. Bilchik was an Assistant State Attorney from 1977-1993, in Miami, FL, where he served as a trial lawyer, juvenile division chief, and Chief Assistant State Attorney. Mr. Bilchik earned his B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Florida.

**Gary M. Blau, Ph.D.** is a Clinical Psychologist and is currently the Chief of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services. In this role he provides national leadership for children's mental health and is responsible for implementing the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Program, the Circles of Care Program, the National Children's Mental Health Social Marketing Campaign, the National Technical Assistance Programs, and a wide variety of other programs designed to improve the lives of children and families. Through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services and the SAMHSA Administrator, he is also responsible for translating the President's New Freedom Commission Report for children and families, and for implementing the children's portion of the CMHS Action Plan. Prior to this, Dr. Blau was the Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Quality Management at the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF). In this capacity Dr. Blau had responsibility for DCF's oversight of child welfare, juvenile justice, substance abuse and mental health service providers, including outpatient psychiatric clinics for children, extended day treatment programs, emergency shelters, group homes and residential treatment centers. Dr. Blau was also responsible for DCF's administrative case reviews, child fatality investigations, program planning and development, policy and regulation and the DCF Training Academy. Dr. Blau also served as DCF's Director of Mental Health and provided leadership and oversight to Connecticut's mental health service delivery system for children and adolescents.

Dr. Blau was formerly a member of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Director's Division of Children, Youth and Families, and from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000 he was the Division's Chairperson. Dr. Blau has received several awards including the prestigious Governor's Service Award, the Phoebe Bennet Award for outstanding contribution to children's mental health in Connecticut, and the Making a Difference Award presented by Connecticut's Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. He currently holds a clinical faculty appointment at the Yale Child Study Center. Since receiving his Ph.D. from Auburn

University (Auburn, Alabama) in 1988, Dr. Blau has worked in children's mental health with a primary emphasis on issues of victimization, child custody, permanency planning and innovative service models. He has held an appointment on the editorial board of the Journal of Primary Prevention, and has numerous publications and presentations in the areas of child custody, primary prevention, managed care and clinical service delivery.

**Cheryl Bowers-Stephens, M.D., M.B.A.** is a licensed medical doctor and a board certified adult, child, and adolescent psychiatrist. As the former Commissioner of Mental Health in Louisiana she led the State's mental health preplanning, response, and immediate recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In this position, she laid the foundation for the transformation of Louisiana's public mental health system. Dr. Bowers-Stephens has extensive background and experience in strategic management fund development, public administration, program planning/implementation and treatment of special populations. She previously served as the Medical Director of Infant, Children, and Adolescent Services and the Developmental Neuropsychiatry Program in Louisiana. On the national level, she has served as a member of President Bush's Advisory Council on HIV-AIDS. Appointed by former U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Tommy Thompson, she has also served on the national Advisory Board to the Center for Mental Health Services for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration. In addition, she is on the national board of directors for the American Academy of Community Psychiatrists. She is a graduate of Spelman University, with an undergraduate degree in psychology and computer science. She also holds a M.B.A from the University of New Orleans and an M.D. from Louisiana State University in New Orleans. Her general psychiatry residency was at the Ochsner Medical Foundation, followed by a child and adolescent fellowship at Tulane University. Currently, Dr. Bowers-Stephens has a consultant practice specializing in community and organizational development, public policy research, and executive coaching. In addition as a board certified Adult, Adolescent, and Child Psychiatrist she joined the department of Psychiatry at Ochsner Medical Clinic in July of 2007. She treats children ages 2-22 with Developmental Disorders such as Pervasive Developmental Disorders, Autism, Tourette's Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Conduct Disorder, and Developmental Disabilities including Mental Retardation.

**Verlyn "Vee" Boyd** is the Executive Director of the Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (LAFFCMH), where she has been actively involved for over 15 years. As the parent of two children with mental health challenges, Ms. Boyd has and continues to represent the parent voice on several national, State and local boards, committees, coalitions, and councils. She was instrumental in expanding Louisiana Federation of Families activities to Shreveport and the surrounding areas of northwest Louisiana. She had served as a member of the LAFFCMH Board of Directors for 3 years, where she served a 2-year term as President, when in 1997 she was hired as Co-Director of the organization. In 2002, Ms. Boyd was hired as the Executive Director where she remains dedicated to advocating for and supporting children and youth with mental health challenges and their families.

**Nancy Carter** is Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Urban Los Angeles affiliate chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). She is a board member of the NAMI National organization and a Los Angeles County Commissioner for Children's Policy. Ms. Carter is recognized as one of the country's leading advocates for mental health in communities of color. Ms. Carter was born in a small coal mining town in West Virginia and grew up in Washington, DC, where she attended Howard University. She left her university studies to pursue a career in modeling in New York City. While there, she also studied acting at the famed Negro Ensemble Company and worked as a tour guide at the United Nations. She moved to California in 1971 and began a 30-year career in various areas of the entertainment industry. From 1994 to 2002, she was the owner of Applause! the Audience Company, where she supplied audiences for popular African American television shows. She left the business after making a reflective decision to devote her full-time efforts to the cause of mental health.

In 2007, Ms. Carter received the NAMI California Consumer of the Year award of excellence for her contributions to mental health consumers. She has been a recipient of volunteer awards in mental health from

the County of Los Angeles and from the LA County Board of Supervisors. She is well known in the Los Angeles mental health community. She serves on several local, State, and national committees for mental health planning, crisis intervention, criminal justice, and multi-cultural outreach. Ms. Carter is a certified Family to Family teacher for NAMI and has graduated over 250 students from her classes in recent years. Additionally, she is certified to teach mental health providers and primary care physicians. She also conducts support groups, workshops, and has given presentations for the public at local churches, schools, and county agencies. Furthermore, Ms. Carter has developed and taught workshops in the areas of foster parenting, probation, cultural competency, and spirituality and faith in the African American community. She is a nationally sought after speaker on mental health and recovery.

**Teresa Chapa, Ph.D., M.P.A.** serves as the senior policy advisor for Behavioral Health for Minority and other underserved populations with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Minority Health. Her current areas of focus and development include primary and behavioral healthcare integration and behavioral disparities elimination, comparative effective research, building a minority mental health pipeline, and the state of Hispanic mental healthcare. From 2007-2008, Chapa was awarded an Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment (IPA) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Mental Health America (MHA). She served as a member of the senior executive leadership team, in the role of special advisor to MHA's CEO and President. Her principal focus was on behavioral health disparities for racial and ethnic minority and other underserved populations, where she established and implemented organizational solutions for improving diversity and eliminating disparities for racial and ethnic minority and other underserved populations.

Dr. Chapa served as Director of Policy and Data for the Office of Minority Health where she led the way for making Minority Mental Health a part of the overall health and health disparities agenda. She authored a policy brief titled: *Mental Health Services in Primary Care Settings for Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations* and brought key issues and recommendations to the attention of the HHS Office of the Secretary. She worked as a Federal coordinator and facilitator for the Surgeon General's Workshop on Women's Mental Health, and continues to represent the Office of Minority Health as the Federal Partner for the Mental Health Transformation and other targeted committees. Prior to joining the Office of Minority Health, Dr. Chapa held several leadership positions within HHS including serving as the first Chief of the Office of Extramural Research for the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities the National Institutes of Health, and as Special Expert to the Center for Mental Health Services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in areas of cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) and mental health disparities for minority and underrepresented populations. She created the first Center-wide advisory committee on CLC initiated, guided numerous minority mental health projects and grants, and assisted in the development of the Supplemental report of the Surgeon General, *Mental Health: Culture, Race and Ethnicity*.

Chapa has been the recipient of several awards, including the Shining Lights Award for Excellence in Federal Government Leadership, the Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Services for contributions made to the supplementary report of the Surgeon General, *Mental Health: Culture, Race and Ethnicity*, and a Congressional Certificate of Recognition for her role in establishing a Latina Mental Health Demonstration Project on Suicide Prevention in California's 38<sup>th</sup> District for representative Grace Napolitano. Dr. Chapa began her career in mental health as a nurse working in California's community mental health settings, later attaining a Bachelor Degree in Psychology from San Francisco State University, an M.A. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, from the California School of Professional Psychology in Berkeley, CA and a Master Degree in Public Administration from The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

**Janice Cooper, Ph.D., M.P.A.** directs the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP), a national public policy center dedicated to ensuring the economic security, health and well-being of America's low-income children and their families. She is a health services researcher who specializes in children's mental health. Her research focuses on public policies with an emphasis on quality of care for children and youth and includes cultural and linguistic competence and mental health financing. Since 2005, she has led NCCP's child health

and mental health work. In 2008, she was the lead author of ***Unclaimed Children Revisited: The Status of Children's Mental Health Policy in the United States***. She continues to lead the work of Unclaimed Children Revisited, completing a series of policy and impact analyses that include case studies in California and Michigan. She also directs NCCP's adolescent health initiative (**Improving the Odds for Adolescents**) **Project THRIVE** and **Project LAUNCH**, two early childhood initiatives. For the last year, she has also provided leadership to NCCP's early childhood portfolio. She is an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Mailman School of Public Health, where she teaches a graduate course in child health policy. Janice has worked in the private, public, and non-profit sectors in the United States and abroad. Her prior positions include: Associate, Abt Associates; Director, Children's Mental Health Division State of Minnesota; Director, New York State Coalition for School-Based Primary Care; and Coordinator, AIDS and Family Life Education, Christian Health Association of Liberia. She is a former Director-at-Large of the American Orthopsychiatry Association (Ortho). She is also a fellow and former Secretary of the Board of the American College of Mental Health Administration (ACMHA). Janice serves as member of the Multicultural Advisory Committee for New York State Office of Mental Health. She received her Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University. She is a 2001 Fellow in Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School, and a 1999 Archibald Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Essex, Colchester, England, and Columbia University and Harvard University in the United States.

**King Davis, Ph.D.** was Executive Director of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Services, Research, Policy, and Education from 2003 to 2009. He holds the Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy at the University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. He was a professor of Public Mental Health Policy and Planning at the Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond VA, from 1984-2000, retiring in 1999. As the Galt Scholar, he held full professorships at each of Virginia's medical schools from 1985-1988. From 1998-1999, he was the holder of the William and Camille Cosby Chair at Howard University, Washington DC. Also in 1998, he was appointed to the Libra Chair in the School of Business and Public Policy at the University of Maine. He taught at Norfolk State University School of Social Work from 1974 to 1984. Davis was awarded his Ph.D. from the Florence G. Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University in 1971. He holds master's and bachelor's degrees in social work (with a concentration in mental health) from California State University, in Fresno, CA. Dr. Davis is a former Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services serving from 1990 to 1994. He is co-author of ***The Color of Social Policy***, published in March 2004 by CSWE Press. His most recent article was published in the September 2007 edition of the American Psychologist.

**Miriam E. Delphin, Ph.D.** is an assistant professor, and the Co-Director of Cultural Competence and Health Disparities Research and Consultation, with the Program for Recovery and Community Health (PRCH) of the Yale University School of Medicine. As Director, Dr. Delphin and a team of PRCH faculty and fellows consult with national, State, and local organizations in a variety of areas related to individual, organizational, and service system level cultural competence, including such areas as training, program design and evaluation, and system level strategic planning. In this capacity, for the past 6 years, Dr. Delphin has consulted with the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services on their Health Disparities Initiative (HDI). Goals of this initiative are to identify behavioral health disparities within CT and to develop, implement, and evaluate interventions and policies aimed at reducing disparities and increasing system cultural competence. Additional interests include conducting cultural competency and diversity training, conducting technology transfer and empowerment evaluation work with grass-roots community based organizations, conducting research exploring ethnic differences in coping and help seeking behavior, and assessing the impact of race and stereotyping biases on the clinical judgment process and day-to-day interactions. Dr. Delphin is the former Interim Executive Co-Director of the National Leadership Council on African American Behavioral Health, Inc. (NLC), and currently serves on the Board of the NLC. She serves on the commissioner appointed CT Multicultural Advisory Council (MCAC) and is currently working with MCAC members to develop a training curriculum for the statewide prevention and elimination of institutional racism. Dr. Delphin earned her bachelor's degree in social science from Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY and earned her master's and doctorate degrees in clinical psychology

from Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN.

**Kathleen Earle Fox** has a Ph.D. in Social Welfare and an MSW from the Rockefeller College, University of NY at Albany. She is Director of Research of the National Indian Child Welfare Association, Portland, OR. Dr. Fox has been employed as a standards compliance analyst and researcher at the NYS Office of Mental Health and has taught at the University of Southern Maine, the University of Maine Augusta, and the Rockefeller College of the University of NY at Albany. She has completed extensive research with Native communities in child welfare, child abuse and neglect, and mental health and has authored several peer reviewed publications and presentations. Dr. Fox is of Cayuga descent. She currently lives with her husband and daughter on the coast of Maine.

Since 1978, **Dennis S. Freeman, Ph.D.** has served as Chief Executive Officer of Cherokee Health Systems, Inc., a community-based provider of integrated primary care and behavioral health services in Tennessee. Cherokee Health Systems is both a community mental health center and a federally qualified health center. The company now has 600 employees and 2-dozen service locations, including both rural and urban sites. In 2007, the National Center for Primary Care presented Cherokee Health Systems the Best Practices in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Primary Care Award. Dr. Freeman is a licensed psychologist in the State of Tennessee and is included in the National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology. He earned a B.A. degree in Psychology at Wheaton College, (Illinois) and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He completed his internship at the Palo Alto/Menlo Park VA Hospital in California. Dr. Freeman's professional interests include health services development and management, preservation of the safety net, managed care, and the blending of behavioral health and primary care services.

**Joanne Fuccello, M.S.W., LCSW**, is a consultant with an independent practice in Pennington, New Jersey. Her professional work involves consultation, research, analysis, writing, and presentation activities in the specialized areas of health, mental health and public policy issues. Her skills and experience include an in-depth expertise in health policy analysis and writing, theoretical frameworks in applied public policy analysis, the study of State-legislative processes, and the evaluation of health and mental health programs and policies. Ms. Fuccello has recently accepted a position as Associate Director with the Center for State Health Policy at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Her primary focus will be working on the Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education initiative, which is a National Program Office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Recent independent projects include a research and analysis project focusing on the nursing workforce shortage with the National Health Policy Forum in Washington, DC; a State-level research contract to examine nursing workforce issues within the state of Ohio; and a policy analysis series focusing on mental health and primary care integration service models for the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. In New Jersey, she has worked with the American Conference on Diversity regarding the role of business and strategies focusing on the reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities. She also serves as consultant for the National Collaborative of State Health Policy Centers, whose mission is to develop non-partisan and evidence-based research, policy analysis, and information-sharing regarding State and Federal health policies and programs. Ms. Fuccello was a principal founder of the New Jersey Policy Forums on Health and Medical Care at the Forums Institute for Public Policy, Princeton, New Jersey (1991-2004). Funded by the Robert Wood Johnston Foundation, the program's purpose is to provide legislators, executive branch officials, and health care stakeholders in the States with balanced, nonpartisan information to inform the health policy decision-making process. She has presented on health care and mental health topics in a variety of conference, faculty, and media settings, including CNN where she was invited to comment on State and national health reform plans. She is an alumna of Douglass College and Rutgers University, where her graduate research focused on health care issues and advanced policy studies. She continues to maintain a limited private practice as a licensed clinical social worker, specializing in working with individuals and families affected by chronic illness.

**Tawara D. Goode, M.A.** is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Georgetown University Medical Center, in Washington, DC. She has been on the faculty of the Georgetown University Center for Child

and Human Development (GUCCHD), for the past 30 years and has served in many capacities. She has degrees in early childhood, special education, and human development, and over 32 years of experience in the field. Ms. Goode is also Director of the National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC) at GUCCHD. The NCCC has been in existence for the past 14 years during which Ms. Goode was the director for 12 years. The mission of the NCCC is to increase the capacity of health care and mental health care programs to design, implement, and evaluate culturally and linguistically competent service delivery systems to address growing diversity, persistent disparities, and to promote health and mental health equity. Ms. Goode has been actively involved in the development and implementation of programs and initiatives in the area of cultural and linguistic competency at local, national, and international levels. These efforts address the needs of diverse audiences including health care, mental health, social services, early childhood and special education, community/advocacy organizations, professional societies/organizations, and institution of higher education. Ms. Goode has conducted research on cultural and linguistic competence and its role in addressing health care disparities and is currently involved in a collaborative effort to create validated instruments to measure cultural and linguistic competence in health care settings. She is a nationally recognized as a thought leader in the area of cultural and linguistic competency and has published articles, monographs, and policy papers on such topics as the evidence base and policies that support cultural and linguistic competence, the role of cultural and linguistic competence in addressing health and mental health care disparities, community engagement, family-centered care, and community-based service delivery models.

**Renata J. Henry, M.Ed.** is currently the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Disabilities, at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. As Deputy Secretary, Ms. Henry provides executive direction to three program administrations: Mental Hygiene, Developmental Disabilities, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse. This position is newly created with the intention of bringing these three administrations together to better coordinate services for populations with co-occurring disorders. Ms. Henry has over 30 years of experience in the behavioral health field, serving in various clinical and administrative positions in community-based mental health and substance abuse organizations, as well as in State and county government. Prior to becoming the Deputy Secretary, she was the Director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, an operating division of Delaware Health and Social Service, where she was responsible for the administrative direction and oversight of public sector behavioral health services for adults in Delaware. During her tenure as Director, she has emphasized the collaboration between systems to ensure that policy and practice are aligned to support a quality behavioral health system across the life span.

Ms. Henry strongly believes that principled and visionary leadership at all levels is critical to moving the behavioral health field into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Ms. Henry has provided leadership at a national level in various capacities. From 2002-2006, she served a 4-year term on the National Advisory Mental Health Council for the National Institutes of Health. From 2005-2007, she was President of the board of directors of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), where her agenda focused on the development of NASMHPD partnerships with other national organizations to support mental health and substance abuse system transformation. Ms. Henry has participated on numerous committees, expert panels, and task forces, which have advised the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on behavioral health policy, practice, financing, and cultural competence issues. She has also presented at various conferences, policy academies, and professional meetings. Ms. Henry holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin and a master's degree in education from Antioch University. She is the mother of two wonderful daughters and says they are her greatest achievement.

**Larke Huang, Ph.D.**, a licensed clinical-community psychologist, provides leadership on federal national policy pertaining to mental health and substance use issues for children, adolescents and families for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration. Dr. Huang has worked in the field of children's mental health for the past 25 years assuming multiple leadership roles dedicated to improving the lives of children, families and communities. Previous positions include Managing Director at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) where she was involved in research, technical assistance and policy development for children's mental health

and Director of Research and Evaluation at Georgetown University's National Technical Assistance Center on Children's Mental Health. Dr. Huang has developed programs for underserved, culturally and linguistically diverse youth, evaluated community-based programs, authored books and articles on children's mental health, and provided technical assistance to states and communities on mental health policy and service development. She has extensive experience as a practitioner and provider in community mental health in California. She received her doctorate in Psychology from Yale University.

**D.J. Ida, Ph.D.** has over thirty years experience working with Asian American Pacific Islander communities and received her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Colorado. She helped establish the Asian Pacific Development Center, a specialty mental health clinic in Denver, served as a peer reviewer for the 2001 Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health: Culture, Race, and Ethnicity, and was a contributing author for the subcommittee chapter on Cultural Competency and Reducing Disparities for the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. She serves on numerous boards and commissions including the U.S. DHHS, SAMHSA, Center for Mental Health Services' National Advisory Council; the Annapolis Coalition on Behavioral Health Workforce Education; the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine Center for Eliminating Health Disparities Cultural Competence National Advisory; and the Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health. Dr. Ida is a strong advocate for improving the mental health workforce and served as the principal investigator for the Growing Our Own project that developed the first national training curriculum on how to provide culturally and linguistically competent services to Asian American, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. She also helped develop a curriculum to train interpreters to work specifically in a mental health setting and is working with Khmer Health Advocates, Inc. to integrate physical and mental health and using technology for training and delivery of services.

**Ronald J. Mancoske, D.S.W., LCSW**, has over 35 years of experience in the field of social work, particularly in the areas of health and mental health. His work has been focused on teaching in the areas of health, mental health, and research. He has been with the School of Social Work at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) since 1986, where he chairs the Health/Mental Health Concentration, and has teaching experience at other schools of social work such as the University of Alabama, Chapman College, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, LSU, and will be adjunct faculty at Tulane University. Dr. Mancoske has been the principal investigator for a number of program evaluation efforts, including a 4-year study on the impact of welfare reform in Louisiana, and leads an ongoing evaluation of children's mental health systems of care in the New Orleans metropolitan area since 2002. His research and publications have primarily been in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention and services, where he chaired the planning council, and in service outcomes such as his role as director of the SUNO/LA-Y.E.S. program linking university research with local public children's mental health programs. He currently volunteers with the United Way of Greater New Orleans chairing its "Health & Independence" goal area and is with its steering committee.

**Kenneth J. Martinez, Psy.D.**, a native New Mexican, has been a licensed clinical psychologist for 30 years and has worked in the behavioral health field in a variety of capacities including: clinician, university faculty, State administrator, consultant, technical assistance provider, and volunteer. He is currently Principal Research Analyst and Mental Health Resource Specialist with the Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health (TA Partnership) at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, DC, based in Corrales, New Mexico. Dr. Martinez is the lead for the TA Partnership's Cultural Competence Action Team which published a Web-based document, *The Cultural and Linguistic Competence Implementation Guide*, and several other cultural and linguistic competence related products. Dr. Martinez was the State Children's Behavioral Health Director in New Mexico and is also Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. He has served on the Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Symposium Planning Committee at the Carter Center and currently on numerous national boards including the National Alliance of Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health Associations, the National Latino Behavioral Health Association, and the National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health. He is also a member of the SAMHSA sponsored Outcomes Roundtable for Children and Families.

**Leslie Preston, LCSW** started her career in the foster care system in New York City, working to reunite families that had been separated. After receiving her masters degree in social work, she moved to Phoenix, AZ, where she worked as a Mobile Crisis therapist at EMPACT (Emergency Mobile Pediatric and Adolescent Crisis Teams). Leslie later became a program coordinator for EMPACT's Mobile Crisis Program and 24-hour suicide prevention hotline. Leslie is currently the Behavioral Health Director at La Clínica de La Raza (La Clínica) which is based in Oakland, CA. Founded in 1971, La Clínica is a federally qualified health center which now serves over 55,000 patients annually in 27 Northern California sites (Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano County). La Clínica's patients are primarily low income and Latino. Leslie has worked with La Clínica for over 10 years. In her current role, she oversees Specialty Mental Health Services and Integrated Behavioral Health Services. The Specialty Mental Health program, *Casa del Sol*, is a licensed community mental health clinic that provides a broad range of culturally based mental health services to the Latino Community. La Clínica's Integrated Behavioral Health services include Medical Social Work and Behavioral Medicine in the primary care clinics. La Clínica began its planning process to develop integrated behavioral health services in 2006 and launched its first integrated behavioral medicine program 2 ½ years ago. Currently, La Clínica has integrated behavioral medicine programs operating in four primary care clinics.

As a Mexican American and an advocate for those with or at risk of mental health conditions, **Marley Prunty-Lara** works across the country to increase access to health care and related services. Marley knows the power of treatment because she is living it; recognizing this, she has dedicated her life to advancing the common good. In recognition of her efforts, Marley received a Mental Health Leadership Voice Award in 2008 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Marley has served on the Governor-Appointed South Dakota Mental Health Planning and Coordination Advisory Council, and currently serves on Mental Health America's national Board of Directors. Additionally, Marley is a member of the Steering Committee for the SAMHSA Resource Center to Promote Acceptance, Dignity, and Social Inclusion Associated with Mental Health (ADS Center). She regularly meets with leaders and policymakers on such issues as health disparities, education, caring for veterans, and the unique needs of young people and rural populations. Marley lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She holds a baccalaureate degree in communication studies from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in public policy and leadership at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, MN.

**Can Truong** is the Director of the Center for Education Empowerment, where he does educational training and advocacy on recovery and mental health empowerment. He is an alumnus of the University of Chicago and of Wright State University. In addition to his recovery consulting work, he is a certified NxLevel Business Plan Instructor, teaching entrepreneurial skills to support and strengthen small businesses and promote economic development. He is also a WRAP advance level trainer. As one of the few Asian American mental health advocates in this country, he serves on numerous boards and committees. In 2005, he represented the U.S. consumer movement at the World Federation Mental Health Congress in Cairo, Egypt.