

ALICE M. FORRESTER, Ph.D.

EDUCATION:

- 2002 PhD, Clinical Psychology, Fielding University
- 1992 MA, Drama Therapy, New York University
- 1979 Bachelor of Arts, Art History, Kean University

EXPERIENCE:

Alice Forrester, PhD, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Clifford Beers Community Health Partners, in New Haven, CT and its three subsidiaries, Clifford Beers Community Care Center, Youth Continuum, both located in New Haven and Mid-Fairfield Community Care Center in Norwalk, CT. Clifford Beers is a 110+ year old, community-based organization employing approximately 175 staff who provide mental health services for children and families. Alice serves as the Principal Investigator for two federal grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services, respectively. With Alice's leadership, Clifford Beers provided the clinical recovery response for the Sandy Hook shootings on December 14, 2012 in Newtown, CT and Alice was appointed to sit on the Sandy Hook Commission by the Governor of Connecticut. Alice also served on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Community Providers Association, and is a past President of the National Association for Drama Therapy (NADT), as well as a past Chair of the National Coalition for Creative Arts Therapy Associations (NCCATA). Alice is a Guide Team Member in the New Haven CT MOMS Project, funded by the HHS Office of Women's Health at Yale University. Alice sits on the legislatively appointed Children's Mental Health Task Force, the Urban Violence Commission, the Connecticut Commission for Women and Girls, as well as the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council where she co-chairs the work group on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Behavioral Health.

Clifford Beers Community Health Partners, New Haven, CT.

Chief Executive Officer, 2007- Present
Associate Director, 2002-2007
Project Coordinator 2000--2002

Institutes for the Arts in Psychotherapy, in New York City, San Francisco, CA, and Nijmegen, Holland.

Post-Graduate Trainer, Psychotherapist 9/96 to 2007

Danbury Hospital, Young Peoples Unit, Inpatient Psychiatry, Danbury, CT.

Psychotherapist, 11/93 to 6/95

Hospital of Saint Raphael, Celentano One, Inpatient Psychiatry, New Haven, CT.

Co-Director of Milieu Treatment Program, 9/91 to 11/93.

FACULTY POSITIONS:

New York University, Masters in Drama Therapy

Adjunct Faculty, 2003-2005

California Institute for Integral Studies, Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy

Visiting Faculty, May 2000 and May 2001.

Dutchess Community College, Department of Human Services

Adjunct Lecturer, 1996- 1997

FEDERAL GRANTS

Principal Investigator, Project Director, SAMHSA, National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, Trauma Informed Anti-Racist (TIAR) Whole Family Approach to Care, 2021-2026. TIAR is a five year, \$2.9m initiative focused on delivering accessible, trauma-informed, client/family-centered evidence-based, anti-racist mental health services for BIPOC children and families with a focus on partnering with faith-based organizations in CT.

Senior Lead, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) 2020-2027 InCK is a seven year, \$16m initiative focused on improving child health; reducing avoidable inpatient stays and out of home placement; and creating a sustainable Alternative Payment Models (APMs) for Intensive Care Coordination for Medicaid recipients in New Haven, CT.

Principal Investigator, Project Director, SAMHSA, National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative 2012-2016 The Wessel Child and Family Trauma Center, located within CB, implemented the HONORS PROGRAM which provided trauma-informed, evidence-based services to children and families of deployed military personnel residing in New Haven (CT) County.

Principal Investigator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Health Care innovation Award 2014 The Wrap Around New Haven model of care delivered evidence-based, culturally-appropriate, integrated medical, behavioral health, and community-based services coordinated by a multidisciplinary Wraparound Team.

Principal Investigator, Project Director, SAMHSA, National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative 2005-2009. This program created a community based, clinical center for excellence for the treatment of children and families who have been exposed to various traumas including sexual abuse, interpersonal violence, community violence, and traumatic bereavement, with a focus on serving children and families living below the federal poverty level.

PUBLICATIONS

Andres-Hyman, R.C, **Forrester, A**, Achara-Abrahams, Lauricella, M.L., (2006) Oppression and Empowerment: Perceptions of violence among urban youth. *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*, 16, 1-12.

James, M, **Forrester, A.M.**, Kyongok, K.C. (2005) Developmental Transformations of the treatment of sexually abused children. A.M. Weber and C. Haen (Eds.) *Clinical Applications of Drama Therapy in Child and Adolescent Treatment*.

Doctoral Dissertation: The Telling of the Telling: A Narrative Exploration of Young Girls' Disclosure Processes of Sexual Abuse. The Fielding Graduate Institute, 2002.

Johnson, D.R & **Forrester, A.** (2004) Creative Arts Therapy with Incest Survivors. Z. Seligman, (Ed.) *Incest* (Translated into Hebrew) Tel Aviv University, Israel.

Forrester, A. (2000) Role Play and dramatic improvisation as an assessment tool. *The Arts in Psychotherapy*, Volume 27, 4.

Nicholas, M. and **Forrester, A.** (1999) Advantages of Heterogeneous therapy groups in the psychotherapy of the traumatically abused: Treating the problem as well as the person. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*, 49(3) 323-342.

Forrester, A. and Johnson, D.R. (1995) The Role of Drama Therapy on an Extremely Short Term Inpatient Psychiatric Unit. *Brief Treatment in Drama Therapy*, Ed. Aleida Gersie. London: Kingsley.