Listening Session and Strategic Discussion Series:

Emerging Issues Around COVID-19 and Social Determinants of Health for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Workforces

How COVID-19 is differentially impacting substance use prevention, treatment and recovery in communities of color and/or underserved communities: How can we address this?

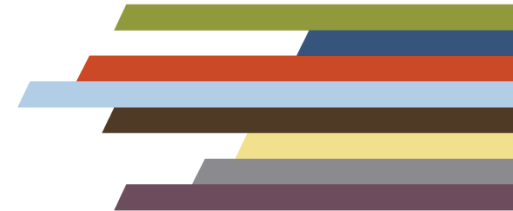**Strategic Discussion 2: Strategies to Support the LatinX Communities.**

April 30, 2020: 2-3pm ET

Facilitator: Alex Barajas Muñoz, PhD

Panelists: Haner Hernández, PhD, CPS, CADCII, LADCI; Pierluigi Mancini, PhD, MAC;

Troy Montserrat-Gonzales, MA, NCC, LPC; Gabrielle Rodriguez

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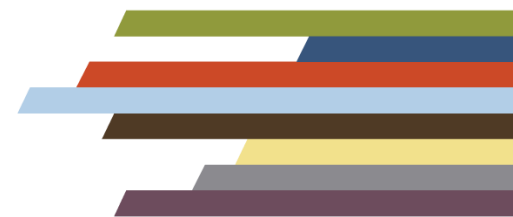- PTTC Workgroup – Addressing Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Practices
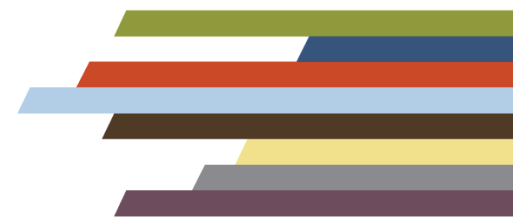
Community Agreements

Please note: To create a safe and secure Zoom space, we will not be able to share participants video during this webinar.

In the chat: Please say hello and include your name, role, organization, and community identity *"I am speaking from the experience as an…"*

Comments and Questions: You may use chat throughout for any comments and questions and our team will respond. *Comments are welcomed in English and in Spanish.*

Q and A session (at the end): Please raise your hand, we will unmute you, and you can then use the mic OR use the chat to share and ask questions throughout.

Emergency Policy: *Due to recent challenges with Zoom security, if there is criminal or vile activity that appears on the screen, we will <u>immediately</u> close the session and follow-up with additional resources or instructions. We will not re-open the session but will see you at the next session.*

The use of affirming language inspires hope and advances recovery.
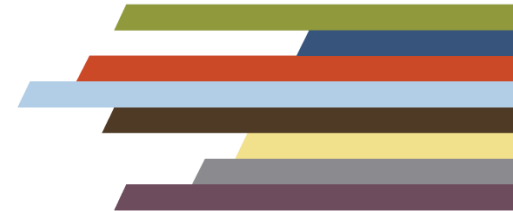
LANGUAGE MATTERS.

Words have power.

PEOPLE FIRST.

The ATTC Network uses affirming language to promote the promises of recovery by advancing evidence-based and culturally informed practices.
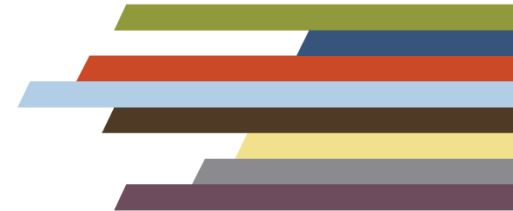
Agenda

- **5 minutes:** Introductions and outline key issues/themes from April 22 listening session.

- **40 minutes:** Panelists will strategize and share emerging best practices around key topics. *Everyone can engage through chat in Spanish or English*.

- **10 minutes:** Q & A using chat (though questions encouraged throughout). If time, we will unmute and hear from participants.

- **5 minutes:** Wrap-up and identify any next steps.

- *Post-series:* Share recording, notes of key themes/answers to key questions, and any tools/resources.

Facilitator

- **Alex Barajas Muñoz, PhD**
- Psychologist
- University of Kansas Counseling and Psychological Services

Panelists

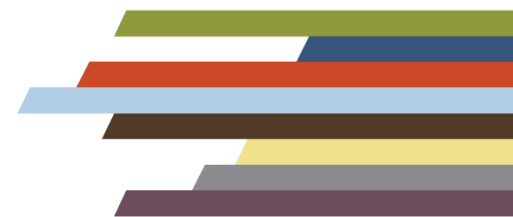**Haner Hernández,
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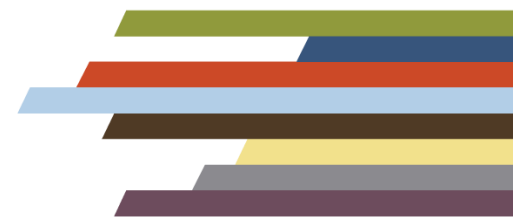MA, NCC, LPC**

**Gabrielle
Rodriguez**

Themes from Listening Session

- *Barriers to prevention*
  - Options around social distancing and quarantining?
  - Language barriers and lack of information and materials in Spanish
  - Housing insecurity
  - Increases in domestic/intimate partner violence
  - Vulnerability of LatinX communities
  - Intersection of gender identity and sexuality
  - Minimized risk of alcohol; lack of focus on healthy families/communities
  - Challenges for undocumented people; fears about accessing resources and services

- *Barriers to screening and testing*
  - Access to primary care and testing?
  - Language barriers in care settings
  - Transportation

- *Barriers to care*
  - Who are the uninsured and underinsured?
  - Availability of care?
  - Technology access
  - Underlying health issues

- *Barriers to recovery*
  - Availability of wrap-around services?
  - Lack of connection

Core Questions for Panelists

- How has COVID-19 further highlighted racial/ethnic disparities and what is the impact on LatinX communities, those with SUD, and for the prevention, treatment and recovery workforces?
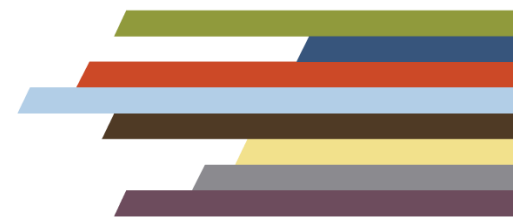
Participants: Please share experiences in chat; we will collate themes and share post-event.

Core Questions for Panelists

- What strategies and resources are needed to mitigate these impacts?
- What is working and/or what are people trying?

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Wrap-Up and Next Sessions

- *Open discussion*:
  - What did we miss?
  - Improvements?
  - Final thoughts/comments?
- *Wrap up*:
  - Key themes
  - Next steps/follow-up
  - Join us for our future sessions!

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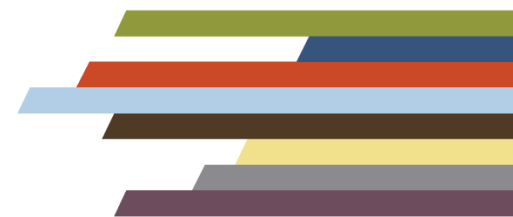
Tuesday, May 5: 2-3 pm ET
Strategic Discussion 3: American-Indian/Alaska Native communities: Trauma-Responsive Approaches to Support the Communities.

Thursday, May 7: 2-3 pm ET
Strategic Discussion 4: Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities and Addressing Stigma.

Tuesday, May 12: 2-3 pm ET
Strategic Discussion 5: Wrap-up Session: Racial equity and health disparities in the age of COVID-19: What new strategies are needed?

Resources

Please visit our COVID-19 pandemic response resources for both the ATTC & PTTC Networks for helpful resources related to substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery:

- [ATTC Pandemic Response Resources](#)
- [PTTC Pandemic Response Resources](#)
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- [ATTC Workgroup - Health Equity & Inclusion Resources](#)