

Rafael Angulo

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Dr. Angulo's specializes in paternal impact on child development, clinical practice with Latinos, and spiritual dimensions of clinical work.

Biography

Mr. Angulo joined in 2001 after 11 years of investigative work and clinical practice with Child Protective Services. Specifically, he worked four years in Emergency Response/Investigation, three years in Street Outreach Services with runaway youth in Hollywood and surrounding areas, and four years providing transitional housing services in East Los Angeles to emancipated foster youth. His areas of micro practice also include medical social work and clinical work with predominantly Spanish-speaking clients. Fascinated by the beauty and grandeur of cultures, Angulo went to Bali, Indonesia for the first time in 1991, eventually finishing his graduate thesis there. He studied the parental methods of discipline and perceptions of child abuse, finding that community rituals and traditions are protective buffers in providing social support and helping to recognize the dignity of children. His areas of both clinical and policy interests include fatherhood impact on child development, clinical practice with Latino clients, media literacy, spiritual dimensions of clinical work, transforming power of art in undervalued communities and educational success for minority youth. Trained as a filmmaker, Angulo has produced and directed documentaries, public service announcements and corporate videos for nonprofit agencies. He also has utilized video technology to conduct oral histories, digital storytelling and ethnographic recordings. Angulo is currently the Families and Children co-coordinator and the Public Child Welfare coordinator along with being the co-advisor of the Latino Social Work Caucus. He teaches an integrative seminar and the Media in Social Work: Documentary Filmmaking as a Praxis for Social Justice class. Outside the university, Angulo facilitates group therapy for Spanish-speaking fathers, provides individual counseling to the immigrant community and is working on numerous documentary projects for national distribution.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Street Outreach Services, Emergency Response, Child Protective Services, Emergency Investigations

Education

California State University
MSW

California State University
BA

Accomplishments

Jane Addams Faculty Award
2013 Awarded by USC School of Social Work

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