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Community of Practice: Promotion Productive Roles in FSP Member Directory

Community of Practice (CoP) About:

A CoP is collaborative learning community organized around people with a shared practice. This CoP is hosted by DMH-UCLA Public Mental Health Partnership for DMH FSP providers to promote productive roles. Through mutual interactions, the CoP will produce resources, relationships, and experiences that impact participant mastery in this area. This member directory enables participants to reach out, problem-solve, and interact with one another between sessions as desired.

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Session 1 Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday, 11/4/2020 at 10 am
- Wednesday, 12/2/2020 at 10 am
- Thursday, 1/14/2021 at 2 pm
- Thursday, 2/11/2021 at 2 pm
- Thursday, 3/11/2021 at 2 pm
- Thursday, 4/8/2021 at 2 pm

Zoom link for 2020:

<https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/93187087871?pwd=NnBPRVZMNDZIK0k4NGtKZ09CeVFLUT09>

Zoom link for 2021:

<https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/94114395200?pwd=WXhBFVZCQXhjZzc3THJxOHhMYnA3dz09>

Password for both: pmhp2020

CoP Webpage: <https://pmhp.ucla.edu/coppr>



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Member Directory (Alphabetical by First Name):

Ahra (Esther) Ko, ASW	
Title	Psychiatric Social Worker
Agency Name	Downtown FSP (LA County DMH)
Years in FSP	3 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I work primarily with the adult population in Skid Row. The most challenging aspect is engaging clients who have been disconnected from services/treatment for several years. Although I've been doing direct practice for the past 3 years, I'm also interested in learning about research in order to inform the work that we do. I look forward to collaborating on all aspects while being a part of CoP.
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Amanda De Loera-Morales, LCSW	
Title	Director of the Life Learning Center
Agency Name	FSP TAY, Wellnest
Years in FSP	3 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I enjoy working with the TAY population
Contact Info	amandad@wellnestla.org
April Poynor, LMFT	
Title	Director of Mental Health
Agency Name	FSP Adults Palmdale; McKinley
Years in FSP	1 1/2 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	McKinley FSP -Adult Mental Health Program is located in Service Area 1 (aka Antelope Valley) and provides the following services: individual therapy, family therapy (as needed), individual rehabilitation services, target case management services, and medication support services (psychiatrist). McKinley FSP Clinicians, Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialists, and Peer Partners assists clients with navigating multiple systems and developing independent living skills for the purpose of helping clients achieve their goals.
Contact Info	poyнора@mckinleycc.org
Candy Delgado	
Title	FSP Family Advocate
Agency Name	Child & Family Guidance Center
Years in FSP	1 year 9 months
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I would say my role is more of a Case Manager than a Family Advocate and a lot of my work is with the parents. Although, the goals are driven towards my youth clients, many of the parents in the FSP program require a lot of support and at times, have layers of barriers before they can focus on their child's treatment. In this case, productive roles focusing on supportive employment for adults would be beneficial for me to learn and have these additional trainings in my toolbox.
Contact Info	candy.delgado@childguidance.org



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Carlos Arceo	
Title	Employment Specialist
Agency Name	ALMA Family Services – FSP/SEIPS SPA 7
Years in FSP	2.5
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	Help TAY with employment and education
Contact Info	carlosa@alfamilyservices.org
Daniel Castro, LCSW	
Title	Mental Health Clinical Supervisor
Agency Name	Edelman Westside MHC FSP
Years in FSP	2.5 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	It's challenging work but rewarding.
Contact Info	dcastro@dmh.lacounty.gov
Dalia Merida, LCSW	
Title	Program Manager
Agency Name	Homeless FSP SPA 5, St. Joseph Center
Years in FSP	Since July 6, 2020
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	We are currently going through a transitioning phase of implementing new systems to make the program run smoother. All of our staff members are fairly new, including myself. I think I would benefit from these meetings, given we are going through a learning curve and would benefit from gathering more information and implement it into the program.
Contact Info	dnperez@dmh.lacounty.gov
Diana Perez	
Title	Community Health Worker
Agency Name	West Valley Mental Valley
Years in FSP	9 Years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	N/A
Contact Info	dnperez@dmh.lacounty.gov
Ellen Striverson, LCSW	
Title	Program Director
Agency Name	PCADD FSP Social Model Recovery Systems
Years in FSP	1 Year
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	It is very challenging as I am still learning along with my staff.
Contact Info	EllenS@socialmodel.com
Erik Davis, Esq	
Title	FSP Manager
Agency Name	IMCES
Years in FSP	3 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	It is challenging but absolutely needed
Contact Info	erik.davis@imces.org
Ivy Duenas	



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Title	CHW1
Agency Name	Edelman
Years in FSP	3 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	N/A
Contact Info	iduenas@dmh.lacounty.gov
Jessica Pierson, LCSW	
Title	FSP Program Manager and Clinical Supervisor
Agency Name	ALMA Family Services FSP Children and TAY
Years in FSP	FSP clinician for 8 years and an FSP program manager and clinical supervisor for 2 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	We work hard to reduce frequency of hospitalizations and support higher level of functioning. We have linked many youth and families to long term housing, and I accompany my staff on field-based crisis calls. I am LPS designated. I would like to consult with others about some high intensity cases and I always would like to learn more from others. We also are a part of the Supportive Employment: Individualized Placement and Support Pilot program through Department of Mental Health and have supported many of our youth in finding and keeping employment.
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Joel Jeffries, MSW	
Title	Psychiatric Social Worker 1
Agency Name	Hollywood FSP DMH
Years in FSP	N/A
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	N/A
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Katie Phillips, Psy.D, LMFT	
Title	Director of Homeless, Re Entry and Substance Use Services
Agency Name	SFVCMHC
Years in FSP	N/A
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	N/A
Contact Info	kphilips@sfvcmhc.org
Larry Fernandez, LCSW	
Title	Adult Services (FSP/AOT) Program Manager
Agency Name	Masada Homes
Years in FSP	13 Years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I have had the pleasure of working within the FSP system since its inception. Also, I continue to love the work with the FSP population and welcome any support to growing and helping our clients.
Contact Info	l.fernandez@masadahomes.org
Leticia (Letty) Alvarado	
Title	Case Manager



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Agency Name	Prototypes FSP TAY Program
Years in FSP	10 Years+
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I would like CoP to know that I have dedicated half of my career in Mental Health in FSP and you can never learn enough.
Contact Info	lalvarado@prototypes.org
Lidia Walker	
Title	Program Supervisor FSP
Agency Name	PIC
Years in FSP	10 Years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	Resources, housing and linkages issues now due to COVID
Contact Info	lwalker@picserves.org
Lisa Hirsch Marin, MSW, LCSW	
Title	COO
Agency Name	Wellnest
Years in FSP	10+ Years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	N/A
Contact Info	lisam@wellnestla.org
Lucy Kyupelyan, PsyD	
Title	Psychologist/Case Management Supervisor
Agency Name	Heritage Clinic
Years in FSP	10 Years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I've completed clinical work, administrative work, and supervisory work with Heritage Clinic
Contact Info	lkyupelyan@heritageclinic.org
Maria Estrada	
Title	Medical Case Worker II
Agency Name	Edelman Westside Mental Health Clinic
Years in FSP	6 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I enjoy my job and clients.
Contact Info	maestrada@dmh.lacounty.gov
Marisol Estrada, LMFT	
Title	FSP Therapist, LMFT
Agency Name	Hillsides FSP SPA 3
Years in FSP	Over 2 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	Nothing in particular
Contact Info	mestrada1@hillsides.org
Maripza Perez, ACSW	
Title	Psychiatric Social Worker I
Agency Name	FSP Adult – Augustus Hawkins
Years in FSP	4 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I enjoy working with FSP population. It is never a dull moment and you never stop learning. You are not able to



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	help all clients, but you see the progress in those that want the change/help in life.
Contact Info	mrperez@dmh.lacounty.gov
Mayra Debora, MSW	
Title	Mental Health Clinician
Agency Name	TAY-FSP San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center
Years in FSP	2 years 3 months
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	Working with the TAY Population and there is a need always for housing and helping the homeless population.
Contact Info	MDebora@sfvcmhc.org
Nancy Quevedo	
Title	Community Health Care worker
Agency Name	Hollywood FSP
Years in FSP	7 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	N/A
Contact Info	nquevedo@dmh.lacounty.gov
Norma Guerrero-Lewis, LMFT/AT	
Title	Mental Health Director
Agency Name	Homeless FSP SPA 5 & 6/ IMHT
Years in FSP	10 Months
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	We're dedicated to helping our teams work with the most vulnerable population.
Contact Info	NLewis@stjosephctr.org
Randy Walker	
Title	FSP Child & Family Specialist (Rehab)
Agency Name	Palmdale FSP, Child & Family Guidance Center
Years in FSP	7-8 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	The undergraduate positions (CFS and Parent Partner) can play vital roles in establishing client relationships/connections and in reaching treatment plan objectives.
Contact Info	rwalker@childguidance.org
Ruth Tiscareno	
Title	Parent Advocate
Agency Name	DMH, FSP Navigation Team Children/TAY SPA 7
Years in FSP	10 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	The Parent Advocate/Partner roll is so essential to the team.
Contact Info	rtiscareno@dmh.lacounty.gov
Salvador Ramirez, ACSW	
Title	Psychiatric Social Worker – I (PSW-I)
Agency Name	FSP Team at Edelman Westside MHC (SPA 5)
Years in FSP	2 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I'm a baby social worker (case manager/clinical social worker) that's interested in collaboration. I'm curious to learn more about clients/consumers and ways to



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	assist/support them to find or develop meaningful roles in their lives.
Contact Info	saramirez@dmh.lacounty.gov
Seerat Jammu, LCSW	
Title	Program Manager
Agency Name	Second Street FSP Team, Step up on Second
Years in FSP	6 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	To know that we provide services from a strength based and recovery framework.
Contact Info	sjammu@stepuponsecond.org
Stephanie D. Ordonez Montoya, LMFT	
Title	FSP Program Manager
Agency Name	Child and Family Guidance Center
Years in FSP	4 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	I'm constantly seeking training and professional development opportunities for my FSP team.
Contact Info	smontoya@childguidance.org
Sully Sanchez, MSW	
Title	Psychiatric Social Worker
Agency Name	Kedren Community Acute Hospital, Adult FSP
Years in FSP	2 years
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	Roles, responsibilities, amount of active cases each individual should be responsible, how does the on-call after hours differ from agency to agency
Contact Info	su_sanchez@kedren.org
Tony Siv	
Title	Community Health Worker
Agency Name	Long Beach API FMHC
Years in FSP	
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	
Contact Info	tsiv@dmh.lacounty.gov
Veronica Ramirez, BA	
Title	Care Coordinator Bilingual
Agency Name	Transitional Age Youth (TAY) FSP with Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services-Inglewood
Years in FSP	1yr and 3 months
What I want the CoP to know about my work in FSP	My role in the lives of my members is to instill hope when they feel they have lost it, while walking alongside them to understand their journey and overcome roadblocks.
Contact Info	vramirez@didihirsch.org