

BARBARA KAPPOS, LCSW

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Education

Master of Science: Social Work

California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)
School of Social Welfare, Clinical Social Work Specialty Degree

1992
Long Beach, CA, USA

Bachelor of Science: Social Work

California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)
Major: Social Work Minor: Third World Studies

1980
Los Angeles, CA, USA

Academic Appointments

Professional post-baccalaureate and post-master's social work experience

Executive Director

East Los Angeles Women's Center

Serves as the Executive Director, overlooks all operations and is building capacity to enhance services for women who have been impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence, substance abuse, homelessness and HIV/AIDS. As the Executive Director she oversees a comprehensive range of services designed to confront the most serious issues faced by the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Established and expanded service centers in East Los Angeles, East Los Angeles College, and at the Wellness Center located at LAC+USC. Enhanced culturally appropriate services to promote healthy relationships, trauma informed services, youth leadership and Promotora outreach. Programs include prevention, intervention, and treatment for domestic violence; sexual assault; HIV/AIDS; mental health services; substance abuse, youth services and emergency response and emergency housing for survivors.

01/2008 to Current
Los Angeles, CA

Lecturer (part-time)

California State University, Long Beach

Part-time lecturer at CSULB Social Work Master's Program and acts as a liaison for field practice.

09/2015- Present

Project Consultant

Latino Family Institute

Provided consulting services for the Federally Funded AIA program which provided services to underserved Latinas and their families impacted by HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse living in the Orange County.

06/2007 to 10/2011

Santa Ana, CA

Family Services Director**02/1992 to 03/2007****Bienvenidos Children's Center****Los Angeles, CA**

Established a comprehensive Family Services Division by designing critical and innovative programs in response to the needs of the community. Overlooked a division with 36 funding sources and more than 100 full and part-time staff.

Supervised all related services within the division, including capacity building and resource development.

Developed and expanded collaborative relationships with a broad range of local, regional, and national public and private agencies and funding sources including: HHS SAMHSA; HHS Children's Bureau; Annie E. Casey Foundation; County of Los Angeles; DMH; DCFS; CALWORKS; HHS, Office of Populations Affairs and California State Office of Family Planning, and the Office of AIDS.

Established service centers in East Los Angeles, Altadena, and Covina with culturally appropriate services and activities to promote family strengthening, child protection, and personal well-being. Program included prevention, intervention, and treatment for child abuse and neglect; domestic violence; substance abuse treatment; pregnancy prevention; HIV/AIDS; crisis respite; fatherhood; and healthcare, including the East Los Angeles Community.

Directed national conferences, regional health fairs, training programs, local and national advisory boards, and collateral partnerships. Cultivated relationships with key public, private, and community constituencies to expand services and attain sustainability. Created innovative child, teen, adult, and family welfare programs, many recognized as model programs at local, state, and national levels.

International Child Welfare Consultant**06/1994 to 02/2005****Copiii Lumii Foundation****Bucharest, Romania**

Screened and counseled prospective parents, placing 150 Romanian orphans with permanent U.S. families. Helped establish child welfare programs in three child placement centers in Romania, including the first Montessori school in Bucharest, Romania.

Adoption Social Worker Consultant**04/1993 to 02/2005****Bal Jagat Children's World****Chatsworth, CA**

Conducted international home studies; family evaluation and consultation.

Foster Care Coordinator**02/1991 to 02/1992****Bienvenidos Children's Center****Los Angeles, CA**

Coordinated the Family Renunciation Project, a federally funded project that provided a comprehensive program for children reuniting with their birth families. The project was nationally recognized and presented at the 1993 Children's Bureau Conference in Washington D.C..

Provided direct supervision for children placed in the licensed foster care homes, provided therapeutic interventions and case management services, linkages and resources. Facilitated therapeutic groups for foster youth diagnosed with behavioral and emotional traumas due to child abuse and neglect. Provided support groups for foster parents and birth parents with the focus on the child wellbeing.

Acting Director**01/1989 to 04/1990****YWCA Hestia House****Pasadena, CA**

Acting Director for a 24-hour domestic violence shelter for 10-12 families. Supervised staff of 12, offering day to day guidance and direction. Provided psychological assessments and individual, child, family and group counseling and support groups.

Health Educator Supervisor**01/1986 to 01/1989****Women's Clinic****Los Angeles, CA**

Coordinated a Women's health education program for the Title XX Family Planning Program. Provided health education, referrals, and training services to over 150 clients a day.

FEMA Coordinator**01/1985 to 01/1988****American Red Cross****Los Angeles, CA**

Coordination of FEMA funds and disaster services for the South Central; Los Angeles area. Worked with over 150 agencies receiving housing assistance and disaster services.

Affiliations

Los Angeles County Commission on Women: Commissioner
LA County Office of Violence Prevention: Advisory Board Member
Association of Family Resources Coalition: Member
National Practitioner's Coalition: Member
Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center (AIA): National Advisory Board
Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council: Member
Los Angeles County Domestic Violence/Health Care Committee- Co-chair
SPA 7 Council: Member
Planning Council, Drug and Alcohol Task Force: Member
City of Los Angeles Task Force
CALCASA-Member
CPEDV-Member
Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network - Member
Domestic Violence/Health Care Network- Member

List special awards, fellowships, grants, or any other recognition you have received

Durfee Sabbatical Award- 2017
Woman of the Year 2016- Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
Woman of the Year- Congresswomen Judy Chu-2014
Woman of the Year-Congresswoman Grace Napolitano - 2018

Certifications and License

Certified by Red Cross for Debriefing Victims of Trauma, 1995
Certified by YWCA Pasadena Sexual Assault 52 hr. Training, 1996
Certified DV Prevention 40 hour training -1998
Licensed in Clinical Social Work, State of California, 2009
Certified HIV/AIDS Education Counselor, LA County Office of AIDS- 2000
Certified Trauma Informed Certificate, NASW 2004
Certified Relational Cultural Theory, Jean Baker Miller Training Institute, 2007

Publications and Presentation

Lesser, Tello, Koniak-Griffin, Kappos, Rhys, Young Latino Father's Perceptions of Paternal Role and Risk for HIV/AIDS, Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences, August 2001

Cervantes, Kappos, Gonzalez, Preliminary Finding on a Drug Treatment and HIV/AIDS Program for High Risk Latinas in East Los Angeles, Addictive Disorders and their Treatment

Cervantes, Kappos, Duenas, Arellano, Culturally Focused HIV Prevention and Substance Abuse Treatment for Hispanic Women; Addictive Disorders and their Treatment, Vol 2, No. 3, 2003-69-77

Partners' Influence on Women's Addiction and Recovery: The Connection Between Substance Abuse, Trauma, and Intimate Relationships, AIA Resource Center, Collaborative TEG, Berkeley, CA.

Poster Presentation: Latina Women Living with HIV/AIDS, World AIDS Conference in Barcelona, Spain (2002)

Poster Presentation: Families and HIV/AIDS, NIDA National Conference San Juan, Puerto Rico (2006)

Presentation-Women across the Life Span: A National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery (July 12-13, 2004): Clinical Treatment among Culturally Diverse Populations

Presentation -National Sexual Assault Conference (August 2011) Latinas - Culturally Sensitive Outreach, Assessment and Interventions

Presentation -California Statewide Conference on Mental Health, (September 2012): Mobilizing Latinas: using a Culturally Effective Approach to outreach, empower and break the silence around issues of Mental Health, HIV, Violence and Substance Abuse.

A Study Conducted (2013) Kappos, Osorio, Boyle Height: Building Healthy Communities: Improving Community Health by Preventing Violence against Women and Girls.

A Study conducted (2015) Kappos, Cervantes, Human Trafficking and HIV Study/with a focus on Latinas: Assessment Study (2015)

Presentation -Women in Medicine Retreat (La Jolla, California) : Partnerships for Healthy Communities (August 2014)

Presentation- Futures without Violence National Conference (Washington DC): Promotora Model and the Mobilization of communities. (March 2015)

Presentation- HIV and Trauma Conference, Office of the City AIDS Coordinator Office (Los Angeles, CA): Human Trafficking. (July 2015)

Presentation- National Conference on Sexual Assault (Los Angeles, CA): Human Trafficking and the intersection of sexual assault, HIV and culture. (September 2015)

A study conducted (2017) Kappos, Cervantes, Garcia: Latina women living with HIV and Trauma, An Assessment Study (2017)

Presentation- National Conference on Sexual Assault (Anaheim, CA) The intersection of Substance Abuse and Sexual Assault. (September 2018)

Panel Presentation, CALWORKS on Domestic Violence and the intersection of Substance Abuse. (2019)

Congressional Briefing- Rape Crisis Center and Culturally Responsive Services, Washington D.C. (2019)

A Study conducted (2019) Kappos, Cristo, Domestic Violence and Homelessness. An Assessment Study. (2020)

Panel Presentation, (2020) Women and Girls Initiative, Domestic Violence and Homelessness, Los Angeles, CA

Panel Presentation, (2020) Office of the Labor Commissioner's Office, DV and Labor Rights, Los Angeles, CA

Panel Presentation, (2021) UCLA Pritzker Center, Homelessness, DCFS and Domestic Violence, Los Angeles, CA

