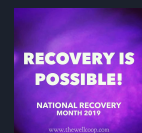
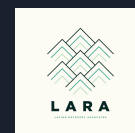
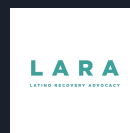


# Angelo Lagares



*Founder and Managing Director at Latino Recovery Advocacy.  
Nationally Certified Recovery Coach.  
Recovery Support Specialist.  
Recovery Advocate.*



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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Angelo Lagares is the founder and director of Latino Recovery Advocacy (LARA), which is the first advocacy organization for Latinos in recovery to promote recovery services in Spanish, advocates changing policies in an effort to promote cultural competency and provide culturally appropriate services. LARA's mission is to create recovery community organizations, with culturally responsive services and language accessibility.



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## BIO

Angelo Lagares is the Founder and Director of Latino Recovery Advocates,(LARA), which is a non-profit organization that promotes recovery services in Spanish and advocates to change policies in an effort to promote cultural competency and provide culturally appropriate services. LARA's mission is to create Recovery Community Organizations in Spanish that will ultimately reduce health disparities among the Hispanic communities.

He has worked as an activist and leader in prevention in treatment services internationally. Since 1991, he has received extensive professional training and development throughout the years. He trained with Boston University Public Health and CASA in *The Joined Together Program* in 2009 until 2012, *Introduction to Certified Addiction Professional* at Palm Beach Community College in 2008, and *Human Service Specialist* at Boricua College in New York in 2004. He was one of fifty advocates nationwide to be chosen to lead *Mobilize Recovery*, funded by Facebook's Community Leadership program, which was aimed at changing public and professional attitudes about addiction recovery, and breaking the intergenerational stigma surrounding addiction.

In May 2019, Angelo met with Congress, in Washington, DC and spoke to Senators regarding the importance of reducing health disparities and to improve the quality of services to Latinos. Angelo was also chosen as one of twelve storytellers featured in the powerful "Stop Opioid Silence" campaign supported by the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids and Facebook. Angelo was the only Spanish speaker on the panel and his story was viewed and shared thousands of times. The "SOS" campaign received over 50 million shares and impressions in its first week, positioning Angelo as a vital, dynamic, influential, voice in the recovery and Latino community. Angelo's hands-on approach is powerful and effective and he has built a network of Latino advocates, who, just like himself are passionate about translating recovery for communities in Latin America and the United States.

Angelo was the director of therapeutic communities in the 90's and also does extensive work in prevention and advocacy in Latin America. He presents research at professional conferences, builds programming with other leaders, and works tirelessly to uplift Latino voices in recovery.

*Angelo Lagares es el Fundador y Director de Latin Recovery Advocates, (LARA), que es una organización sin fines de lucro que promueve los servicios en español de recuperación y aboga por cambiar las políticas en un esfuerzo por romper con las desventajas en la salud pública y crear más recursos en Espanol . La misión de LARA Organizar comunidades para que tengas recursos y Educación sobre salud mental y Adicción en su idioma y así romper con el silencio y estigma que son las barreras número uno para una persona buscar ayuda*

*Ha trabajado como activista y líder en prevención en servicios de tratamiento a nivel internacional. Desde 1991, ha recibido una amplia capacitación y desarrollo profesional a lo largo de los años. Se formó con Boston University Public Health y CASA en The Joined Together Program en 2009 hasta 2012, Introducción al profesional certificado en adicciones en Palm Beach Community College , Human Service Specialist at Boricua College en 2004. Fue uno de los cincuenta Líderes comunitarios en todo el país que fue elegido para dirigir Mobilize Recovery, financiado por el programa Comunitario de Facebook, cuyo objetivo era cambiar el público y actitudes profesionales sobre la recuperación de la adicción y la ruptura del estigma intergeneracional que rodea a la adicción.*

*En mayo de 2019, Angelo se reunió con el Congreso, en Washington, DC, y habló con los senadores sobre la importancia de reducir las disparidades de salud y mejorar la calidad de los servicios para los latinos. Angelo también fue elegido como uno de los doce narradores presentados en la poderosa campaña "Stop Opioid Silence" apoyada por the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids and Facebook y también por Facebook. Angelo fue el único hispanohablante en el panel y su historia fue vista y compartida miles de veces. La campaña "SOS" recibió más de 50 millones de acciones e impresiones en su primera semana, posicionando a Angelo como una voz vital, dinámica e influyente en la comunidad latina y de recuperación. El enfoque práctico de Angelo es poderoso y efectivo y ha creado una red de defensores latinos, quienes, al igual que él, son apasionados de traducir la recuperación para las comunidades de América Latina y los Estados Unidos.*

*Angelo fue director de comunidades terapéuticas en los años 90 y también realiza un trabajo extenso en prevención y defensa en América Latina. Presenta investigaciones en conferencias profesionales, desarrolla programas con otros líderes y trabaja incansablemente para elevar las voces latinas en recuperación.*



## QUÉ ES LARA:

Lara es una Organización sin fines de lucro que promueve soluciones en salud mental y adicción, organizando comunidades con la información para crear recursos en Español sobre salud mental y adicción. Creando conciencia en la cultura sobre la importancia de romper con el estigma y otras barreras que impiden a la persona buscar ayuda.

Algunos de los objetivos son:

1. Reducir las desventajas en la Salud pública.
2. Reducir el estigma en nuestra cultura.
3. Educar sobre los derechos.

LARA representa la comunidad Latina, y por eso...

- **CREO** en una respuesta compasiva a una condición de salud tratable.
- **CREO** que las familias necesitan mucho más apoyo, orientación, atención y centros de tratamientos para recuperarse del trastorno por uso de sustancias y la salud mental en todos los sistemas, incluidos los servicios de salud, seguros y justicia penal.
- **CREO** que cada persona debe tener la oportunidad de ser tratada por la enfermedad de adicción con dignidad y sin ser juzgados.
- **CREO** que no debe minimizarse la voz de todos los miembros afectados de la familia.
- **CREO** que nuestras voces son importantes y que nuestras voces colectivas tienen un poder inmenso y en esa unión de voz colectiva podremos cambiar los paradigmas.
- **CREO** que cuando cambiamos los paradigmas, la gente empezará a sanar.



## EXPERIENCE.

### **Latino Recovery Advocacy- Founder/Director - 2017 - PRESENT**

- Founder and managing director of a non-profit advocacy organization that promotes recovery services in Spanish and advocates to change policy.
- Provides linguistically and culturally appropriate resources to Latino people who use drugs and to stimulate discussion about how drug policy affects them.

### **Recovery Coach- Independent 2010 - PRESENT**

- Provides peer recovery support services to clients involved in substance abuse treatment.
- Uses strengths based approaches to assist clients in achieving long term recovery from their substance use disorder by building resources and community support networks.

**1- voz.** Digital platform of Recovery support services. Consultant in cultural and Linguistic Appropriation. 2019.

**Member committee and Consultant in The Award wining Thesis: How interior design support Recovery in drug and Rehabilitation center. 2019.**

### **The Watershed Treatment Center - Admission Specialist - 2005 - 2019**

- Provided face-to-face assessment and crisis intervention, scheduled appointments for potential admissions, directed the intake and admission process at the treatment center.
- Confirmed the appropriate level of care, facilitated the admission process, and coordinated communication with referral sources, families, clients, and designated treatment staff.

### **The Watershed Treatment Center - Operation Manager of The Spanish Track - 2012 - 2019**

- Support to families and patients with translation and cultural appropriate services.
- Supporting staff with translations with families and patients.
- Educational groups in spanish.
- Admission process.

### **Lower Eastside Service Center, "Su Casa", New York-House Manager - 2001 - 2005**

- Assisted admission groups focusing on rules and structure of the program.
- Screened potential clients for inpatient/outpatient services.
- Provided referral services to individuals and families.
- Interacted with the Medical Staff and ensuring safe medical transfers to hospitals via EMS and police escort as needed.
- Managed CASACT as a means of communication.
- Reported and provided documentation of any incidents.

### **Hogar Crea Dominicano Inc, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - 1999 - 2000**

- Directed all areas of operation of a 25-bed residential drug treatment residence, including budgets, clinical interventions, and public relations.
- Worked one-on-one and in a group setting to make clients aware of their behavior and its effects on their work, families, and personal lives.
- Devised and directed fund raising campaign that helped raise over \$60,000 in one year.

## EDUCATION.

- 1. Boston University School of Public Health Treatment.**  
*The Joined Together Program.*  
Boston, Massachusetts January 2010.
- 2. Palm Beach Community College.**  
*Introduction to Certified Addiction Professional.*  
Lake Worth, Florida November 2008.
- 3. Boricua College.**  
*Human Services Specialist.*  
New York, New York December, 2004.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT.

1. Mental Health First Aid Training.
2. Recovery Support Specialist, CRSS.
3. Adolescents Addictions Crisis, PBCC/CAP.
4. Recovery Coach Training , NCRC-1.
5. Group Counseling, PBCC/CAP.
6. The Role of Medication I and II, Columbia Univ.
7. Treatment Practitioners Research Bulletin.
8. Addiction Medication, New York City, CASAC.
9. Pharmacology of Drug Abuse, CARP, Inc.
10. Ethics and Boundary Issues, CARP, Inc.
11. Community Outreach, PBCC/CAP.
12. Managing Depression & Anxiety, PBCC/CAP.
13. Managing Addiction as a Chronic Disease, New York City, CASAC.
14. HIV/AIDS, Professional Enhancement Services.
15. Substance Addiction.
16. Domestic Violence.
17. Recovery Community Organization Boot Camp Training.
18. Seminar 1: Peer Supported Community Inclusion.
19. Seminar 2: Peer Supported Community Inclusion Co-facilitation Training.



## VOLUNTEER WORK.

1. Young People in Recovery Work 2015.
2. Founded a prevention program called 'Creciendo Sin Drogas' in Dominican Republic for underprivileged children 2012.
3. Worked with different Advocacy Organizations and education about health disparities and cultural competence.
4. Wrote a white paper *Improving Community Relationships through Inclusion of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Recovery Advocacy Efforts*.
5. Developed education and prevention program called *Hope without Borders* in Medellin Colombia in 2019 til this present day.

## CONTACT ME.



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