
Kenneth Martinez

Education

Psy.D. 1978, University of Denver, Child Clinical Psychology, Ford Foundation Fellow
B.A. 1974, Stanford University, Psychology, with Distinction
1980, New Mexico Licensed Clinical Psychologist #217

Professional Experience

Principal Research Analyst, American Institutes for Research (AIR)

Mental Health Resource Specialist in the Technical Assistance Partnership, a partnership between the American Institutes for Research (AIR) and the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (FFCMH) to provide technical assistance to the 54 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration funded System of Care Communities. Responsible for providing technical assistance to the system of care communities in the area of children and families mental health including in such areas as evidence based practice, early childhood mental health, services and supports, financing, policy development, infrastructure development and cultural and linguistic competence. Responsible for the early childhood community of practice and lead for the cultural and linguistic competence community of practice within the Technical Assistance Partnership.

State Children's Behavioral Health Director, New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (1997–2005)

Responsibilities included statewide children's behavioral health policy/program development, clinical training, developing partnerships among all sectors including families, providers, State and local agencies, private sector and others invested in children's behavioral health and the State's Children's Behavioral Health lead for the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. Responsible for clinical oversight of the children's behavioral health programs in the Juvenile Justice Services statewide correctional facilities. Until 2003, responsible for the Children's Behavioral Health and Community Services Bureau and the Contracts, Economics and Outcomes Bureau, who were responsible for the utilization review of Medicaid non-managed care clients for children's behavioral health services, certification and licensing of statewide children's behavioral health services, departmental state and Federal contracts and grants, state general fund children's behavioral health and domestic violence contracts and their management information system, economic analysis, performance outcomes.

Psychologist Consultant, Human Services Department (later with the Children, Youth and Families Department), Office of Managed Care Services, Prevention and Intervention Division (1991–1997)

Served as clinical case consultant and consultant to Department Division Directors, assisted in children's mental health certification standards development, behavioral health managed care development, the development of Medicaid children's State plan services, technical advisor in Medicaid managed care procurement process, development of policy, procedure and regulations related to children's behavioral health.

Psychologist, Private Practice (1983–1997)

Assistant/Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of New Mexico School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center (1978–Present)



Selected Professional Affiliations

Founding Member, National Network to Eliminate Disparities (NNED) in Behavioral Health, 2007–Present
Board of Directors, National Alliance of Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health Associations, 2007–Present
Board of Directors, National Latino Behavioral Health Association, 2006–Present
Chair, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) Children, Youth and Families Division representing all State’s and Territories children’s mental health directors, 2003–2005
Outcomes Roundtable for Children and Families, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Advisory Board for the Research and Training Center, Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida
National Center for Children In Poverty’s “Unclaimed Children Revisited” Advisory Group
Planning Committee for the Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health, 2004 and 2008

Publications

- Martinez, K. J., (1992). Play Therapy With Hispanic Children. *Working With Culture: Psychotherapeutic Interventions With Ethnic Minority Children and Adolescents*. Eds. Vargas, L., Koss-Choino, J., Jossey-Bass Inc.
- Martinez, K. J., (1993). Cultural Sensitivity in Family Therapy Gone Awry, *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, December, 1993.
- Martinez, K. J., Huang, L. (2003). *At-A-Glance Summary of the Conference on Evidence-based Practices in Children's Mental Health: Building Capacities for Implementation and Research*. National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute.
- Martinez, K. & Van Buren, E. (2008). *The cultural and linguistic competence implementation guide*. Washington, DC: Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health. Available at <http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/>.

Professional Presentations

- Martinez, K. J. (2004). *Immigration, Children’s Mental Health and Public Policy*. Presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Martinez, K. J. (2004). *Culture Counts: Policy Makers Can Make a Difference*. Presented at the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Health Care Disparities Conference, National Council of Sate Legislators, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Martinez, K. J. (2004). *What Works in Children’s Mental Health?* Presented at the National Conference of the National Council of State Legislators, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Martinez, K.J. (2007). *Latinos/Hispanos: A Potential Explosion? Or An Explosion of Potential! (In Spite of the “Walls”)*. Presented at the Matilda Garcia Initiative, Latin American Research Scholars Exchange, 20th Annual Research Conference: A System of Care for Children’s Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, Florida.
- Martinez, K.J. (2008). *Evidence Based Practices and Culture: Complementary or Contradictory?* Presented at the Center for Excellence in Children’s Mental Health, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.