

Jennifer Lewis

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Integrated health and mental health expert, focusing on HIV, suicide prevention, stress, trauma and resilience.

Biography

Jennifer Lewis is a recipient for the 2021 Fulbright Specialist Award and an experienced social worker with a passion towards transdisciplinary treatment and teaching. She is adept at conducting and teaching neurobiologically informed evidence based practices. She translates those clinical skills to develop, implement and evaluate innovative mezzo level programs within health care organizations and creates innovative solutions to wicked societal problems. As a professor in the Suzanne Dworak Peck School of Social Work she is a Co-Director in the USC Institute for Addiction Sciences and Center for Excellence in Teaching Fellow. Before entering academia, Lewis was the Chief of Social Work at University of California, San Diego, Health System Department of Pediatrics Infectious Disease where she authored and implemented a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grants for HIV-positive mothers who are abusing substances to prevent the abuse, neglect and abandonment of children. She was Program Director at Southwest Center for HIV and AIDS, where she authored and oversaw Ryan White funding for programming for HIV-positive men, women and youth. She worked for the O'Connor House with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the Avon Program for Women and Justice addressing systemic causes of interpersonal violence. She was the Director of Mental Health and Social Services at the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, New York City's only LGBT health clinic. She is the owner of Mosaic Psychotherapy, LLC, a psychotherapy practice that provides consulting and counseling services to individuals and families. She recently published a book, with her co-author and Founder of the Bridge Rail Foundation, Organizing for Suicide Prevention: a case study at the Golden Gate Bridge (2020) San Diego, CA. Cognella Inc and actively presents at peer reviewed conferences.

Industry Expertise

Writing and Editing, Health Care - Services, Health Care - Facilities, Health and Wellness, Public Policy, Research, Program Development, Mental Health Care, Health Care - Providers, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Psychotherapy, Mental Health, Adults and Healthy Aging, Health

Affiliations

American Association for Suicidology

Grand Challenges

Close the Health Gap

Focused on reducing health disparities by through improving systems of integrated health and mental health care

Education

New York University

PhD Social Work

Boston University

MSW Clinical Social Work

Boston University

BA Psychology

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