

# LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

## INSTRUCTORS



## Institute Director and Coach

**Edye Schwartz, DSW, LCSW-R**



Dr. Schwartz has 35 years of leadership and management experience in behavioral health. She leads local and national T/TA on transforming to a recovery-based service system, the impact of health reform, integrating behavioral and physical health care, and leadership and excellence in administration. Previously, Dr. Schwartz was Executive Director for Putnam Family and Community Services (PFCS), a community behavioral healthcare agency in the Hudson Valley, New York. Dr. Schwartz serves as Subject Matter Expert on Organizational Management on state and national initiatives.

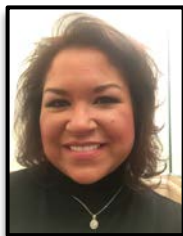
## One-On-One Coaches

### **Dr. Amy Kohn, DSW**



Dr. Kohn offers high impact Executive coaching to young, mid-career and seasoned leaders with a focus on personal transformation that drives future success. Aligning the development needs of the individual with the objectives of the organization, Dr. Kohn provides a supportive feedback-rich environment. Dr. Kohn retired as CEO from MHA Westchester in June 2017. While at MHA, she was responsible for all aspects of administration, financial management, program development and organizational leadership. Dr. Kohn received her master's degree in Social Work from Adelphi University and her doctorate degree in Social Welfare from Columbia University. She is a graduate of the Not-for-Profit Executive Management Program at the Columbia University School of Business. A leader in statewide health care transformation initiatives, Dr. Kohn has served on several non-profit boards in the Westchester area. She was the founding Chair of Coordinated Behavioral Health Services, LLC, an IPA serving the Greater Hudson Valley region and a founding partner of CBHCare LLC, an integrated Behavioral Health/Primary Care IPA.

### **Ruth Colón-Wagner, LMSW**



Ruth Colón-Wagner currently works with NYAPRS as the Director of Training & Development and has over 30 years of experience in the fields of Child Welfare, Homeless Services, Employment, and Mental Health Care working with children, adults, and families. For the last 25 of those years Ruth has worked in a variety of leadership positions. Prior to joining NYAPRS, Ruth served as Director of Rehabilitation and Treatment of adult mental health services in the Hudson Valley region of New York. Through a systematic culture change process, Ruth brought recovery-based, person-centered and culturally competent approaches to increase staff competency and increase client outcomes.

Ruth also works to bring various trainings, webinars and conferences on Cultural Competency issues that includes the cultural construct in America, racism, systemic oppression, the racial divide, realities of power and white privilege, micro aggressions and solutions for community transformation. Ruth was trained in Undoing Racism® by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond.

As Director of Training & Development, Ruth manages various System Transformation initiatives which includes individualized technical assistance to organizations around the nation on Organizational Culture Change from traditional care to a recovery-oriented system of care. Technical assistance on building infrastructure, organizational capacity and board development. Ruth's other specialties include Group Facilitation, Program Management and Compassion Fatigue. Ruth is also certified as a Dialectical Behavioral Therapist, a Functional Family Therapist and a Life Skills Educator. Ruth received her MSW from Hunter College School of Social Work and is licensed as a social worker in New York State.

### **Daniella Labate-Covelli, MSW**



Daniella Labate-Covelli, MSW, is the Director of Managed Care Readiness Initiatives at the New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS). Daniella has worked in the field of recovery services for the past 20 years. She is also a trained Cognitive Remediation Specialist and received her Master's Degree in Social Work from Hunter College in NYC. She began her career working at a Continuing Day Treatment program in NYC and quickly became interested in rehabilitation and recovery. Daniella oversaw operations at both an IPRT and PROS Program in NYC before joining the NYAPRS team. In her role at NYAPRS, she has helped organizations throughout NYS prepare for the transition to Managed Care reimbursement and continues to work with organizations across the State in this environment.

Daniella has skill and expertise in the areas of infrastructure development and capacity building and provides national technical assistance in this area. She is skilled at strategic planning, creating impact statements, and problem solving. Daniella enjoys working with providers to identify their training and technical assistance needs, and developing action plans to address those needs. Her goal is to provide quality training and technical assistance to providers in NYS and the nation that meets the needs of the provider while maintaining the highest standards in practice.