

# Avance

Center

for the Advancement of Immigrant / Refugee Health

## ***First Annual Latino Health Disparities Conference***

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Milken Institute School of Public Health  
The George Washington University

950 New Hampshire Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20052



## 8:00am - 9:00am, Convening Center, **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

### 9:00am - 9:45am, Convening Center, **Welcome**

- ▶ **Dean Lynn Goldman**, MD, MS, MPH, Milken Institute School of Public Health
- ▶ **Leo M. Chalupa**, PhD, Vice President for Research, The George Washington University
- ▶ **Sheila McClure**, PhD, NIH/National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities

### 9:45 am - 10:00am, Convening Center, **Remarks**

- ▶ **Mayra Alvarez**, MHA, Director of Public Health Policy, Office of Health Reform, Department of Health and Human Services
- ▶ **Rajiv Rimal**, PhD, MA, Chair of the Department of Prevention and Community Health, Milken Institute School of Public Health

## 10:00am -10:15am, Convening Center, **AVANCE CENTER HIGHLIGHTS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

- ▶ **Mark Edberg**, PhD, MA, Avance Center Director

### 10:30am - 12:00pm, Convening Center, **Plenary Panel**

- ▶ **Cindy Umanzor**, MPH, Pro-Change Behavior Systems, Inc.
- ▶ **Maria Gomez**, RN, MPH, President & CEO, Mary's Center
- ▶ **W. Douglas Evans**, PhD, Community Engagement & Outreach Director, Avance Center
- ▶ **George Escobar**, MA, Director of Health and Human Services, CASA de Maryland

### 12:00pm, Convening Center, **Remarks**

- ▶ **Roxana Olivas**, Director, District Office of Latino Affairs (OLA)

## 12:00pm -1:00pm, Convening Center, **Lunch**

### 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Room 101, **Victor and Erika Docudrama Screening**

#### **About Victor and Erika**

The Victor and Erika project of Adelante, an educational entertainment series, engages Latino youth in the expression of their stories and shares messages about issues that many of them face. Adelante, a positive youth development program, is a partnership between the Avance Center for the Advancement of Immigrant/Refugee Health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University, and the Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers. The Victor and Erika project is part of a larger public health branding/messaging strategy being undertaken within the Adelante program.

The Story of Victor and Erika is a dramatic portrayal of the struggles, failures, successes, and humanity of Latino youth. It is an entertaining, dramatic story that also provides information on strategies for overcoming challenges by showing them characters with whom youth can identify. Victor and Erika, along with their friends and family, are portrayed in a way that is relevant to the every day lives of youth in Langley Park, Maryland.

The Avance Center team has been working with Latino youth since the fall of 2012 to develop the brand identity of Adelante as well as the characters and plot of Victor and Erika. The youth are actors and co-creators of the story, and were key to the development of the "turning the corner" (to a better life) theme that underlies the Adelante brand and the Victor and Erika storyline.

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Convening Center, **Poster Exhibition**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Poster Presentation Title</b>
<b>Nanette Caceres</b>	UCLA/CSULB	Demographic disparities in delay of diagnosis in participants in tertiary Alzheimer's disease research
<b>Amy Fong</b>	The George Washington University	SAFER Latinos: Assessing the impact of the intervention program on the perception of community support among immigrant Latino youths, and the influence of community support on youths' attitude and beliefs on violence
<b>Susan Lin</b>	The George Washington University	Assessing the Impact of Family Status, Family Cohesion, and Acculturation on Youth Violence among Immigrant Latinos
<b>Marta Genovez</b>	The George Washington University	Sources of social support and prenatal depression in Salvadorans in the US and El Salvador
<b>Marisable Sanchez</b>	Links Media, LLC	Health Insurance Literacy Among Latino Workers
<b>Benjamin Rosado</b>	Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers	Examining Structural Violence in Guatemala through Conceptions of Depressive Symptoms
<b>Gloriana Sojo</b>	The George Washington University	Adelante photovoice work/exhibit
<b>Vanessa Calderon, Yesenia Mejia</b>	Massachusetts General Hospital	Increasing mental health literacy in Latino communities: A promoter-based approach
<b>Thespina (Nina) Yamanis</b>	American University	Social and structural determinants of HIV risk among Latino immigrant gay men and transgender MTF living in Washington, DC

## Breakout Sessions

### Session: Intersection of Immigrant Rights and Women's Rights

Time	Location	Presenters	Title of Presentation
1:15pm - 2:30pm	Convening Center A & B (104-A & B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Mary Ellsberg, PhD</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Manuel Contreras-Urbina, PhD</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Tiffany Williams, LGSW</b></li> </ul>	Intersection of Immigrant Rights and Women's Rights

### Session: Preventing Perinatal Depression

Time	Location	Presenters	Title of Presentation
1:15pm - 2:30pm	300A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Huynh-Nhu (Mimi) Le, PhD</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Deborah F. Perry, PhD</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Joan Yengo, BA</b></li> </ul>	Preventing perinatal depression in low-income Latinas: Lessons learned from an academic and community partnership

### Session: Comprehensive HIV Care

Time	Location	Presenters	Title of Presentation
1:15pm - 2:30pm	B100B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Ben Siegelman</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Alis Marachelian, MPH</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Suyanna Linhaes Barker, DrPH</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Catalina Sol, MPH</b></li> </ul>	Retention into care through an HIV Navigation Model in the DC metropolitan area: Description of a collaborative HIV prevention and care model between La Clinica del Pueblo and Mary's Center
1:15pm - 2:30pm	B100B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Catalina Sol, MPH</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Ricardo Fernandez, MD</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Manuel Diaz-Ramirez</b></li> </ul>	Transforming Latino HIV Care in DC Metropolitan Area

### Session: The Latino Youth Experience

Time	Location	Presenters	Title of Presentation
1:15pm - 2:30pm	Convening Center C & D (104-C & D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Cara Buchanan</b></li> </ul>	Adverse Childhood Experiences among Low-Income Latino Children in Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Families
1:15pm - 2:30pm	Convening Center C & D (104-C & D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Kathleen M. Roche, PhD</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Sharon R. Ghazarian</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Sharon F. Lambert</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Todd D. Little</b></li> </ul>	Latino youth's language brokering across contexts: Associations with parenting and parent-child relationships in a new immigrant destination area.
1:15pm - 2:30pm	Convening Center C & D (104-C & D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Edilma Yearwood, PhD</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Juan Dent Hulse</b></li> </ul>	Participatory Research With Latino Youth: Challenges and Opportunities

## Breakout Sessions

### Session: Emerging Trends in Substance Abuse

Time	Location	Presenters	Title of Presentation
2:45pm - 4:00pm	Convening Center A & B (104-A & B)	▶ <b>Sean Cleary, PhD, MPH</b>	¿Qué está pasando? Trends in substance use among Latino youth
2:45pm - 4:00pm	Convening Center A & B (104-A & B)	▶ <b>Fernanda Bianchi, PhD</b>	Substance abuse among Latino day laborers
2:45pm - 4:00pm	Convening Center A & B (104-A & B)	▶ <b>India J. Ornelas, PhD, MPH</b>	Vida PURA: Results from the Pilot Test of Culturally Adapted Screening and Brief Intervention for Latino Day Laborers

### Session: Culturally Responsive Models for Health Delivery

Time	Location	Presenters	Title of Presentation
2:45pm - 4:00pm	Convening Center C & D (104-C & D)	▶ <b>Marcela Vargas, MPH</b> ▶ <b>Dilcia Molina</b>	Mujer Sana, Familia Fuerte: A promotoras-led cervical cancer prevention project for Latinas in the United States
2:45pm - 4:00pm	Convening Center C & D (104-C & D)	▶ <b>Alis Marachelian, MPH</b> ▶ <b>Dara Koppelman, RN BSN</b> ▶ <b>Joan Yengo, BA</b>	Mary's Center's Story: Improving outcomes through an integrative model of health delivery to multicultural, underserved communities in the Washington DC metropolitan area

### Session: Health and Wellness Approaches

Time	Location	Presenters	Title of Presentation
2:45pm - 4:00pm	B100B	▶ <b>Jennifer Brennan</b>	Unidos por Nuestra Salud - an integrative approach to health and wellness for Mary's Center Latino patients
2:45pm - 4:00pm	B100B	▶ <b>Suyanna Linhales Barker, DrPH</b> ▶ <b>Catalina Sol, MPH</b> ▶ <b>Marco Castro, MPH</b>	From isolation to care: "Tu Salud en Tus Manos" program for Latinos Immigrants.
2:45pm - 4:00pm	B100B	▶ <b>Carolyn Camacho, MS</b> ▶ <b>Mirna Mendoza</b> ▶ <b>Melinda McCartin, RN, MSN</b> ▶ <b>Nancy Caruso, RN, BSN</b>	The Wellness Center Model: A Community-based Partnership

## Session: Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Time	Location	Presenters	Title of Presentation
2:45pm - 4:00pm	300A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, PhD</b></li><li>▶ <b>Jane Lee, MSW</b></li></ul>	Families Talking Together: A Family Based Intervention for Teen Pregnancy Prevention
2:45pm - 4:00pm	300A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Jane Lee, PhD</b></li><li>▶ <b>Liany Elba Arroyo, MPH, CPH</b></li><li>▶ <b>Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, PhD</b></li></ul>	Implementation of an Efficacious Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program: Promotores as a Feasible Delivery Mechanism for Latino Families
4:00pm - 4:15pm	<b>Break</b>		
<b>4:15pm - 4:45pm, Convening Center, Closing Remarks</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Victor Ramirez, Maryland State Senator</b></li></ul>			
<b>4:45pm - 6:00pm, Convening Center, Networking Reception</b>			



## SPEAKER BIOS

**Mayra E. Alvarez, MHA**, is the Director of Public Health Policy in the Office of Health Reform at the Department of Health and Human Services, where her primary responsibility is oversight of coordinated and timely implementation of the public health, prevention, and healthcare workforce policy provisions in the Affordable Care Act. Previously, Ms. Alvarez served as a Legislative Assistant for Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), the Majority Whip of the U.S. Senate, where she advised the Senator and helped develop his legislative agenda on health issues. Prior to working in the office of Senator Durbin, she served as a Legislative Assistant for then-Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis, the chair of the Health Task Force for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Ms. Alvarez began her work in Washington D.C. as a David A. Winston Health Policy Fellow in the office of then Senator Barack Obama. She completed her graduate education at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her undergraduate education at the University of California at Berkeley.

**Liany Elba Arroyo, MPH, CPH**, is the Director of Partnerships at The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy where she identifies strategic partnerships that strengthen initiatives to prevent teen and unplanned pregnancy in communities of color. In addition, she manages the Latino Initiative Advisory Group and the Personal Responsibility, Religion, and Values Advisory Group. Prior to coming to The National Campaign, Liany spent over 13 years working in the government and non-profit sectors developing programs and promoting public policies that aimed to improve the health status of Latino communities. Most recently, Liany was the Associate Director of the Education and Children's Policy Project at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), where she worked on advancing policy solutions that addressed the social inequities faced by Latino children. She also served as Director of NCLR's Institute for Hispanic Health where she conducted research on Latino health issues and developed and implemented various initiatives on diabetes, obesity, and reproductive health. Liany has published several pieces on children and Latino health and has been cited by Spanish and English media, including The New York Times, Newsweek, and Univision. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Wellesley College and a Master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University.

**Fernanda Trotta Bianchi, PhD**, is the Director of Programs and Development at the Global Women's Institute. She has been a researcher at the George Washington University (GWU) for the past 12 years and has served as Principal/Co-Investigator and Project Director on several federally-funded NIH research projects - both in the US and abroad. Most of her research has been in the area of social and behavioral aspects of HIV/AIDS, with a special focus on Latino immigrants and the LGBT community, and she has also worked with displaced populations and female sex workers. Dr. Bianchi has been part of the GWU community for 22 years, first as a graduate student and later as a member of the Latino Health Research Center in the Psychology Department and the District of Columbia Developmental Center for AIDS Research. She has also been a strong advocate in the Latino immigrant community for more than a decade and serves on the board of directors for several different organizations. Dr. Bianchi is fluent in multiple languages and has been published in several peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Bianchi earned a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the George Washington University and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland at College Park.

**Cara Buchanan, BA**, is a Research Program Coordinator in the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and an aspiring Latina medical student. Cara's background in health disparities research is informed by her fellowship work in health policy in the Office of Congressman John Lewis in the United States House of Representatives and with the Kaiser Family Foundation. Cara's focus while on the Hill was to analyze the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the health disparities of racial/ethnic minority populations and work with the Congressional Tri-Caucus on a pending Health Disparities bill. Cara plans to pursue a career as a primary care doctor specializing in adolescent medicine and continue to dovetail her interests in medicine and health policy to support the health and well-being of young people, particularly Latino youth.

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**Jennifer Brennan, MS**, holds a Master of Science in Nutrition and Integrative Health from Maryland University of Integrative Health and a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies from University of British Columbia. She has been working in community health supporting the Latino community for six years and at Mary's Center for last four years. Jennifer is an advocate for the integral role that access to comprehensive health care plays for all and is a firm believer that whole food nutrition and healthy living are the primary means to achieving overall health and wellness. She is passionate about empowering patients with the information that they need to make nutritional and lifestyle choices to improve their own health, as well as that of their family and community. Jennifer is also a certified medical interpreter fluent in Spanish and English with conversational French.

**Carolyn Camacho, MS, BS, BA**, is the Director of High School Programs for Identity, Inc. in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Carolyn Camacho is a long-time resident of Montgomery County with a proven record of advocacy in the school system, the county government, and community organizations. For more than ten years, Ms. Camacho has focused on strengthening parent education and community engagement programs in Montgomery County Public Schools. As Director of High School Programs, she manages a multi-agency partnership at three high school-based Wellness Centers, which provide a broad array of programs and services focused on supporting the physical, social, emotional and mental well-being of the students and their families. Services include: curriculum-based after-school programs, mental health counseling, on-site health care and health screenings, parent education, and case management through linkages to county social service providers. Ms. Camacho is fluent in Spanish and holds a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, a B.S. in Industrial Engineering, and a B.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of Illinois. In 2006, she received the Nancy Dworkin Outstanding Service to Youth Award; serves as vice-chair of the Gaithersburg Beloved Community Initiative; and participated in the Leadership Montgomery Class of 2010. Ms. Camacho may be contacted at [ccamacho@identity-youth.org](mailto:ccamacho@identity-youth.org).

**Nancy A. Caruso, RN, BSN**, serves at School Health Services for the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Nancy Caruso is the coordinator of the health clinic of the Watkins Mill High School Based Health and Wellness Center. She coordinates health care and education for students at the high school and serves the Montgomery Village community with educational and social/emotional outreach. She has been a registered nurse for 37 years working in various positions of public and private health, both staff and management positions, in Wisconsin, Tennessee, Connecticut, Georgia, and Maryland. The past 11 years have been with Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County, Maryland. Ms. Caruso received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin and studied to become a Neonatal Nurse Clinician also at the University of Wisconsin. Ms. Caruso can be contacted at [Nancy\\_A\\_Caruso@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Nancy_A_Caruso@mcpsmd.org).



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**Marco Castro, MPH**, is the Health Promotion Manager at La Clínica del Pueblo. He received his medical degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Tegucigalpa, Honduras in 1991. Upon moving to the United States, Mr. Castro completed his Masters in Public Health from Boston University in 1995. He then completed his Residency in Preventive Medicine at the Boston Center for Community Responsive Care. Mr. Castro was the recipient of awards for outstanding support in improved health services in the central province of Comayagua, Honduras and outstanding support for improved quality of care in Santa Teresa Hospital in Comayagua, Honduras. He was also awarded the Certificate of Appreciation from The Codman Square Health Center for working on behalf of the Latino Community of Dorchester, Massachusetts. As Clinical Services Department Director since August of 2006, Mr. Castro has used his ten years of successful project management experience and comprehensive background in health promotion, prevention and education to improve the quality of care given to patients of La Clínica del Pueblo.

**Leo M. Chalupa, PhD**, is Vice President for Research and Professor of Pharmacology and Physiology at George Washington University (GW) in Washington D.C. In his role as Vice President for Research he serves as the chief executive officer responsible for all research administration at GW. Prior to joining GW in 2009, Dr. Chalupa was Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology and Neurobiology as well as Chair of the Department of Neurobiology, Physiology and Neurobiology at the University of California, Davis. His research deals with the developmental neurobiology of the visual system, a field in which he has published more than 150 papers. Among his honors and awards are: Fellow status in the American Association for the Advancement of Science as well as the Association for Psychological Science. He has also been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, a NIH Fogarty International Senior Fellowship and a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship.

**Sean Cleary, PhD, MPH**, is the Director of the Avance Center's Research Core and Principal Investigator for the intervention research study, Adelante. Dr. Cleary is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University and Director of the MS/PhD Epidemiology Programs. He was Co-PI of the prototype SAFER Latinos intervention with Dr. Edberg in collaboration with the Latino community. Dr. Cleary was trained in Psychiatric Epidemiology at Columbia University in New York City. He has over 15 years of experience designing, conducting and analyzing applied epidemiological research in a variety of settings (e.g., schools, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, prisons, and the community). He has experience and training in sampling methods, psychometrics, complex survey sampling design and analysis, GIS and spatial analysis, structural equation modeling and latent growth analysis that are utilized in the GW P20 research activities. Dr. Cleary is a '06-'07 recipient of a Senior Scholar Fulbright Award in Nepal. Prior to that he was the project director of a 5-year longitudinal study, Temperament, Self-Control, and Adolescent Substance Use, funded by NIH/NIDA, with primary responsibilities for sampling, data collection (~2,000 students followed for 4 years), tracking, and analysis. He has also been co-investigator on studies funded by Kennedy-Krieger Institute and the Department of Defense, and a statistical consultant for the Institute of Trauma and Violence, National Development and Research Institutes, for studies of the young prison population funded by NIH/NIDA. Dr. Cleary was a Co-I on a CDC funded study of Etiologic Frameworks to Prevent Gender Based Violence Among Immigrant Latinos (PI-McDonnell) and Co-I on NCI funded project on smoking cessation among pregnant women in West Virginia (PI-Windsor). Dr. Cleary has been a consultant with National Minority Quality Forum ([www.nmqf.org](http://www.nmqf.org)) for over 10 years and is PI on numerous projects overseeing all research activities focusing on health disparities in minority populations.

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**Manuel Contreras-Urbina, PhD**, is the Director of Research of the Global Women's Institute at the George Washington University. He has 18 years of experience in gender and women's rights research and programs. Before joining the University in February 2014, He served as National Programme Officer at UN Women in Mexico, where he was responsible for the planning, management and implementation of UN Women programmes in Mexico and Central America. Dr. Contreras-Urbina worked as the coordinator of the Gender, Violence and Rights portfolio at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) and as a research associate at the UNFPA Country Support Team for Latin America and the Caribbean. He has also worked as a consultant for several high level institutions in Mexico and elsewhere including El Colegio de México and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative. He has published widely in the areas of violence against women and sexual and reproductive health. Dr. Contreras-Urbina earned a PhD in Population and Gender Studies from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, a Masters in Demography from El Colegio de México and a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Actuarial Science from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

**Mark Edberg, PhD**, is the Avance Center Director and the Co-Investigator for the Center's Research Core. Dr. Edberg is an Associate Professor in the Department of Prevention and Community Health, with secondary appointments in the Columbian College of Arts & Sciences Department of Anthropology and the Elliott School of International Affairs. Dr. Edberg also serves as a Program Chair for the 2014 International Symposium on Minority Health & Health Disparities. He is an applied and academic anthropologist with more than 20 years' experience in social research, primarily in public health. Dr. Edberg is also a PI with a significant track record of health disparities research and collaboration with metro Latino immigrant communities and with Latino communities in a global context. He was PI for the CDC-funded SAFER Latinos program (youth violence prevention) that served as a model for the current Adelante intervention. He was recently Co-PI (Karen McDonnell, PI) on a CDC-funded research effort related to the etiology of gender violence/gender disparities in the same community, Co-PI on a recent CDC national expert panel project to assess linkages between macroeconomic factors and youth violence (with DSG, Inc), and Co-PI on an evaluation project concerning a sexual exploitation and trafficking prevention program in San Francisco (affecting primarily minority and immigrant populations). Concurrently, Dr. Edberg is Project Director for an ACYF-funded project to identify a protective factor framework for high risk populations served by that agency. He has also provided assistance to UNICEF: on the development of adolescent/youth well-being indicators for the Latin America-Caribbean region; as part of an expert panel to assist UNICEF in developing global measures of adolescent social environment and well-being; as team leader of a country assessment in Belize identifying factors affecting children, youth and families; and now by directing an implementation effort in Belize undertaken within the Center for Social Well-Being in the Latin America-Caribbean Region at GW.

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**Mary Ellsberg, PhD**, is the Founding Director of the Global Women's Institute at George Washington University. Dr. Ellsberg has more than 30 years of experience in international research and programs on gender and development. Before joining the University in August 2012, Dr. Ellsberg served as vice president for research and programs at the International Center for Research on Women. Dr. Ellsberg's deep connection to global gender issues stems not only from her academic work but also from living in Nicaragua for nearly 20 years leading public health and women's rights advocacy. She was a member of the core research team of the World Health Organization's Multi-Country Study on Domestic Violence and Women's Health, and she has authored more than 40 books and articles on violence against women and girls. Dr. Ellsberg earned a doctorate in epidemiology and public health from Umea University in Sweden and a bachelor's degree in Latin American studies from Yale University.

**George Escobar, MA**, is the Director of Health and Human Services at CASA de Maryland. Mr. Escobar oversees the majority of CASA's social service programming which includes legal assistance, naturalization support, financial literacy, case management, health navigation and health education initiatives. Programs within George's portfolio are charged with providing services that address disparities, reunite families separated by unjust immigration policies and place community members in a stable situation, setting them up for success and introducing them to CASA's power building and leadership development opportunities so CASA members can participate in collective actions meant to create positive social change and address the root causes impacting the circumstances in which they find themselves. George has over 15 years of experience working for both the public and non-profit sectors designing and leading a variety of programs in economic development, health, and employment assistance targeting the Latino and immigrant community. Prior to arriving at CASA, George was the Deputy Director of the DC Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs having previously managed a wide array of community development programs at several area non-profits. George's circuitous route to the Washington DC area took him from Southeast Los Angeles where he grew up in a Mexican immigrant household to Tanzania where he worked for three years on village based economic development projects before finally landing in the DC area.

**W. Doug Evans, PhD**, is the Director of the Avance Center's Community Engagement and Outreach Core. Dr. Evans is Professor of Prevention and Community Health, and of Global Health, and Director of the Public Health Communication and Marketing and MPH@GW Programs in the Milken Institute School of Public Health. He has published widely on the effectiveness of social marketing and behavior change interventions in various subject areas and global settings. His current research focuses on the use of branding strategies in public health, and evaluation methods using new and mobile media. In 2008, he published the volume, *Public Health Branding*, and is currently finishing a second book, *Global Social Marketing Research*, both from Oxford University Press. Dr. Evans served a 4-year appointment (2007-2011) as a member of the Secretary of Health and Human Service's National Advisory Committee on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (Healthy People 2020). He is also an expert panel member for the health marketing and health communication review of the *Guide to Community Preventive Services*. Dr. Evans consults on numerous global health programs, including branding of condom use and condom social marketing programs in Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe and former Soviet states in collaboration with USAID and World Bank funded programs.

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**Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH**, is the Michael and Lori Milken Dean of the Milken Institute School of Public Health and Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health. Pesticides are more tightly regulated, new knowledge has accumulated about how chemicals in the environment influence the health and development of children, and the nation is better prepared for emergencies, thanks to the policy and research contributions that Dean Lynn Goldman has made over the past two decades. As Dean of the Milken Institute School of Public Health, Dr. Goldman's responsibilities are informed by her broad and deep public policy and academic experience. She joined the school in August 2010 from Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she had been Professor of Environmental Health Sciences since July 2000. In that capacity, she served as principal investigator of the National Children's Study Center at Hopkins. That ambitious research initiative, part of an DHHS study that follows 100,000 children from birth to age 21, is examining the interaction of numerous environmental influences -- including biological, chemical, and social factors, genetics, culture and family, and geography -- on children's health. Dr. Goldman was also the co-PI of the National Study Center for Preparedness and Critical Event Response, which supports the mission of the Department of Homeland Security through research and educational initiatives designed to build the science of preparedness. Prior to joining Hopkins, Dr. Goldman was Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 1993 to 1998 under President Bill Clinton. Under her watch, the EPA overhauled the nation's pesticide laws, expanded right-to-know requirements for toxin release, reached consensus on an approach to testing chemicals with endocrine-disrupting potential, developed standards to implement lead screening legislation, and promoted children's health and global chemical safety. Dr. Goldman also worked in environmental health for the California Department of Public Health Services. Among other responsibilities, she managed a statewide environmental epidemiology program that focused on childhood lead poisoning, birth defects, and occupational health. Dean Goldman is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Environmental Defense Fund. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine, where she has chaired or served on committees focused on secondhand smoke, public health preparedness, environmental health, and health sciences policy. She is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences Board on Environmental Sciences and Toxicology.

**Maria S. Gomez, MPH**, president and CEO of Mary's Center, founded the organization in 1988 as a clinic to provide prenatal and postpartum care to Latino women living in Ward 1. Under Maria's leadership, Mary's Center has grown from an initial budget of \$250,000, serving 200 participants a year, to an annual budget of \$39 million serving nearly 40,000 participants from all over the globe at four medical locations, one senior wellness center and two mobile units throughout the District of Columbia and Maryland in 2014. Maria is among the strongest leaders in the region. As testament to her significant commitment to give back to her community, she was selected by the White House as one of the 18 recipients of the 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second-highest civilian honor. She is also frequently recognized for her role in the DC metropolitan region's health care system. Prior to establishing Mary's Center, Maria was a public health nurse at the D.C. Department of Health. She also worked at the Red Cross, where she directed community education programming and disaster services, and at the Visiting Nurses Association. Originally from Colombia, Maria immigrated with her mother at age 13 and attended the D.C. Public Schools. Ms. Gomez obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Georgetown University and a Master's in Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley. She currently serves on the boards of Share our Strength, United Medical Center, and the Meyer Foundation.

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**Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, PhD, MPH, LCSW**, is a Professor and the Director of the Doctoral Program at New York University Silver School of Social Work. He is also the Co-Director of the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health. His principal focus of investigation is the role of families in promoting Latino adolescent health, with a special focus on preventing HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies. Additional research interests include parent-adolescent communication and intervention research. Dr. Guilamo-Ramos has conducted research primarily in urban, resource-poor settings, including the Bronx, New York City. Currently, Dr. Guilamo-Ramos has active programs of research funded by both the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Guilamo-Ramos has published scholarly articles on parent-adolescent communication about sex and on the role of parents in the preventing adolescent sexual risk behavior. In addition, he has published methodological articles related to adolescent risk behavior. His scholarly work has been published in the *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, the *American Journal of Public Health*, the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *Health Psychology*, and *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*. He also has an edited volume entitled "Parental Monitoring of Adolescents," published by the Columbia University Press.

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**Dara Koppelman, RN, BSN**, is the Chief Nursing Officer at Mary's Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Washington, DC. She received her nursing degree from Johns Hopkins University. Ms. Koppelman also has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Spanish from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has experience in both the hospital setting as well as the public health field, with past work experience in labor & delivery in a city hospital, doing home visits within a local health department for high-risk pregnant women and children, and now at Mary's Center, where she first started as a clinic Nurse Manager. Ms. Koppelman also currently works as an instructor for Medical Assistant students at Briya Public Charter School. Her nursing interests include public health nursing, women's health, nursing leadership, working with underserved populations, and teaching and mentoring nursing students.

**Huynh-Nhu (Mimi) Le, PhD**, is an associate professor in the department of psychology at George Washington University. Her research interests are in the area of preventing perinatal depression in low-income Latino women and families. She helped develop the Mothers and Babies Course, a CBT group intervention designed to prevent perinatal depression in low-income women, and of treatment manuals for major depression for low-income populations (available for participants and instructors in English and Spanish, <http://mbp.columbian.gwu.edu/>). She was the PI of two federally funded grants to evaluate a cognitive behavioral intervention to prevent perinatal depression. She has also conducted training in cognitive behavioral interventions and served as research consultant and clinical supervisor for various research and community organizations, nationally and internationally.

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**Alis Marachelian, MPH**, has been with Mary's Center for Maternal & Child Care, Inc. in Washington, DC since 2001. She's currently the Director of the exponentially growing Health Promotion Department overseeing the day-to-day management of the programs and staff, as well as leading trainings on a spectrum of health topics. Ms. Marachelian holds a Master degree in Public Health from the George Washington University and has been working in different capacities within the field of public health education, advocacy, prevention, and management with multi-cultural groups and diverse population of newcomers to this country for the last 18 years. Ms. Marachelian served in First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Campaign Faith Based and Neighborhood Organization's Task Force to contribute to the development of culturally sound nutrition and physical activity educational curricula and materials. As a result, she was honored in 2011 to receive the Civilian Volunteer Award from President Barack Obama. In 2012, Ms. Marachelian was appointed by the DC Mayor to the Ryan White Planning Council, serving as a board member to prioritize and allocate regionally, federal dollars designated for HIV care and treatment programs. Alis grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Boston, Massachusetts and she's Armenian by heritage.



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**Mirna Mendoza, BS**, serves as a Program Manager for Identity, Inc. in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Mirna Mendoza has worked at the Northwood High School Health and Wellness Center since 2009. As a Youth Development Counselor, she implemented various positive youth development after-school programs for youth, and provided case management support to clients. In February 2013 she was appointed manager, overseeing the Center's staff and programs. Prior to coming to Identity Inc., she worked for a Walmart subsidiary in her home country of Guatemala, where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Galileo. Ms. Mendoza may be contacted at [mmendoza@identity-youth.org](mailto:mmendoza@identity-youth.org).

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**Dilcia Molina** is the Gender and Health Program Coordinator at La Clínica del Pueblo. Ms. Molina is a Honduran, researcher and community educator, feminist and single mother living in the United States of the America after political asylum was granted for her work as a Human Rights activist in Honduras and Central America. Founder of Madre Tierra, a community based organization striving to defend Latino immigrant women's human rights. Madre Tierra has been Ms. Molina's platform to be of assistance of those immigrants seeking political asylum and other legal status adjustments under the ground of sexual and domestic violence, human trafficking and hate crimes. Ms. Molina is a founder and member of the Board of Directors of WAYSIDE Center, the first center for community education in Virginia. Ms. Molina coordinates supports groups at Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence in Fredericksburg, Virginia. In addition, Ms. Molina coordinates the "Alianza Latina Contra la Violencia de Genero" a Washington, Maryland, and Virginia coalition dedicated to awareness, education and prevention of all kind of violence of gender within the Latino immigrant community. At the same time she has been raising her voice against the "Secured Communities" and the intention of the police in patrol to take on their hands attributions reserved to the Immigration Department. Finally, she works at La Clinica del Pueblo, a culturally and linguistically sensitive non-profit health center offering comprehensive medical care to Latino immigrant families in the Washington Metropolitan Area. Dilcia has been successfully coordinating "Entre Amigas" project for more than ten years, a holistic program aiming to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS among Latinas with a new twist, focusing on sexual-reproductive health and women surviving domestic and gender violence. Mujer Sana Familia Fuerte has been incorporated into the "Entre Amigas" program.

**Roxana Olivas, BS**, served as the Special Assistant in the Office of the Chairman with a focus on Latino issues. While serving, she dramatically increased outreach to the Latino community. Olivas has almost 20 years of experience in private industry, nonprofit and local government management. She has served as a Legislative Aide and Bilingual Staffer for the Arlington County Board, Regional Director in the metropolitan area for the Casablanca Project, co-founder of Latinas Unidas for Obama and Program Director for New Avenues of Hope and Torch of Hope in El Paso, Texas. She has lived in the Washington area for over 9 years, she presently lives in Ward 3. She is an active member of Holy Trinity Church in Georgetown where her son attends school. She attended the University of Texas and University of Phoenix. She presently holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Management.

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**Deborah Perry, PhD**, is an associate professor at the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development. Over the last two decades, she has served as an external evaluator for a broad array of state and federally funded initiatives and conducted many community-based research projects. She has served as the co-Principal Investigator on two federally funded studies of the Mothers and Babies Course—a cognitive behavioral preventive intervention for postpartum depression. Currently, she serves as the senior evaluator on two home visiting grants and the Maryland LAUNCH grant. She is also the principal investigator on an evaluation of the implementation of the Partners for a Healthy Baby curriculum by 8 home visiting programs operated by the Maternity Care Coalition in Philadelphia. These programs include three Early Head Start programs and five paraprofessional models. She also served as an investigator on a NIMH-funded research study that is developing an integrative model for addressing mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence in two Baltimore home visiting programs.

**Senator Victor Ramirez, Democrat, District 47, Prince George’s County, Judicial Proceedings**

**Committee**, grew up in Mount Rainier. As a child, Senator Ramirez attended Thomas Stone Elementary School and Hyattsville Middle School, and participated in the Hyattsville-Mount Rainier-Brentwood Boys and Girls Club until high school. He attended Northwestern High, where he played football, soccer and baseball. Senator Ramirez received his B.A. at Frostburg State University and his J.D. degree at St. Thomas University School of Law. Senator Ramirez then returned home to Mount Rainier to make a difference. He volunteered locally as an ESOL teacher, and youth soccer coach and mentor. He opened up his own law firm and committed himself to public service. As a member of the Maryland and Prince George’s County Bar Associations, he has also worked pro bono for organizations like the House of Ruth, providing domestic violence victims with free legal representation in court. He is currently a practicing attorney and partner at Malouf and Ramirez, LLP. Since 2003, Senator Ramirez has worked diligently on behalf of District 47, eight years as a Delegate, and now as State Senator. As Delegate, Senator Ramirez worked to reduce domestic violence, crime, gang activity, and liquor licenses, as well as increase educational opportunities within our communities. He served as Deputy Majority Whip and was on both the Judiciary and Ways and Means Committees. He currently serves on the Senate Finance Committee, and is a member of the Maryland Educators Caucus and the Maryland Veterans Caucus. He was the lead sponsor of the Maryland DREAM Act. Senator Ramirez has continued to support and sponsor legislation that helps working families in Maryland. Senator Ramirez continues to stay focused on increasing educational opportunities, improving transportation accessibility, increasing housing affordability, obtaining healthcare accessibility and affordability, as well as ensuring access to elderly care. He is a parishioner at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Cheverly, Maryland where he resides with his wife, Betsy, and their two children.

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**Rajiv N. Rimal, PhD, MA**, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Prevention and Community Health in the School of Public Health at George Washington University. He has served as Chair of the Health Communication Divisions of both the International Communication Association and the National Communication Association. He is the recipient of the Everett M. Rogers Award in Public Health Education and Health Promotion, awarded by the American Public Health Association. Dr. Rimal has 20 years of experience in health communication and risk communication research. His work seeks to understand how individuals process risk information and how societal norms affect human behavior. His most recent work focuses on developing, implementing, and evaluating HIV prevention interventions through the use of mass media, mobilization of community resources, and promotion of interpersonal communication in sub-Saharan Africa. He is also investigating the role of public policy in tobacco control efforts in India. His recent work has investigated how stigma toward people living with HIV and AIDS can be reduced through the media, how media and community efforts can empower young girls in Africa to remain healthy, and how communication theory can be used for effective HIV prevention. He is conducting or has recently completed research in several countries, including Ethiopia, India, Malawi, Namibia, Nepal, Uganda and the United States.

**Kathleen M. Roche, PhD, MSW**, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Prevention and Community Health. Trained in fields of public health and social work, Professor Roche's research program examines socially modifiable factors which shape the health and well-being of adolescents, particularly those living in low-income urban areas. She applies a development-in-context approach to understanding how families in challenging environments can most successfully raise their adolescent youth. Dr. Roche's research is informed by multiple disciplines: developmental psychology, urban sociology, family social sciences, and social epidemiology. Her expertise is in the areas of adolescence, adolescent health and well-being, parenting, neighborhood-by-parenting interaction effects, and immigrant Latino families. She is particularly interested in integrating developmental and ecological theories with the social epidemiology of adolescent health in order to better understand social influences on youth's behaviors, success in school, and mental health. Dr. Roche is currently involved in research examining the intersecting influences of culture, parenting, and neighborhoods on the health risk behaviors and well-being of low-income, urban youth and recent immigrant Latino/a immigrant adolescents. She is conducting this research in Atlanta, an important new destination area for Latino/a immigrants, and in Houston. Dr. Roche is interested in identifying how parenting pathways to adolescent health-risk behaviors and mental health vary by factors associated with the acculturation process and by neighborhood risks. Her longitudinal work uses structural equation modeling techniques to examine reciprocal influences between parents and their adolescents and to understand dynamic changes in parent-child relationships and youth's health and health-related behaviors during transitions through adolescence.

**Ben Siegelman** became professionally involved with HIV as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the southeastern African country of Malawi. Working with local health officers, community based organizations, and HIV Support Groups, Ben helped design and launch HIV-focused projects throughout a catchment area of forty villages. Ben and his work partners focused on community-driven models that empowered villages to respond to their own perceived needs, resulting in trainings, gender and HIV programs, and medicinal gardens for communities without access to healthcare. Since 2012, Ben has worked at Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Health, where he is the HIV Navigator. In this role, Ben provides a culturally sensitive approach to HIV education, counseling, testing, and care. The HIV Navigator serves as the linkage point to information, social and economic resources, and treatment clinics. Ben works with patients from the moment they are diagnosed, becoming a point of continuity during the patient's transition from diagnosis to entry into care, and follows up with patients regularly after they've begun treatment.

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**Catalina Sol, MPH**, joined La Clínica del Pueblo's staff in 1990 as a Patient Care Coordinator and since that time she has served in numerous capacities including HIV/AIDS Department Director. In 2009, she began her tenure as Chief Program Officer and has been instrumental in introducing innovative and holistic programming to meet the needs of La Clínica's patients and the greater DC Latino community. Ms. Sol is a native Salvadoran who grew up in the United States and El Salvador. She earned a BA in History from Georgetown University and a Master's degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. In 2011, she received the Linowes Leadership Award which recognizes individuals of creativity, vision and leadership who work in a community in the Greater Washington metropolitan area and who generally are unrecognized.

**Cindy Umanzor, MPH**, is a Project Manager at Pro-Change Behavior Systems and has a diverse educational and work experience background in Liberal Arts, Cultural Studies, Online Advertising and Public Health. During her time at Pro-Change she has contributed to the development and implementation of two grant funded clinical trials: Promoting Health during Pregnancy: A Multiple Behavior Computer Tailored Intervention, and Computerized Stage-Matched Intervention for Juvenile Offenders. She has contributed to and reviewed the translation of multiple programs at Pro-Change.

**Marcela Vargas, MPH**, is a Project Coordinator for the Institute for Hispanic Health (IHH) at NCLR. In this capacity, she coordinates the design, development, and implementation of health education projects that support the efforts of community-based organizations to educate the Latino community and reduce health disparities. Ms. Vargas holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Biology from the University of California, San Diego and a Master's degree in Public Health with a concentration in Community Health Sciences from the University of California, Los Angeles Fielding School of Public Health.

**Tiffany Williams, LGSW**, is the Coordinator of the Beyond Survival campaign of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, which works to build survivor leadership and awareness of human trafficking of domestic workers in the United States and around the world. She also serves as the Senior Human Trafficking and Labor Rights Specialist at the Institute for Policy Studies. As a licensed social worker in the District of Columbia, Ms. Williams has coordinated and delivered social services and counseling to domestic workers who survived severe labor exploitation, focusing on domestic workers who were employed by diplomats and international officials. Her current organizing and advocacy work emphasizes the intersections of immigration policy, worker rights, and gender inequality. Her writing has been featured in Huffington Post, Alternet, Common Dreams, The Daily Beast, and Foreign Policy in Focus, as well as dozens of local editorial pages. Before joining NDWA, she was the Community Resource Associate at the Women's Center for Education and Career Advancement in New York City, where she managed training and outreach about public benefits and financial literacy for low-income women and youth who were entering or reentering the workforce. Ms. Williams graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and Columbia University with a Master's degree in Social Work.

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**Joan Yengo, BA**, is the vice president for programs at Mary's Center in Washington DC. She oversees the youth development, social services, mental health, senior wellness, public benefits and home visitation components. She has been with Mary's Center since 1998. Ms. Yengo's commitment to community work is highlighted by almost 30 years of experience working in non-profit community programs and more than 15 years focusing specifically on prevention programs. Her positive outlook and team building skills have contributed to the success of the non-medical programs at Mary's Center. Ms. Yengo chairs the Washington DC Home Visiting Council. In 2001, Joan was certified by Great Kids Incorporated as a Quality Assurance/ Technical Assistance provider. In 2002, Prevent Child Abuse America recognized Joan with an award for a service excellence for her superior work in supporting Healthy Families America.







