

# CHAHEC Presenter Testimonials

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“Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center has been at the forefront of redressing health disparities for the LGBTQ+ community. Their work through Health Professions Seminars and the Emergency Responder Leadership Academy has brought critical education to health professionals on improving both access to care and care delivery for LGBTQ+ individuals. For many of the attendees of these programs it is the first time they have an opportunity to learn about better serving LGBTQ+ people. Elevating health care for any marginalized population is difficult. Everyone at Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center recognized that positively impacting health services for the LGBTQ+ community required concerted, long-term effort. Their years-long efforts to bring together experts in working with LGBTQ+ individuals to teach others (and themselves) is not only commendable, it is the epitome of LGBTQ+ Allyship.”

**Rob Conlon, M.S. Counseling**

**NYS Unified Court System, Statewide Program Manager, Children’s Center in the Courts**

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“It has been an honor to be a part of the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center’s Nursing Workforce group for the past several years. I have enjoyed and appreciated CHAHEC’s priority to educate the healthcare workforce in our region. They maintain a culture that demonstrates high ethics and values. They are insightful planners and deliver high quality educational programs. I have always been made to feel a part of the CHAHEC team in supporting their mission. They have always been very appreciative of my role in the nursing workforce group. I am proud to be a part of their team.”

**Elisabeth Marigliano, MSN, RN, PMHNP-BC**

**Adjunct Clinical Faculty, SUNY Delhi**

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“When I was asked to be a presenter for the CHAHEC’s The Challenge of and Response to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES): Emerging Intervention Strategies, honestly, I didn’t know what to expect. The Center and its work was fairly new to me. However, after my first presentation/panel discussion along with my in-depth conversations with Robert and Kathy, I soon discovered the remarkable breadth and weight by which they go about educating the state’s health community. The programs are just so well organized and informative, you begin to understand why they are able to attract such a diversity of amazing people to their conferences. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to a part of the work you all do.”

**Traci F. Gardner, MD**

**Medical Director, Health Services & The Keith Haring Clinic at Children’s Village**

**Chief Medical Officer, The Division of Immigration Services/ Unidos por un Sueño**

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“As a presenter on nonprofit governance at the Emergency Responder Leadership Academy, I found the first responders attending very eager to learn how they can improve the functioning of their organizations and I continue to receive a number of follow-up requests for information and assistance, demonstrating the impact and effectiveness of this program.”

**Doug Sauer**

**Chief Executive Officer, New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc.**

**Chief Executive Officer, Governance Matters, Inc.**

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“I am proud of the work that the experienced staff at Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center performs to support our regional workforce. From nursing seminars to LGBT sensitive trainings to high school ‘scrubs clubs’ our AHEC group is at the forefront of developing the next generation of health care workers.”

**William Stamp, MBA**

**VP Marketing, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, Bassett Healthcare**

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“I have attended both the Nursing Summit and Health Profession Seminar events for the past two years. The topics (LGBTQ Adolescent Health and ACEs) and speakers are experts in their areas and are of equal quality to events that I have attended in New York City. The difference with CHAHEC is the friendly and very attentive nature of the staff. The setting they create provides many opportunities to meet new colleagues and find new collaborative partnerships.”

**Michele Crespo-Fierro, RN, PhD, MS/MPH, AACRN**

**Clinical Faculty at New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing**

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