

Pierluigi Mancini, PhD

Brief Biography

*[Author * Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness Expert * Immigrant Behavioral Health * Health Disparities and Health Equity Consultant, Program Developer, Public Speaker]*

With over 30 years of experience in culturally and linguistically responsive behavioral health treatment and prevention, Dr. Pierluigi Mancini is one of the most sought after national and international consultants and speakers about mental health and addiction, his areas of expertise are cultural and linguistic competence, immigrant behavioral health, social and racial justice, health equity and health disparities.

Dr. Mancini founded Georgia's only Latino behavioral health program in 1999 to serve the immigrant population by providing cultural and linguistically appropriate mental health and addiction treatment and prevention services in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Dr. Mancini recently led a project to train clinicians in Latin America who are taking care of the over 4 million displaced Venezuelans arriving in Colombia, Perú, Ecuador, Brazil, Panamá and other countries.

A frequent guest of local, national and international media Dr. Mancini has been featured in U.S. News and World Report, The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, Fox TV Channel 5 Atlanta, CNN en Español, Telemundo and Univision. Additionally, Dr. Mancini has been a favorite and frequent guest of Spanish language radio stations. As a national consultant, Dr. Mancini has provided expert content on immigrant behavioral health and cultural and linguistic competency to clients at the local, state and federal level. As an international consultant, Dr. Mancini has provided guidance, mentorship and internships to psychology students from the Universidad Anáhuac Mayab in Mérida, Mexico, has consulted in underage drinking prevention programs in Italy and consulted in Cuba and Kosovo. Dr. Mancini is fluent in Spanish and conversational in Italian.

Dr. Mancini's public service announcement and documentaries addressing Latino underage drinking, suicide and prescription drugs have won a combined six (6) EMMY @awards. Dr. Mancini has been honored with the National Latina/o Psychological Association Star Vega Distinguished Service Award; the UnidosUS (NCLR) - Helen Rodríguez- Trías Award for Health; and the Mental Health America "Heroes in the Fight" Award and was named one of the 50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia.

Dr. Mancini is the Chair of the Georgia Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council and serves as the Chair-Elect for the Mental Health America National Board of Directors. He also serves on the Board of Directors for WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse and R.I. International.

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Curriculum Vitae

Objective

To address health disparities, health literacy and achieve health equity in behavioral health and primary health and assist agencies and organizations at the local, state, national and international levels with the development of systems that offer all individuals equal access and opportunity to receive quality services through elimination of structural barriers, such as cultural and linguistic barriers, and respect for the cultural context of each individual.

We can achieve this through the development, delivery and implementation of organizational and self-assessments, cultural and linguistically responsive plans, education, outreach, training, messaging, workforce development, legislative and advocacy efforts.

Positions Held

09/24/1999 – Present

Multicultural Development Institute, Inc. Founder and President

- The Multicultural Development Institute's mission is to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity through education and training. The Multicultural Development Institute, Inc. (MCDI) provides technical assistance, training, workshops, speaking engagements, message development, workforce solutions for staff, managers and executives and expert content on cultural and linguistic competence and on health disparities.
- MCDI's services are tailored to assist organizations meet regulatory standards, clinical requirements, improve services or become disruptive innovators in their field, work towards eliminating health disparities and achieving health equity.
- The Multicultural Development Institute can help businesses thrive by being ahead of the competition in their work to eliminate health disparities, achieve health equity and properly implement social and racial justice policies and practices in order to help all individuals achieve physical and mental wellness.

10/01/2018 – 08/25/2021

National Latino Behavioral Health Association, Inc. , Cochiti Lake, New Mexico Project Director SAMHSA Hispanic & Latino ATTC and SAMHSA Hispanic & Latino PTTC

- First Director of the National Hispanic & Latino ATTC, part of SAMHSA's Technology Transfer Center network. Developed an infrastructure to provide support to develop and strengthen the specialized behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare workforce that provides substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services to Hispanic/Latino populations across the United States.
- First Director of the National Hispanic & Latino PTTC, part of the PTTC Network. Developed the Center to support the resource development and dissemination, training and technical assistance, and workforce development programs for professionals providing substance abuse prevention services to Hispanic/Latino communities in the United States.

06/01/1999 – 07/15/2016

Clinic for Education, Treatment and Prevention of Addiction, Inc. (CETPA), Atlanta, Georgia

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the first Latino behavioral health agency in the State of Georgia. Under Dr. Mancini's direction CETPA provided affordable, linguistic and culturally appropriate mental health and substance abuse services for children, adolescents, adults and their families in English, Spanish and Portuguese. He was responsible for growing the agency to 72 employees in four cities and over \$4 million dollars annually in grants and patient revenue.

Education, Certifications & Training

- 06/16/1990 Georgia State University – Bachelor’s in Business Administration
- 12/13/1992 Georgia State University – M.B.A., International Business
- 03/15/2000 El Colegio Oficial de Psicólogos, SPAIN * PhD Lic. #78
- 04/30/2016 NCC AP – Master Addiction Counselor * #508407
- 02/27/2019 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Instructor #C049805
- Certified Clinical Supervisor, GACA – 2012 * #0978
- National Certified Addiction Counselor II (NCAC II) – 1999 * #013225 NAADAC Certification Commission
- Certified Addiction Counselor II (CAC II) – 1999 * #1530
- Georgia Addiction Counselor’s Association
- Profesional de Ayuda en Sustancias Sicoactivas III (PASS-III)- 2000 * #45
- Comisión Certificadora de Consejeros en Sustancias Sicoactivas de Puerto Rico.
- National Multicultural Institute, Washington D.C. – 2005
- Training of Trainers (II): Developing Cultural Competency and Facilitation Skills
- SAMHSA’s Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies – 2012
 - Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) Master Trainer

Awards and Recognitions

- 2021 – 50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia – Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- 2019 – Preservation of Life Award – Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services.
- 2019 – Georgia CTSA Award – Morehouse School of Medicine
- 2016 - EMMY Award –Documentary - “Prescribed Drugs, Legally Dangerous”.
- 2016 - Award for Excellence in Treatment Centers & Recovery Services ABACBGA
- 2015 - Healthcare Champion for Mental Health and Wellness Award – The Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority.
- 2014 - Star Vega Distinguished Service Award - to recognize and honor a psychologist who has distinguished him or herself through service to the Latina/Latino community. National Latina/Latino Psychological Association.
- 2014 - Ray Avant Excellence in Prevention Award - Georgia DBHDD Office of Prevention Services and Programs
- 2014 - EMMY Award - Documentary “Alcohol: The Unknown Drug”.
- 2014 - Helen Rodríguez-Trías Award for Health, UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza), Washington, DC
- 2012 - EMMY Award – Documentary_ “Nuestra Georgia: Suicide Prevention Special,”
- 2012 - EMMY Award – Public Service Announcement- Underage Drinking “CETPA”
- 2011 - Team Award - The ARC of Georgia Plane Pull
- 2010 - Individual Partner Award - Kidsnet Georgia Academy III – SOC
- 2009 - Salud Hispana Award - Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia –
- 2008 – Health Services Award – NAACP
- 2008 – Excellence in Treatment Award - Georgia School of Addiction Studies
- 2007- “Heroes in the Fight” - Mental Health America
- 2007 – Businessman of the Year - Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- 2003 – Award for Excellence – SAMHSA –Latino Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program

Consulting and Research

- National Council for Mental Wellbeing - CCBHC-E National TTA Center – 2021 - Present
- Healthcare Georgia Foundation – Equity Behavioral Health White Paper (2021)
- State of Georgia – Technical Assistance-State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR)and State Opioid Response (SOR) grant programs. Law enforcement and First responders NARCAN training. 2018 - Present
- Satcher Health Leadership Institute – Health Equity Task Force 2019-2021
- National Council for Mental Wellbeing– Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions – 2019 – Present
- State of Georgia – Technical Assistance- Developing cultural and linguistically competence plan for providers and implementing CLAS standards 2019 – 2020
- State of Alabama – Technical Assistance – Developing cultural and linguistically competence plan for providers and implementing CLAS standards – 2018
- Morehouse School of Medicine – Rural Georgia research project. 2017-2019
- State of New Jersey – Technical Assistance to assist the state in developing an agency cultural competence plan for its providers - 2016
- State of Iowa - The National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care - 2015
- State of Georgia – Georgia BASICS (Georgia's Brief Assessment, Screening, Interventionand Continuum of Care System) - SAMHSA SBIRT Grant – 2009 to 2014
- State of Arizona – Developed a curriculum for the tribal and regional behavioral health authorities and their contracted behavioral health providers– SAMHSA Technical AssistantRequest through Department of Behavioral Health - 2007
- State of South Carolina - Develop a training curriculum to guide counselor’s work with Hispanic/Latino clients in the state of South Carolina – SAMHSA Technical Assistant Request through DAODAS – 2003 - 2005

Recent Trainings

- Alaska Training Cooperative - Recognizing and Treating Co-occurring Personality Disorders and SUD. Virtual Learning ECHO Session
- CSAP’s Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT)
- Southeast Region (SE Region) – DREAM, Pearl, Mississippi
- Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training Curriculum - (SAPST)
- CSAP’s Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT)Southeast Region (SE Region) - San Juan, Puerto Rico
- “Prevention Ethics” and “The Media and Prevention” – Spanish language training
- Center For Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia
- “Cross Cultural Communication and Services”
- Georgia CIT (Crisis Intervention Team)
- “Cultural Competency with Mental Health Issues in Law Enforcement Crisis Situations”

Selected Recent Presentations

- “Reaching Vulnerable Populations through Cultural Competence: Marijuana Prevention in 2021” Georgia DBHDD OBHPFG Virtual Conference, February 22-25, 2021
- “Latino Behavioral Health Challenges and Opportunities” University of North Georgia, October 14, 2020
- “Implicit Bias in Behavioral Health Care” NAMI New Jersey 2020 Virtual Multicultural Conference, August 12, 2020
- Four Part Virtual Learning Session: Different Cultures; One Vision, NHL PTTC, July 2020
- “El Abuso de Sustancias Durante El COVID-19” NHL ATTC, April 23, 2020 “Cómo el aislamiento social, la soledad, y la inseguridad afecta a las personas en recuperación de adicción y salud mental durante COVID-19; y que hacer al respecto.” NHLATTC, April 14, 2020
- “Helping Opioid Use Disorder Organizations Implement the CLAS Standards” – Office of Minority Health – January 28, 2020
- “Mental Health in the Immigrant Community” – Keynote - Northwell Health Annual Behavioral Health Nursing Conference, October 10, 2019, Great Neck, NY
- “Los Opioides y La Comunidad Hispana” – 7 hour Pre Conference Spanish Workshop – NAADAC Annual Conference, September 28, 2019, Orlando, FL
- “The Opioid Crisis and Latino Youth” Georgia DBHDD 12th Annual System of Care Academy, June 26, 2019, Stone Mountain, GA
- “Cultural Diversity and Recovery in Mental Health and Addiction” Peers Empowering Peers, March 16, 2019, Sandy Springs, GA
- “Language, Workforce and Evidence Practices: Strategies to address the shortage of Prevention and Treatment Services in Hispanic and Latino communities”, The 32nd Annual Research & Policy Conference on CAYA Behavioral Health, March 3, 2019, Tampa, FL
- “Immigrants, Refugees, Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences”, Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement (ARCHI), September 2018, Atlanta, Georgia
- “Cómo prevenir el abuso de sustancias y mejorar la salud mental en los niños” Latin-American Association 2^a Feria De Educación. August 2018, Duluth, Georgia
- “Complexities of Behavioral Health Interpreting” Westbridge Solutions 2018 Southeast Interpreter Conference. July 21, 2018. Atlanta, Georgia
- “The Opioid Epidemic: What do we need to know?” Licensed Professional Counselors Association’s 30th Annual Convention & Regional Conference. May 2018, Atlanta, Georgia
- “Suicide in the Latino Community” Diversity Conference – University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
- “Human Trafficking: Understanding, Identifying and Helping Victims” The 9th Annual Child Placement Conference – Augusta, Georgia

Publications & Webcasts

- Mancini, Pierluigi. (2019 CNN en Español). “Regla de “carga pública”: ¿a quiénes afecta y cuáles son las excepciones?” Aired on September 7, 2019 <https://cnn.it/2Lx5IMX>
- Mancini, P. (2019, Feb). *Blueprint for action update: Priority regions 1 and 2 findings and recommendations*. Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Ga.
- Mancini, P. et. al. (2018) Nuestra Salud Webcast: *La Recuperación y Colaboración con Compañeros: ¿Estamos llegando a los Latinos?* National Latino Behavioral Health Association (nlbha.org) <https://www.facebook.com/NLBHAORG/videos/1612473922134423/>
- Mancini, Pierluigi. *¡Mental! In The Trump Era - Ten Inspirational Stories About Immigrants Overcoming Addiction, Depression and Anxiety in America*. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, An Amazon Company, 2018.
- Mancini, P. (2017) Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Behavioral Health. Healthcare Georgia Foundation. www.healthcaregeorgia.org Archived at <https://www.healthtecdl.org/cultural-and-linguistic-competence-in-behavioral-health/>
- Mancini, P. (2017). *Blueprint for Action: A Roadmap to strengthen health systems in the state of Georgia and advance health equity*. Morehouse School of Medicine: Atlanta, GA.
- Mancini, P. (2017) Are you ready? Cultural Competence and the CARF Standards. www.carf.org
- Will, M., Merrifield, J., Bigham, L., Delgado-Romero, E.A. & Mancini, P. (2015). Ethnoculturally sensitive research in the “real world: Ethical and practical issues. Symposium presented at the National Multicultural Summit and Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2014 “Behavioral Health Services needs of the Hispanic/Latino(a) and African American communities” Webcast. Emory University School of Medicine, Southeast AIDS Training and Education Center.
- 2014 “Culturally Appropriate Substance Use Disorder Treatment: CETPA’s Practical Applications for Hispanic/Latino Populations.” *Advances in Addiction and Recovery*; Summer 2014; Vol. 02, No. 02. Pp. 19-21
- 2012 “Enhancing the Delivery of Health Care: Eliminating Health Disparities through a Culturally & Linguistically Centered Integrated Health Care Approach” National Expert Participant for Consensus Report written by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Minority Health and The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
- Moore, C.S., Delgado-Romero, E.A., Mancini, P. & Zelaya, M. (2010). A Retrospective Evaluation of a Culturally Sensitive Prevention Program for Latino Youth. Poster presented at the National Latina/o Psychological Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- 2008 National Drug Control Policy. Invited to participate in the development of the White House’s Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop the 2008 Strategy. (Sept 2007)
- “Latinos and Addiction Services: What’s missing?”. *Counselor Magazine*, August 2005.
- “Challenges & Opportunities for an Underserved Community: Latino Addictive Disease and Mental Health Services”. *Paradigm Magazine*, Summer 2004
- “Drug Abuse Patterns Among Latino Clients Entering Treatment”, *Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse*. National Institute on Drug Abuse. December 2003

Professional Organizations

- Chair, Georgia's Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council
- Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer, Mental Health America (National)
- Board Member, RI International
- Board Member, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center Regional Health Board
- Board Member, NBCC/NAADAC Minority Fellowship Program Advisory Board
- Board Member, Georgia Council on Substance Abuse
- Board Member, National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils
Advisory Council Member, Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information
- Board Emeritus, National Latino Behavioral Health Association
- Board Emeritus, Healthcare Georgia Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia
- Alumni, Leadership Atlanta, Class of 2015
- Alumni, Leadership Gwinnett, Class of 2014
- Member, The National Council for Behavioral Health
- Past Affiliate Member, UnidosUS
- Member, National Hispanic Medical Association
- Member, National Latinx Psychological Association
- Member, Colegio Oficial de Psicólogos – SPAIN
- Member, Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia
- Member, The Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC)
- Member, Georgia Addiction Counselor's Association (GACA)
- Member, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Member, GALEO
- Member, Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce