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Dr. Piersaint is Assistant Professor of Psychology and graduate School Psychology at California University of Pennsylvania and the owner of Serenity for Youth & Families, where she provides behavioral health therapy to children, youth and families, with a vision and hope - *“Helping you find Peace within the storm, and the Courage to make a Change”* of assisting and supporting her clients on their recovery journey. She is also the founder and director of L’Union Fait La Force – Haiti in Pittsburgh.

She has over 15 years of clinical experience working with diverse populations across the lifespan. Dr. Piersaint has served as the Assistant Program Director and Program Director for WPIC/UPMC's inpatient psychiatric units; Child & Adolescent units, Bipolar Adult & Award winning Adolescent units –and providing therapeutic treatment and administrative programmatic support. She has provided therapeutic support and treatment to clients with Mood Disorders, Conversion Disorder, Chronic Pain, Depressive Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Psychotic Disorders, Trauma & Stress related disorders, survivors/victims of Domestic Violence, as well as Substance Use and Personality Disorders, to name a few.

Dr. Piersaint is involved in various civic and community activities/groups. She is an board member of the Immigrant & Internationals Advisory Board at the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS), primarily focusing on the mental health need and access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services to immigrants and refugees. As part of her membership, she has worked with board members on creating the Pittsburgh *“Community Blueprint”*, has advocated for support to local interpreters to address vicarious trauma, psychoeducation to the immigrant population, to name a few. She has held position as Chair of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association Graduate Students board (PPAGS), participating in advocacy days in Harrisburg, engaging legislators on concerns around child abuse laws, mental health treatment, while working with PPAGS on initiatives specific to advancing psychology and psychological services in the state.

**Community Panel:**

**Julius Boatwright, LSW**

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Julius Boatwright is the mental health entrepreneur behind Pittsburgh start-up *Steel Smiling*. An organization focused on bridging the gap between community members and mental health support through education, advocacy, and awareness. Boatwright has a Master of Social Work from University of Pittsburgh and a BA in Communication and English Writing from the University of Pittsburgh. Immediately following the MSW program, he worked as a community-based therapist with *Pressley Ridge*.

Boatwright created *Steel Smiling* to proactively help people strengthen their comfort level and capacity to create natural supports, while connecting them with accessible resources in their community. He is a Board, Development and Program Committee Member with the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. Boatwright is also member of Lead Now Pittsburgh, a cohort of non-profit leaders focused on self-care, personal well-being and organizational sustainability. In addition, he volunteers for Pitt's Young Alumni Advisory Team.

Boatwright is certified in Mental Health First Aid through the National Council for Behavioral Health. He also completed a Trauma-Informed Community Practice Workshop with Duquesne University through their Department of Psychology and Rita McGinley Psychology Clinic.

**Rosamaria Cristello, MPA**

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Rosamaria Cristello is the executive director and founder of the Latino Community Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Before launching the community center, Rosamaria directed the Latino Family Center under the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, which focuses on early childhood development. Under her leadership, a Latino community assessment for Allegheny County was conducted to better understand the dreams and goals of the more vulnerable Latinos and the barriers they are facing in achieving their goals. She serves on several boards including the Women and Girls Foundation and the Office of Child Development under the University of Pittsburgh. She is also member of the Immigrants & Internationals Advisory Council for the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, All for All, the Mayor's Welcoming Pittsburgh Steering Committee, and most recently the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census.

Rosamaria was named one of Pittsburgh's 40 Under 40 in 2016 and was the first recipient of the Barbara McNeese Spirit of Athena Award which provides free tuition to the CMU Women's Leadership and Negotiation Academy.

Originally from Guatemala, Rosamaria grew up in Arlington, Virginia and now resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She received her bachelor's degrees in Environmental Regional Planning and Geographic Information Systems from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her master's degree in Public Administration through the Graduate School of Public & Internationals Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Gerald T. Montano, DO, MS**

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Dr. Montano's training in pediatrics and adolescent medicine has provided him the expertise and skills in long-acting reversible contraception, mental health, eating disorders, and gender-affirming care for transgender and gender diverse youth. He works with healthcare systems, the government, and the community to expand healthcare access for transgender and gender diverse people.