

# **Pierluigi Mancini, PhD**

## **Brief Biography**

*[Author, Behavioral Health Expert, Cultural Competence Consultant, Immigrant Behavioral Health, Health Disparities and Media Expert, Program Developer, Public Speaker]*

With over 30 years of experience in culturally and linguistically appropriate behavioral health treatment and prevention, Dr. Mancini is one of the most sought after national and international consultants and speakers on the subject of mental health and addiction, his areas of expertise is immigrant behavioral health and health disparities. His book ¡Mental! In The Trump Era - Ten Inspirational Stories About Immigrants Overcoming Addiction, Depression and Anxiety in America has recently been published to great reviews and it is available in English and in Spanish on Amazon.com.

Dr. Mancini founded Georgia's only Latino behavioral health program in 1999 to serve the immigrant population by providing cultural and linguistically appropriate mental health and addiction treatment and prevention services in English, Spanish and Portuguese. He is currently serving as the Project Director for the National Hispanic and Latino Addiction Technology Transfer Center and the National Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center.

Dr. Mancini recently led a project to train clinicians in Latin America who are taking care of the over 4 million displaced Venezuelans arriving in Colombia, Perú, Ecuador, Brazil, Panamá and other countries.

A frequent guest of local, national and international media Dr. Mancini has been featured in U.S. News and World Report, The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, WAGA-TV Channel 5 Atlanta, CNN en Español, Telemundo and Univision. Additionally, Dr. Mancini has been a favorite and frequent guest of Spanish language radio stations. As a national consultant, Dr. Mancini has provided expert content on immigrant behavioral health and cultural and linguistic competency to clients at the local, state and federal level. As an international consultant, Dr. Mancini has provided guidance, mentorship and internships to psychology students from the Universidad Anáhuac Mayab in Mérida, Mexico and has consulted in underage drinking prevention programs in Italy. Dr. Mancini is fluent in Spanish and conversational in Italian.

Dr. Mancini's public service announcement and documentaries addressing underage drinking, suicide and prescription drugs have won a combined six (6) EMMY® awards. Dr. Mancini has been honored with the National Latina/o Psychological Association Star Vega Distinguished Service Award; the National Council of La Raza - Helen Rodríguez- Trías Award for Health; and the Mental Health America "Heroes in the Fight" Award among others.

Dr. Mancini is the Chair of the Georgia Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council, and has recently been appointed to the Mental Health America Marketing and Development Committee. He serves on the Board of Directors of Wellstar Hospital, the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse and the National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils.

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Objective

To address health disparities, health literacy and health equity in behavioral health and primary health and assist agencies and organizations at the local, state and national levels with the development of systems that offer all individuals equal access and opportunity to receive quality services through elimination of structural barriers, such as cultural and linguistic barriers, and respect for the cultural context of each individual.

This can be achieved through the development, delivery and implementation of organizational self-assessments, cultural and linguistically competent plans, training, messaging and workforce development, legislative and advocacy efforts.

### Positions Held

09/24/1999 – Present

**Multicultural Development Institute, Inc. d/b/a El Doctor Mancini  
Founder and President**

The institute's mission is to bridge the gap between cultures through education and training on the subjects of cultural and linguistic competence, health disparities, mental health and substance use disorders. Dr. Mancini's area of expertise is immigrant behavioral health.

10/01/2018 - Present

**National Latino Behavioral Health Association, Inc. , Cochiti Lake, New Mexico  
Project Director  
SAMHSA Hispanic & Latino ATTC and SAMHSA Hispanic & Latino PTTC**

The **Hispanic & Latino ATTC** will, as part of SAMHSA's Technology Transfer Center network, provide support to develop and strengthen the specialized behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare workforce that provides substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services to Hispanic/Latino populations across the United States.

The **Hispanic & Latino PTTC** will create and implement a center, as part of the PTTC Network, to support the resource development and dissemination, training and technical assistance, and workforce development programs for professionals providing substance abuse prevention services to Hispanic/Latino communities in the United States.

06/01/1999 – 07/15/2016

**Clinic for Education, Treatment and Prevention of Addiction, Inc. (CETPA), Atlanta, Georgia**

**Founder and Chief Executive Officer** of the first Latino behavioral health agency in the State of Georgia. Under Dr. Mancini's direction CETPA provided affordable, linguistic and culturally appropriate mental health and substance abuse services for children, adolescents, adults and their families in English, Spanish and Portuguese. He was responsible for growing the agency to 72 employees in four cities and over \$4 million dollars annually in grants and patient revenue.

## Education, Certifications & Training

- 06/16/1990 Georgia State University – Bachelor in Business Administration
- 12/13/1992 Georgia State University - M.B.A., International Business
- 03/15/2000 El Colegio Oficial de Psicólogos, **SPAIN** **PhD Lic. #78**
- 04/30/2016 NCC AP – Master Addiction Counselor **#508407**
- 02/27/2019 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Instructor **#C049805**
- Certified Clinical Supervisor, GACA - 2012 **#0978**
- National Certified Addiction Counselor II (NCAC II) - 1999 **#013225**  
NAADAC Certification Commission
- Certified Addiction Counselor II (CAC II) – 1999 **#1530**  
Georgia Addiction Counselor’s Association
- Profesional de Ayuda en Sustancias Sicoactivas III (PASS-III)- 2000 **#45**  
Comisión Certificadora de Consejeros en Sustancias Sicoactivas de Puerto Rico.
- National Multicultural Institute, Washington D.C. – 2005  
Training of Trainers (II): Developing Cultural Competency and Facilitation Skills
- SAMHSA’s Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies – 2012
  - Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) Master Trainer

## Awards and Recognitions

- 2019 – **Preservation of Life** – Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services.
- 2019 – **Georgia CTSA** – Morehouse School of Medicine
- 2016 - **EMMY Award** –Documentary - “Prescribed Drugs, Legally Dangerous”.
- 2016 - **Award for Excellence in Treatment Centers & Recovery Services** ABACBGA
- 2015 - **Healthcare Champion for Mental Health and Wellness Award** – The Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority.
- 2014 - **Star Vega Distinguished Service Award** - to recognize and honor a psychologist who has distinguished him or herself through service to the Latina/Latino community. National Latina/Latino Psychological Association.
- 2014 - **Ray Avant Excellence in Prevention Award** - Georgia DBHDD Office of Prevention Services and Programs
- 2014 - **EMMY Award** - Documentary “Alcohol: The Unknown Drug”.
- 2014 - **Helen Rodríguez-Trías Award for Health**, UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza), Washington, DC
- 2012 - **EMMY Award** – Documentary – “Nuestra Georgia: Suicide Prevention Special,”
- 2012 - **EMMY Award** – Public Service Announcement- Underage Drinking “CETPA”
- 2011 - **Team Award** - The ARC of Georgia Plane Pull
- 2010 - **Individual Partner Award** - Kidsnet Georgia Academy III – SOC
- 2009 - **Salud Hispana Award** - Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia –
- 2008 – **Health Services Award** – NAACP
- 2008 – **Excellence in Treatment Award** - Georgia School of Addiction Studies
- 2007- **“Heroes in the Fight”** - Mental Health America
- 2007 – **Businessman of the Year** - Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- 2003 – **Award for Excellence** – SAMHSA –Latino Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program

## **Cultural Competence Consulting**

**State of Georgia** – Technical Assistance - State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR) and State Opioid Response (SOR) grant programs -Developing cultural and linguistically competence plan for providers and implementing CLAS standards 2019/2020

**State of Alabama** – Technical Assistance – Developing cultural and linguistically competence plan for providers and implementing CLAS standards - 2018

**State of New Jersey** – Technical Assistance to assist the state in developing an agency cultural competence plan for its providers - 2016

**State of Iowa** - The National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care - 2015

**State of Georgia** – Georgia BASICS (Georgia's Brief Assessment, Screening, Intervention and Continuum of Care System) - SAMHSA SBIRT Grant – 2009 to 2014

**State of Georgia** - Georgia Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Project, SAMHSA JDTR Grant – 2009 to 2014

**State of Arizona** – Developed a curriculum enabling the tribal and regional behavioral health authorities and their contracted behavioral health providers to conduct effective assessment, training and evaluation of their organization’s cultural competency – SAMHSA Technical Assistant Request through Department of Behavioral Health - 2007

**State of South Carolina** - Develop a training curriculum to guide counselor’s work with Hispanic/Latino clients in the state of South Carolina – SAMHSA Technical Assistant Request through DAODAS – 2003 - 2005

## **Recent Trainings**

**CSAP’s Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) Southeast Region (SE Region) – DREAM, Pearl, Mississippi**  
Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training Curriculum - (SAPST)

**CSAP’s Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) Southeast Region (SE Region) - San Juan, Puerto Rico**  
“Prevention Ethics” and “The Media and Prevention” – Spanish language training

**Center For Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia**  
“Cross Cultural Communication and Services”

**Georgia CIT (Crisis Intervention Team)**  
“Cultural Competency with Mental Health Issues in Law Enforcement Crisis Situations”

**Carolina’s Conference on Addiction and Recovery – Chapel Hill, North Carolina**  
“Incorporating Cultural Competency & Sensitivity Into Recovery Operations”

## **Recent Presentations**

“Helping Opioid Use Disorder Organizations Implement the CLAS Standards” – Office of Minority Health – January 28, 2020

“Mental Health in the Immigrant Community” – Keynote - Northwell Health Annual Behavioral Health Nursing Conference, October 10, 2019, **Great Neck, NY**

“Los Opioides y La Comunidad Hispana” – 7 hour Pre Conference Spanish Workshop – NAADAC Annual Conference, September 28, 2019, **Orlando, FL**

“The Opioid Crisis and Latino Youth” Georgia DBHDD 12th Annual System of Care Academy, June 26, 2019, **Stone Mountain, GA**

“Cultural Diversity and Recovery in Mental Health and Addiction” Peers Empowering Peers, March 16, 2019, **Sandy Springs, GA**

“Language, Workforce and Evidence Practices: Strategies to address the shortage of Prevention and Treatment Services in Hispanic and Latino communities”, The 32nd Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, March 3, 2019, **Tampa, FL**

“Immigrants, Refugees, Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences”, Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement (ARCHI), September 2018, **Atlanta, Georgia**

“Cómo prevenir el abuso de sustancias y mejorar la salud mental en los niños” Latin American Association 2<sup>a</sup> Feria De Educación. August 2018, **Duluth, Georgia**

“Implicit Bias in Behavioral Health Care” GSAS, August 2018, **Savannah, Georgia**

“Complexities of Behavioral Health Interpreting” Westbridge Solutions 2018 Southeast Interpreter Conference. July 21, 2018. **Atlanta, Georgia**

“The Opioid Epidemic: What do we need to know?” Licensed Professional Counselors Association’s 30th Annual Convention & Regional Conference. May 2018, **Atlanta, Georgia**

“How Cultural and Linguistic Competence can help reduce Disparities in Behavioral Health” NATCON18 The National Council for Behavioral Health’s Annual Conference, April 2018. **Washington, DC.**

“Behavioral health needs of immigrant children and children of immigrants in the U.S.”, 10<sup>TH</sup> Annual Systems of Care Academy, June 30, 2017, **Stone Mountain, Georgia.**

“Delivering Cultural Competence throughout the Strategic Prevention Framework”, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, 2017

“What does a cultural and linguistically appropriate behavioral health center look like?”, National Latino Psychological Association 2014 Biennial Conference, October 21, 2014, **Albuquerque, New Mexico**

“Suicide in the Latino Community”  
**Diversity Conference – University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia**

“Human Trafficking: Understanding, Identifying and Helping Victims”  
**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Placement Conference – Augusta, Georgia**

## **Publications & Webcasts**

Mancini, Pierluigi. (2019 CNN en Español). "Regla de "carga pública": ¿a quiénes afecta y cuáles son las excepciones?" Aired on September 7, 2019 <https://cnn.it/2Lx5lMX>

Mancini, P. (2019, Feb). *Blueprint for action update: Priority regions 1 and 2 findings and recommendations*. Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Ga.

Mancini, P. et. al. (2018) Nuestra Salud Webcast: *La Recuperación y Colaboración con Compañeros: ¿Estamos llegando a los Latinos?* National Latino Behavioral Health Association (nlbha.org) <https://www.facebook.com/NLBHAORG/videos/1612473922134423/>

Mancini, Pierluigi. *¡Mental! In The Trump Era - Ten Inspirational Stories About Immigrants Overcoming Addiction, Depression and Anxiety in America*. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, An Amazon Company, 2018.

Mancini, P. (2017) Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Behavioral Health. Healthcare Georgia Foundation. [www.healthcaregeorgia.org](http://www.healthcaregeorgia.org) Archived at <https://www.healthtecdl.org/cultural-and-linguistic-competence-in-behavioral-health/>

Mancini, P. (2017). *Blueprint for Action: A Roadmap to strengthen health systems in the state of Georgia and advance health equity*. Morehouse School of Medicine: Atlanta, GA.

Mancini, P. (2017) Are you ready? Cultural Competence and the CARF Standards. [www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org)

Will, M., Merrifield, J., Bigham, L., Delgado-Romero, E.A. & Mancini, P. (2015). Ethnoculturally sensitive research in the "real world: Ethical and practical issues. Symposium presented at the National Multicultural Summit and Conference, Atlanta, GA.

2014 "Behavioral Health Services needs of the Hispanic/Latino(a) and African American communities" Webcast. Emory University School of Medicine, Southeast AIDS Training and Education Center.

2014 "Culturally Appropriate Substance Use Disorder Treatment: CETPA's Practical Applications for Hispanic/Latino Populations." *Advances in Addiction and Recovery*; Summer 2014; Vol. 02, No. 02. Pp. 19-21

2012 "Enhancing the Delivery of Health Care: Eliminating Health Disparities through a Culturally & Linguistically Centered Integrated Health Care Approach" National Expert Participant for Consensus Report written by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Minority Health and The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

Moore, C.S., Delgado-Romero, E.A., Mancini, P. & Zelaya, M. (2010). A Retrospective Evaluation of a Culturally Sensitive Prevention Program for Latino Youth. Poster presented at the National Latina/o Psychological Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.

2008 National Drug Control Policy. Invited to participate in the development of the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop the 2008 Strategy. (Sept 2007)

"Latinos and Addiction Services: What's missing?". *Counselor Magazine*, August 2005.

"Challenges & Opportunities for an Underserved Community: Latino Addictive Disease and Mental Health Services". *Paradigm Magazine*, Summer 2004

"Latino Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in the State of Georgia: A report to avoid Misdiagnosis, Labeling and Misunderstanding". CETPA, Inc. January 2004

"Drug Abuse Patterns Among Latino Clients Entering Treatment", *Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse*. National Institute on Drug Abuse. December 2003

## **Professional Organizations**

**Chair**, Georgia's Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council

**Board Member**, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center Regional Health Board

**Board Member**, NBCC/NAADAC Minority Fellowship Program Advisory Board

**Board Member**, Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

**Board Member**, National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils

**Advisory Council Member**, Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information

**Marketing and Development Committee Member**, Mental Health America

**Past Board President**, National Latino Behavioral Health Association

**Board Emeritus**, Healthcare Georgia Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia

**Alumni**, Leadership Gwinnett, Class of 2014

**Alumni**, Leadership Atlanta, Class of 2015

Member, The National Council for Behavioral Health

Past Affiliate Member, UnidosUS

Member, National Hispanic Medical Association

Member, National Latinx Psychological Association

Member, Colegio Oficial de Psicólogos – SPAIN

Member, Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia

Member, The Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC)

Member, Georgia Addiction Counselor's Association (GACA)

Member, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)

Member, GALEO

Member, Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Member, American Counseling Association (ACA)

- Professional Member, ACA's Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD)