To bring together and strengthen the peer support workforce in CT and beyond. This includes Recovery Support Specialists, Recovery Coaches, Peer Navigators, advocates, activists, and other people working in roles using their lived experience.

**JULY 28TH VIRTUAL @1PM - 3PM**

**LATINX CULTURAL VALUES And Peer Support**

Featuring Annette Diaz, Graziela Reis, Oscar Fernando Rojas Perez, and Maria Restrepo-Toro

**Annette Diaz** is a Latina advocate & Recovery Support Specialist, & a Recovery Coach who has been in long term recovery since 2007 from Mental Health, Trauma, being homeless, Residing at the department of corrections, and Substance Abuse. She comes with over 10 years of Professional experience with working at one of the largest behavioral health networks in Eastern CT as the Coordinator of Recovery Support Services. Annette also served as a Trustee for CT Hearing voices movement and played a major role with its development in her state. She believes that when Recovery is understood and embraced that people will have a chance to transform their lives. People in the recovery can be resilient and bounce back into being part of the community. We all deserve this opportunity! “Keep Hope Alive”

**Graziela Reis** is a psychologist with a master's degree in public health (MPH) a post master's degree in trauma-informed care (PMT). Expertise in domestic violence against children and adolescents, Graziela has extensive experience in strategic planning, training, and management in health care/mental health. She served 15 years as a psychologist and health care manager in Brazil. She is the IMANI Latino project coordinator. As part of her community activity, she is the Mental Health Task Force’s chair at Unitarian Society of New Haven since she moved to Connecticut, a board member of NAMI Elm City, and a Yale Latino Network member.

**Oscar Fernando Rojas Perez** is a postdoctoral associate at Yale University School of Medicine in the Program for Recovery and Community Health. He received his Ph.D. in counseling psychology with an emphasis in multicultural and cross-cultural psychology from the University of Missouri. He completed his clinical internship at Yale University School of Medicine – La Clinica Hispana (Hispanic Clinic). Oscar has studied Latinx psychological well-being, trauma, scale development, and cultural responsiveness. Oscar was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and immigrated to the U.S. with his family when he was five years old.

**Maria E. Restrepo-Toro** is an Educator at Yale University, Department of Psychiatry, Program for Recovery and Community Health. She is a nationally recognized leader, educator and trainer in the fields of Latino behavioral health recovery, psychiatric rehabilitation and cultural competence. She is currently the Co-Director of the New England Mental Health Technology Transfer Center. She founded the Latino Initiatives at Boston University Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation and established and coordinated the Yale Latino Recovery Colectivo a group committed to promote the recovery, self-determination and community inclusion of people facing behavioral health conditions and discrimination in Spanish and Portuguese Speaking local and global communities.

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