

FAMILY FOCUSED STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING OPIOID ADDICTION AND RECOVERY



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Robyn Cenizal, Project Director, [National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families](#)

Robyn Cenizal, CFLE, is a Director of Family Strengthening with ICF. Since its inception in 2011, she has served as the Project Director for the National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families; a federally funded initiative that promotes the integration of healthy relationship skills into social service delivery systems as part of a holistic approach to strengthening families. In addition to 10 years of federal level work in the family strengthening, healthy marriage and responsible fatherhood fields, she also has over 26 years of local government experience specializing in strategic public/private partnerships to mitigate community distress including broad expertise with family strengthening, child welfare, workforce development, violence prevention, offender re-entry and poverty reduction. She is a Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) and has authored numerous publications on promising practices associated with serving low-income and culturally diverse populations.

Anne De Santis Lopez, Director of Family Programs, [Shatterproof](#)

Anne De Santis Lopez is the Director of Family Programs at Shatterproof. Her personal and professional goals and mission is to continue the work she began over 20 years ago to empower families and individuals living with addiction and a mental health diagnosis through education and support, while connecting them to essential resources and skills that aid in recovery and healing.

She has a Master of Arts in Counseling and Advanced Counseling Certificate from Montclair State University. Her national certifications include: Mental Health First Aid Trainer (for adults and youth); Connecticut Community Addiction Recovery (CCAR) Peer Recovery Coach and Trainer; Grief Recovery Specialist. She also is certified in the State of New Jersey as a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS), a Disaster Response Crisis Counselor (DRCC), and Substance Awareness Coordinator (SAC). Before coming to Shatterproof, Ms. De Santis Lopez was a key leader in developing and launching a statewide program of psycho-social educational family workshops in New Jersey. The program was built on evidenced-base framework to educate loved ones of someone living with a substance use disorder. She is a person in long term recovery who lives and helps others by her mantra: "Recovery is possible, for anyone who wants it!"

Theresa Lemus, Director, Family Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance Program, [Children and Family Futures](#)

Theresa Lemus is the Director of the Family Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance Program at Children and Family Futures (CFF). Ms. Lemus is responsible for overseeing the Family Treatment Court portfolio that includes the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program and the Prevention and Family Recovery Initiative, which is supported by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and Duke Endowment.

Ms. Lemus is a nationally recognized expert in collaborative practice to improve outcomes for children and families affected by substance use disorders, family treatment court models, and clinical treatment including comprehensive

withdrawal management and health and human services. She has over a decade of experience as a Senior Program Associate at CFF, providing consultation to states and local jurisdictions.

Prior to CFF, she served as a consultant to the National Drug Court Institute facilitating the development of new family treatment courts. She has considerable knowledge and experience in program management, cross-system collaboration, integrated service delivery, program and resource development, sustainability, persuasive and technical writing, needs assessment and planning, research, evaluation, and policy analysis. She also has extensive experience working with multidisciplinary teams, problem-solving courts, and collaborative practice programs. She is an effective facilitator and consensus builder and draws upon her knowledge of effective clinical and business practice in substance use and mental health services, health care, and child welfare to provide the highest quality support to states and localities.

Ms. Lemus is a Registered Nurse, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and a Certified Clinical Supervisor. She is a co-author and contributor to several publications, including the *Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Needs Assessment* and the *Family Drug Court Guidelines*.

Christina Zurla, Partner, [ICF](#)

Christina Zurla is a partner at ICF with nearly 20 years of experience leading large, complex public health communications campaigns that help federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private-sector entities address some of our nation's most critical public health issues. She brings strength in strategy development and developing messages for substance use prevention efforts, including opioids. She currently manages ICF's opioid communications portfolio with clients including HHS, SAMHSA, and CDC. In addition to knowledge of substance use, Ms. Zurla has worked on critical public health issues such as suicide prevention, disaster recovery, HIV prevention, and smoking cessation, to name a few. Her work has touched nearly every audience including youth and young adults, parents and caregivers, healthcare providers, emergency departments, federal partners and national stakeholders, and community-based prevention organizations.

Prior to joining ICF, Ms. Zurla held positions at the Pew Charitable Trusts, Gallup, and Porter Novelli where she helped develop and launch numerous public health communications campaigns and efforts. Her clients included FEMA, CDC, HHS, SAMHSA, The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the American Cancer Society, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Glaxo Smith Klein, the Office of the Surgeon General, and the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, among others. A seasoned and passionate professional, Christina has dedicated her career to working directly with communities on the ground and at the national level to help get important health messages to those who need them most.