



Cesar E. Chavez 14th Annual Behavioral Health Conference:

Intersecting Cultures & Breaking Barriers

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Conference Bios

Tara G. Bautista

Tara G. Bautista is a Ph.D. graduate student in the ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation. Serving as the project director of the Drug Education Study, she is also examining the acceptability of a mindfulness intervention for Latinas and other minority women who are in recovery from drug dependence.

Suzanne V. Brown

Suzanne V. Brown, Ph.D., CPSS, BHT is PSA Behavioral Health Agency's Recovery Support Coordinator serving Arizona sites. Author of three memoir/psychology books, she has over 15 years in the behavioral health field in several capacities, including case manager, counselor, employment and peer trainer, and Tele-Health peer support provider.

Natalie Carlat

Natalie Carlat is a Masters student at GCU for Professional Counseling, having completed her B.S. in Psychology. Discovering passions in substance abuse and domestic violence through school and volunteering, Natalie currently works at Southwest Behavioral Health as a BHT, working with the severely mentally ill and co-occurring in treatment.

Ann Capulin-Thayer

Ann Capulin-Thayer graduated in 2017 from NAU-North Valley with a MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She served her internship at Building Blocks Counseling where she worked with clients reentering the community from prison. Ann is a member of ACA, Counselors for Social Justice, and Chi Sigma Iota.

Felipe González Castro

Dr. Felipe González Castro is Professor and Southwest Borderlands Scholar, with ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation. He is a clinical psychologist specializing in health promotion with Hispanic populations. He has worked with community-based agencies in the Phoenix area, and published on the cultural adaptation of evidence-based interventions.

Amanda Chavez

Amanda Chavez LMSW, is a mental health and substance abuse clinician at Terros Health. Previously, Amanda worked with the SMI population in an inpatient psychiatric setting. Amanda specializes in serious mental illness evaluations and continues to maintain an interest in working with the SMI population and individuals with co-occurring disorders.

Brennan Clary

Brennan Clary, LMSW is a Team Lead for Touchstone Health Services. Specializing in adapting curriculum and training facilitators to be sensitive to youth who have experienced trauma, she empowers staff and teachers to implementing evidence-based programs, ensuring programs are delivered to fidelity and creating a safe and supportive environment.

Turiya Coll

Turiya Coll advocates for the reduction of health disparities in marginalized populations. With eight years of experience with HIV/HCV/STI prevention and advocating for health care rights for pregnant women, intravenous drug users, and others. Turiya has trained with the CDC on prevention interventions, crisis counseling, and trauma informed care.

January Contreras

January is a former county prosecutor for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, and Assistant Attorney General. She served as an Assistant Director at AHCCCS and Interim Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services. She also was appointed as an advisor to Janet Napolitano in the Governor's Office and the Department of Homeland Security.

January is a champion for vulnerable kids and youth. In 2013, she founded a non-profit, Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services, known as ALWAYS, so kids and young adults impacted by abuse, human trafficking, homelessness, and the foster care system can have a lawyer by their side as they seek safety and stability.

January is the product of public schools. She earned her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. She and her husband of 23 years have two teenage sons. She has served as a board member of numerous organizations including Los Abogados Bar Association, the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, and Mujer, Inc.

Today, January is running to become Arizona's next Attorney General to fight for our state and all Arizonans. Her race was recently named as one of the Top Five Attorney General Races to Watch. Learn more about January's background at www.JanuaryforAZ.com.

Stacey Cope

Stacey Cope is dedicated to harm reduction, working as an advocate for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, supporting formerly incarcerated youth living in group homes, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, education and linkage to care, and in serving one of the top few syringe access programs in the State.

Alberta Curley

Alberta Curley, a Prevention Specialist with DBHS, is credentialed as a Prevention Specialist Intern with the NMCBBHP. She is certified as an Instructor for MHFA, QPR, Connect Suicide Postvention Curriculum, B.A.B.E.S Program, Fatherhood Is Sacred & Motherhood Is Sacred Program, Native H.O.P.E, Navajo Wellness Model and Healthy Aging Model.

Amy D'Arpino

Amy D'Arpino is the Arizona Cultural Diversity Specialist for Health Net Access/Cenpatico Integrated Care. She participates on committees with priorities to eliminate physical/mental health disparities for underserved populations and presents workshops addressing health equity at state and national conferences. Amy is a strong advocate for change, and those in need.

Bahney Dedolph

Bahney Dedolph is Director of Communications and Programs for the Arizona Council of Human Service Providers. As a social worker whose work experience runs from direct practice to systems advocacy to program management and supervision, she is the granddaughter of suffrage workers with advocacy work as a lifelong passion.

Michael Dekker

Michael Dekker DO was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, the son of Anthony Dekker, DO. Dr. Dekker trained at Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft Lauderdale FL, Banner Good Samaritan Psychiatric Residency Program in Phoenix AZ, and Boston University Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Program in Boston, MA. Dr. Dekker is dedicated to the treatment of Addiction disorders in underserved populations, patient and provider education, and advancement of the treatment of Addiction Disorders. Dr. Dekker currently works at Southwest Network as Director of Addiction Medicine.

Amy Fa'atoafe

Amy Fa'atoafe is the Director of NAFFA and is of the Navajo & Hopi cultures. She has worked as a CPS investigator, on-going Case Worker, and in Family Reunification/Preservation unit with SRPMIC. She received her MSW from ASU. She has been married for 9 years and has three children.

Kathy Fairbanks

Kathy Fairbanks leads the corporate team at Klemmer Leadership providing experiential training to clients worldwide. Their mission to "create bold, ethical leaders who are committed to a world that works for everyone with no one left out" blended with the 10 traits of the "Compassionate Samurai" ensures a win-win for students worldwide.

Petra Falcon

Petra Falcon is Executive Director of Promise Arizona (PAZ). Falcon is a fourth-generation Arizonan with more than 25 years organizing experience. PAZ has registered thousands of voters, helped hundreds acquire citizenship or legal status, and launched careers of community leaders. Recipient of Mexico's prestigious Ohtli Award, Falcon believes that effective organizing builds leadership and capacity across diverse communities.

Matthew Fallico

Matthew Fallico oversees the MAT-PDOA Grant for AHCCCS for Arizona and is an integral advisor for the State Targeted Response Grant. A graduate student in the MSW program at ASU, he completed his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in International Justice at the University of New Haven.

Steven Farmer

Steve Farmer, Ph.D., is Associate Clinical Professor and Program Coordinator of the MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Northern Arizona University-North Valley. He has been teaching Counseling for 10 years and is licensed in Arizona as an LPC and LMFT.

Amy Fernandez

Amy Fernandez is a Prevention Program Manager for Touchstone Health Services. Specializing in training community leaders and teachers to implement and sustain programs that assist youth to make healthy choices, she aims to create prevention programs sensitive to the needs of LGBTQ youth and youth who have experienced trauma.

Holly Figueroa

Holly Figueroa is HCIC's Cultural Competency Administrator, ensuring culturally appropriate services are delivered to all HCIC members. She develops programs in northern Arizona communities to help reduce stigma and decrease health disparities. Also on the Tribal Services Team, she assists in strengthening Tribal relations in northern Arizona through various programs.

Alejandro Flores

Alejandro Flores, MSW, has worked in behavioral health services and the non-profit sector for 12 years. As Program Manager for CPLC, Maryvale Community Service Center, he provides mental health and substance abuse services for adults and children and was appointed to the Human Services Commission for the City of Phoenix.

Abril Gallardo

Abril Gallardo Cervera is the Communications Director of Living United for Change in Arizona and Arizona Center for Empowerment. She grew up undocumented, under anti-immigrant sentiment and legislation. Abril transformed fear into a force to get involved, organizing efforts and transforming thousands of Arizonans' lives for the past seven years.

Isabel Garcia

Isabel Garcia, a fourth-generation Tucsonan, is a longtime human rights advocate and organizer with Coalición de Derechos. She attended Pueblo High School before graduating from the university of Arizona with a BA in 1975 and her JD in 1978. After being accepted into the Arizona State Bar, Isabel was awarded a Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship which took her to Del Rio, Texas, to work with migrant farm workers as an attorney with Texas Rural Legal Aid in Del Rio, Texas.

Isabel returned to Tucson in 1980 to work as an Assistant Pima County Public Defender, then as an Assistant Federal Public Defender until 1986, when she began private practice where she focused on criminal and immigration defense litigation.

In 1992 Isabel was named Director of the Pima County Legal Defender where she fought against the injustices in the criminal justice system and the incarceration of our communities until her retirement in July 2015.

Isabel has simultaneously championed migrant rights, and has fought against the militarization of the US/Mexico border, bringing international focus on policy-driven death along US/Mexico border. Among her many awards and recognitions, in 2006 Isabel was awarded the Human Rights Award from Mexico's Human Rights Commission, representing the first person not born nor living in Mexico to receive the honor.

Nicole Hale

Nicole Hale is an organizer with Living United for Change in Arizona, leading a political education program and mass liberation campaign. Nicole is committed to organizing for a new Arizona, where all human beings have access to the resources they need to live dignified and healthy lives.

Arthur Jackson

Arthur Jackson is a US Navy Vet, working as a Crisis Intervention Presenter. He is a member of the VA Mental Health Advocacy Committee and has lived experience with mental illness.

Mayra Jirak

Mayra Jirak, LPC, is currently a Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC) with Native Health. She previously served as a BHC with Mountain Park Health Center. Mayra is a graduate of Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa with a B.S. in Psychology and received her M.Ed from Northern Arizona University.

Vera John

Vera John, MA, LPCC, earned her Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of New Mexico. She is a Clinical Director with the Department of Behavioral Health Services and a Clinical Mental Health Counselor with the state of New Mexico. Ms. John has extensive experience with co-occurring disorders.

Denise Krupp

Denise Krupp, MA, LCP, LISAC, has specialized in addiction and domestic violence in the counseling field for 29 years. She instructs in the counseling program for GCU, does contractual work in addictions and domestic violence, and researches addiction and domestic violence, and acts as a voice for this population.

Stella Kiarie

Stella Kiarie works as a Program Manager in the Arizona Department of Health Services. Her focus is on identifying and addressing chronic diseases and health disparities experienced by refugees and other eligible immigrants. She also works with community partners to advocate for improved health outcomes and health equity.

Janet Kurczaba

Janet Kurczaba is a registered nurse who currently serves as the Medical Specialist II on the Preferred Communities Intensive Case Management team at Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest - Refugee and Immigration Services. Janet manages high needs medical arrivals and oversees their medical care.

Wen-Chien Lin

Wen-Chien Lin is a LPC in Arizona, currently working at the IRC as a Clinical Therapist for refugees, asylum seekers, victims of trafficking, and other crime victims. She has 5 years' experience of working in a community mental health setting serving individuals with SMI and with cognitive and developmental disabilities.

Julie Mack

Julie Mack's background is in community-based prevention, tobacco control and mental health training. She has worked in Pima County community mental health, the University of Arizona and RBHA Training. Currently, Julie trains and coordinates with community groups on suicide prevention for Cenpatco Integrated Care as Suicide Prevention Specialist.

Chaz Martinez

Chaz Martinez has a history of prevention education and health advocacy to reduce health disparities in the minority population, beginning in the 80's, during the AIDS pandemic. He has a passion for presenting training topics that are educational and empowering to help reduce stigma.

Terry McDermott

Terry McDermott is a US Navy veteran, working as a NAMI Connection Peer Support Group Facilitator, and a Peer Program Coordinator with NAMI Valley of the Sun. With lived experience with mental illness, he is the In Our Own Voice presenter and State trainer.

Gina Mendez

Gina Miriam Mendez is a first-generation Chicana. In college, in sociology and psychology classes, she learned that societal structures often prevent Mexican-Americans and Latinos from succeeding. Since this realization, Gina has been organizing with Arizona Center for Empowerment, empowering youth to create a better Arizona through advocacy and civic engagement.

Michele Michaels

Michele Michaels, B.A., CPM, is the Hearing Healthcare Program Manager at the ACDHH. Providing outreach, education, training, and referrals to Arizonans, Michele assists with research, agency collaboration and representation, and report development. Michele is actively involved in various committees for the Aging and Deaf and hard of hearing communities.

John Mireles

John Mireles is Executive Director of Arizona League of United Latin American Citizens and, since 1999, Chief Officer for Diversity/Ombudsman at PSA Behavioral Health Agency. He is a Certified Trainer in Cultural Competency with the State of Arizona. Mireles is an Ordained Elder/Pastor, Church of God in Christ.

Mary Mitchell

Mary Mitchell serves as Senior Associate, Community Engagement for Girl Scouts—Arizona Cactus-Pine Council. She has served the council for over 20 years. Mary currently serves on the organization's leadership team, and provides oversight for the strategy and innovation for the council's community engagement framework, as well as co-leads the organization's strategic direction related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Karim Moabi

Karim Moabi lived on 4 continents and worked with Refugees from around the Globe for the last 9 years. Karim converses with Iraqis, Syrians, and many Congolese clients in their native language. He is certified through the Harvard Program for Refugee Trauma and has a Master's Degree in Counseling.

John Molina

Dr. John Molina is Pascua Yaqui and Yavapai Apache. He is the Compliance Officer for Native Health. He has served as Health Director for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe in Alaska. Dr. Molina is a graduate of the UofA College of Medicine and ASU College of Law.

Cody Morales

Cody Morales, LCSW has 12 years of experience in social service, as the Clinical Director for several programs throughout her career. Trained as a Dialectical Behavioral Therapist and Acceptance and Commitment Therapist and a Board approved Clinical Supervisor, Morales is currently Clinical Director of El Paso Family Mentoring and Counseling Services.

Aimee Mousavi

Aimee Mousavi is a Deaf Specialist at the ACDHH. She trains professionals and consumers regarding the ADA, healthcare, and more. Advocating for equal access for the Deaf community, Aimee provides consultation, information, resource navigation and referrals, working as a state Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf.

Dawn Noggle

Dawn Noggle, Ph.D., CCHP, is the CHS Mental Health Director. She provides County leadership regarding justice involved individuals with behavioral health needs, serving as local lead for Stepping Up National Initiative. She has presented locally and nationally regarding justice involved women.

Wendy O'Donnell

Wendy O'Donnell is an Arizona native who finished undergraduate and graduate degrees at University of Arizona. She has over 10 years of public health experience. As Director of the Arizona Living Well Institute at Empowerment Systems, Inc. she strongly supports the mission of advancing evidence-based chronic disease self-management education in Arizona.

Mary Page

Mary Page, M.Ed., M.A., LPC is the CHS Community Transition Manager. She also serves as local lead on SAMHSA's 2017 SOAR Criminal Justice Grant and co-facilitates the Justice Involved Women's Initiative. She is an Equality Arizona board member and has presented on LGBTQ issues nationally.

Saul Perea

Saul Perea, MD, oversees the integration of psychiatry, addiction medicine, and primary care at Terros Health. He completed his education at the University of Baja California, University of Arizona, and Harvard University. He is certified with the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Psychosomatic Medicine/Consultation Psychiatry, and the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

Anika Robinson

Anika Robinson has a B.A. in Education from Ottawa University. A foster and adoptive to ten children, she, as a private citizen, authored and helped pass Jacob's Law. Anika is the Foster Care Community Liaison at AHCCCS and is the President of ASA Now, a foster care charitable organization.

Sonia Ruiz

Sonia Ruiz is a Prevention Supervisor for Touchstone Health Services. Sonia specializes in training parents and community leads to have effective communication with their youth. She recruits and empowers parents and community leaders in uniting to assist youth in making healthy decisions that will affect their future.

Bobie Stallcup

Bobie Stallcup, PsyD, CCHP is a Certified Trauma Professional, is the Assistant Mental Health Director at Correctional Health Services. She has been developing programming, providing assessment, crisis intervention, gender and culturally responsive individual and group therapy to survivors of trauma since 1999.

Neil Tift

Neil Tift is Outreach Project Coordinator for the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association. He is a parent educator, men's therapist, has taught ethics at seven colleges, a family mediator, game maker and overweight jogger. Neil is the father of three, grandfather of twelve and foster father of many.

Inyang Udo-Ema

Inyang Udo-Ema LPC, has been working in the general mental health and substance abuse field for 10 years. Inyang specializes in trauma informed care, including treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder. Inyang maintains a passion for assessing and working with individuals living with co-occurring disorders.

Lynda Vaterlaus

Dr. Lynda Vaterlaus, M.S., PsyD, is an Integrated Behavioral Health Consultant with Native Health. Prior to Native Health she was at Mountain Park Health Center, also as a Behavioral Health Consultant. She has seven years' experience working with diverse families, adults and children to improve both physical and mental health

Sonia Vega-López

Dr. Sonia Vega-López is an Associate Professor of Nutrition at ASU. Her research focuses on how diet quality and physical activity affect chronic disease risk among Hispanic individuals, designing and implementing culturally-tailored diet and physical activity interventions, and assessing the effect of community-based interventions on biomarkers of disease risk.

Guillermo Velez

Guillermo Velez, LCSW is the VP for Integrated Health and Human Services at CPLC, overseeing 10 different programs. Prior to becoming the VP, Guillermo was the Clinical Director managing sound clinical practices and functions in all the IHHS programs, with 25 years' experience in mental health and child welfare systems.

Charlotte Webb

Charlotte Webb, M.Ed., CPSS, BHT is PSA Behavioral Health Agency's Chief Recovery Officer overseeing Arizona sites. Webb has over 15 years in the behavioral health field in many capacities, including director of several innovative programs. A strong advocate for peers, she encourages self-advocacy and meeting participants where they are.

Michael C. White

Michael White supervises a team at Community Medical Services that closely works with several Superior Court Drug Court Programs, coordinating care to and from County and State correctional facilities. Michael is a graduate of ASU with a B.S. in Sociology and a Master in Criminal Justice.

Lela Williams

Dr. Lela Williams is an Associate Professor of Social Work at ASU. Her interdisciplinary training in psychology, human development and family studies has informed an ecological perspective that emphasizes cultural and familial relationships as influences on substance use and romantic relationships, particularly teen dating violence among Mexican American youth.

ShaQuilla Yazzie

ShaQuilla Yazzie, a Planner with the Navajo Nation Department of Behavioral Health Services, serves as the primary contact person for Building Communities of Hope (BCOH) Team. Yazzie communicates and organizes with schools and communities to arrange for BCOH suicide prevention presentations to be provided.