

Ruth Ann Supranovich

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Ruth Supranovich serves families impacted by child sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, and exposure to family and community violence

Biography

Ruth Supranovich is a clinical associate professor of field education and currently serves as the Director of Field Education. She joined the school in 2012 and since that time, she has taught numerous courses (e.g. field seminars, leadership, human behavior, and elective courses) and served in leadership positions, including Director of the San Diego Academic Center, oversight of Student Learning Outcomes, and now as the Director of Field Education. In this role she oversees all field related activities for both the campus-based and virtual academic center MSW programs as well as the school's Telehealth Clinic. Dr. Supranovich has more than 25 years of social work experience in child maltreatment and family violence. She has worked as a case manager, clinician, and manager/administrator serving families impacted by child sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, and exposure to family and community violence. Prior to her USC appointment, Dr. Supranovich was an assistant deputy director for San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency where she oversaw the child welfare, public health and public assistance programs in the North Coastal and Inland regions of San Diego County. As the manager and then administrator of the San Diego County Indian Specialty Unit for several years, Dr. Supranovich worked with the tribal communities in San Diego to address the disproportionate number of Native American children in the child welfare system. She brought this experience to USC, where she has collaborated with Dr. Claradina Soto (Navajo/Pueblo) from the Keck School of Preventive Medicine to co-teach an elective course on working with Native American children, families, and communities. They also co-wrote a book chapter in 2019 titled, "The Women of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation: Portrayals of Historical Trauma and Healing." Dr. Supranovich's career and professional interests span both clinical and administrative work, culminating in the publication of a book in 2020 with her colleague Rick Newmyer titled "Bringing Micro to the Macro: Adapting Clinical Interventions for Supervision and Management." Dr. Supranovich is a 2nd generation social worker, having been raised in England by two social workers who exposed her to the values of the profession and importance of social justice.

Industry Expertise

Social Services, Education/Learning, Research

Areas of Expertise

Management & Leadership, Field Education, Abuse, Social Work with Families, Social Work, Social Work Education, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention, Neglect, Clinical Supervision

Education

San Diego State University
MSW

University of Leeds
BS

University of Southern California (SSO)
Doctorate in Education Organizational Change and Leadership in Education

Accomplishments

Tribal STAR Champion
2010-2012

Contribution to Aaron Price Fellows Program
2011

Certificate of Appreciation from SDSU Career Services for unique and significant contribution to the enrichment of career services, San Diego State University
2010-2011

Certificate of Appreciation for contributing to a decade of HealthLink North County success and for promoting the health and wellness of school-aged children
2009

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