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Dr. Kay is an expert in mental health, substance use treatment and interventions, and community health program development.

Biography

Robin Kay, Ph.D. is a psychologist who received her Master's and Doctoral degrees from Fordham University. She moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in community mental health and has held positions in nonprofit agencies as well as local government. In 2018, Dr. Kay retired from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health after serving as the Chief Deputy Director for over ten years. Dr. Kay spearheaded the implementation of new programs under the Affordable Care Act, including integrated mental health, substance use and primary care and the establishment of health neighborhoods for Los Angeles County. She served as the Chair of the Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition and has been active in efforts to divert individuals with mental health issues from incarceration. Dr. Kay is delighted to be working with social work students addressing the Grand Challenges for Social Work.

Industry Expertise

Social Services, Health Care - Services, Mental Health Care

Areas of Expertise

Community Health Programs, Social Work, Psychology, Mental Health, Substance Use Treatment & Intervention

Education

Fordham University

PhD

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