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Danni Lapin, LCSW-R & Ruth Nirenberg, Psy.D. from ANDRUS

Danni Lapin Zou, LCSW-R, is a bilingual Spanish Clinic Manager for the Yonkers, NY, Community Mental Health Outpatient clinic for ANDRUS. She previously supervised the seven school-based ANDRUS programs in Yonkers, NY. She has been with ANDRUS for almost 15 years, and initially piloted the clinics in the Yonkers schools in December 2009 at the Enrico Fermi School. During her time at ANDRUS she has maintained clinical practice, supervised the Early Recognition Program, and overseen the expansion, implementation, and ongoing treatment of school-based mental health services. During the 2014-2015 school year, Danni became integral in the implementation of multiple grants, serving as a Mental Health Consultant for three local public schools. She supervised case managers and clinical treatment, and provided Professional Development and Family Engagement around trauma and the Sanctuary Model. Danni Lapin Zou is also a Faculty Fellow of the Sanctuary Institute, traveling to provide training to other agencies implementing the trauma-informed organizational change model. She is professionally trained in Child Parent Psychotherapy and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and has been an active participant in the Center for School Mental Health Conference since 2011; she presented a poster at the 2012 Conference, a symposium in 2014, and co-presented conference workshops in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Danni received her Bachelor's Degree from Williams College and her Masters Degree in Social Work from New York University.

Dr. Ruth Nirenberg is a NYS licensed psychologist with over 25 years experience in the world of mental health and non-profit programs. After having received her Bachelor’s degree from Brandeis University and both her Master’s and Doctoral degree from Long Island University - Post Campus, Dr. Nirenberg has spent her career helping others strive toward and achieve their goals. Her various professional roles have included clinician, program director, supervisor, training director, quality assurance administrator, mentor, assistant executive director, public speaker, senior vice president, and private consultant. For the past two years, Dr. Nirenberg has been the Director of Clinical Training & Supervision at ANDRUS, while also providing private consultation & training throughout the Hudson Region. She is an annual speaker at Leadership Conferences and a mentor to professionals in the fields of Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, and Psychology. Dr. Nirenberg lives her mission of fostering growth in others and promotes the importance of enhancing quality work and supporting individualized learning for maximum success and satisfaction.