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Professional Interests

Reducing substance use/misuse risk, substance use disorder (SUD) treatment engagement, racial/ethnic & sexual and gender minority health inequities, workforce development trainings

Education

University of California, Los Angeles Doctoral Student in Social Welfare Advisor: Dr. Judith Perrigo	<i>In Progress</i>
University of California, Los Angeles Master of Public Health Master of Social Welfare	2009 – 2012
University of Southern California Bachelor of Arts in Psychology Bachelor of Arts in Spanish	2005 – 2009

Professional Experience

Research Associate (Temp), Azusa Pacific University Department of Psychology	6/2023 – Present
Assistant Professor, Azusa Pacific University Department of Psychology	8/2020 – 8/2022
Adjunct Professor, Azusa Pacific University Department of Social Work	8/2018 – 12/2018
Grant Specialist, Azusa Pacific University Department of Psychology	1/2016 – 8/2020
Mental Health Clinician (Floater) San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center	9/2015 – 11/2015
Mental Health Clinician, Family Centered Services of Connecticut	9/2014 – 7/2015
Mental Health Therapist, Tarzana Treatment Centers	8/2012 – 8/2014
Research Assistant, University of Southern California USC Center for Research on Crime and Social Control	8/2007 – 8/2009

Professional Licensure

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, LCSW#75940	2017 – 2026
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Scholarly Publications

1. Keum, BT, **Valdovinos, IC**, & Wong MJ. Problematic internet use, online racism, and mental health issues among racially minoritized emerging adults in the U.S. *Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*. 2023: 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11469-023-01093-z>
2. Keum, BTH, Cano, MA, **Valdovinos, IC**, Boland, D. Impact of online and offline racism on tobacco use, marijuana use, and vaping via depressive/anxiety symptoms among racial minority emerging adults. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. 2023. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000691>
3. Gonzales-Castaneda, R, McKay, JR, Steinberg, J, Winters, KC, Yu, CH, **Valdovinos, IC**, Casillas, JM, McCarthy, KC. Testing mediational processes in a mobile texting aftercare project. *Substance Abuse*. 2019:1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08897077.2019.1671941>
4. Rawlings, MA, Gonzales-Castaneda, R, **Valdovinos, IC**, Payne, JS, Yu, CH. Spiritually responsive SBIRT in social work education. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*. 2019:1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2019.1590702>

Scholarly Presentations

1. Presentation. Contingency Management for Youth with Substance Use Issues. Castaneda, R., **Valdovinos, I.C.**, Farber, J., Padwa, H., & Larkins, S. Presented at the Department of Health Care Services Substance Use Disorder Integrated Care Conference, August 24, 2021, ON24 Virtual Webinar, CA, USA.
2. Poster Presentation. Testing Mediational Processes of Substance Use Relapse Among Youth Who Participated in a Mobile Health Aftercare Pilot. Gonzales-Castaneda, R., McKay, J.A., Steinberg, J., Winters, K.C., Yu, C.H., McCarthy, K., **Valdovinos, I.C.**, Casillas, J. Presented at the 99th Western Psychological Association-WPA Annual Convention, April 26-28, 2019, Pasadena, CA, USA.
3. Poster Presentation. Youth Substance Use Disorder and Treatment Outcomes: A Snapshot of the Los Angeles County System of Care. Gonzales-Castaneda, R., **Valdovinos, I.C.**, Lee, H.S. Presented at Common Day of Learning, Azusa Pacific University, March 1, 2017, Azusa, CA, USA.
4. Poster Presentation. The Impact of Genetic Cancer Risk Assessment and Sociocultural Variables on the Preventive Cancer Screening Behaviors of Underserved Latinas. **Campos, I.**, Lagos, V.I., Weitzel, J.N. City of Hope, Eugene and Ruth Roberts Summer Student Academy, August 2008, Duarte, CA, USA.

Grants & Contracts

1. Research Associate: *Evidence Based Practice for Substance Use Youth Prevention for the California Department of Health Care Services with the UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Prevention (UCLA ISAP) - Evaluation and Technical Assistance* (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). 2023-Present

2. Evaluation Director: *Project TREE: Enhancement and Expansion of Treatment and Recovery Services for Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth, and their Families* (PD: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 1H79TI083583. 2023-Present.
3. Project Coordinator: *Integrating Substance Use Education Training into Mainstream Behavioral and Applied Science Disciplines* (PD: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 1H79FG000048. 2020-2022.
4. Project Coordinator: *Provider Clinical Support System-PCSS Training Focused on MAT Preparedness for Nurse Practitioner Students and Field Preceptor Community Health Sites to Address Opioid Use Issues: Enhancing a Faith-Based SBIRT Practice Model* (PD: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 1H79TI082546. 2019-2022.
5. Evaluator: *Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities Ages 13-24 Cooperative Agreement* (PD: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 5H79SP080234. 2019-2024. 2019-2022.
6. Project Coordinator: *External Evaluation of Real-World Medication Assisted Treatment Program Outcomes* (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). California Health Care Foundation & Groups Recover Together. 2019-2020.
7. Project Director: *Increasing Awareness to Mental and Behavioral Health Services among Adolescents and Transitional Aged Youth in Los Angeles County* (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). California Community Foundation (UCLA Subaward). 2000 G YA889. 2020-2021.
8. Project Director: *Los Angeles County Youth System Landscape and Design Planning* (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). California Community Foundation (UCLA Subaward). 2000 G XE011. 2019-2020.
9. Project Coordinator: *Training and Workforce Development for the Youth System of Care* (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (multiple annual contracts). 2017-2024.
10. Project Coordinator: *California Community Reinvestment Grant (CalGRG) Program Evaluation* (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control subcontract). 2020-2021.
11. Project Coordinator: *Marijuana and Substance Use Prevention Trainings* (Vendor: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. PO-MH-18995119-1. 2018-2020.
12. Project Coordinator: *Training and Technical Assistance for Shasta County's Children Behavioral Health System of Care* (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency, Children's Services. 2017-2019.
13. Project Coordinator: *Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Pilot* (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. 2017-2020.

14. Project Coordinator: *SBIRT-Student Training Initiative among Allied Health Professional Disciplines at Faith-Based Universities* (PD: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 1H79TI026021. 2016-2019.
15. Evaluation Coordinator: Adolescent SBIRT Evaluation among Community Antidrug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Coalitions. Conrad N. Hilton (UCLA Subaward). 2016-2019.
16. Project Coordinator: *Evaluation of the Adolescent SUD System of Care in Los Angeles County*. (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH). Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (UCLA Sub-Contract). 2000-R-TD590. 2016-2017.

Training & Guest Lectures

1. Valdovinos, I. (November 2023). Community efforts to address youth substance use risk. Guest lecturer for PA 80: How Social Environments Shape Development, Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.
2. Castaneda, R., Margossian, P., Serna, T., & Valdovinos, I. (November 2023). Elevate Youth California: Peer leader training. In-Person Training, Helpline Youth Counseling.
3. Valdovinos, I. (October 2023). Addressing substance use in primary care settings: SBIRT practice. Guest lecturer for PPSY 788: Integrated Health Psychology, Department of Clinical Psychology, Azusa Pacific University. Azusa, CA.
4. Valdovinos, I. (August 2021). Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT): Didactic Training. Training webinar, Azusa Pacific University, Community Counseling Center.
5. Valdovinos, I. (May 2020). SBIRT booster: Focus on referral to treatment & care coordination. Training webinar, Los Angeles Housing Services Authority, SBIRT Pilot Training.
6. Castaneda, R. & Valdovinos, I. (November 2019). Clinical supervision: Enhancing clinician/counselor competence in addressing co-occurring disorders among youth. Training webinar, Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency.
7. Valdovinos, I. (September 2016). Social work practice with children and families: Parental Substance Use. Guest lecturer for SOWK 613: Social Work Practice with Children & Families in Early/Middle Childhood, School of Social Work, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, CA.

Awards & Honors

California Wellness Foundation Fellowship	2011-2012
UCLA Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Program	2009-2010
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society	2009
USC's Latino Honor Society	2009
USC's Mexican American Alumni Association Scholar	2007-2009
Psi Chi Psychology National Honor Society	2007