

# **Ruby Salazar, LCSW, BCD**

**Adjunct Faculty - School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University**

Philadelphia, PA, US

Infant and developmental expert specialized in families living with challenges + needed support in micro and macro relational environments

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## **Description**

Ruby Salazar, LCSW, BCD is a child and family psychotherapist who has worked with children and families for over forty years. She is Founder and Director of Pennsylvania Lifespan Services, a family-focused practice of developmental and mental health professionals with offices in Clarks Summit and Narberth, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Lifespan Services has nationally led excellent care and provided services for many since 1982.

Salazar received a BS from New York University and MSS from Smith College, followed by a post graduate psychoanalytic certificate in the treatment of children from the Karen Horney Psychoanalytic Institute, New York City.

She has practiced, consulted, published, lectured, and trained with a focus on developmental and family care, and taught at Columbia University, Marywood University, Keystone College and ICDL Graduate School. She currently is on the faculties of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Medical School, Fielding University, Profectum Academy (and was a founding member), The Infant-Parent Mental Health Post-Graduate Certificate Fellowship Program at UMass Napa. Salazar is PA Touchpoints site coordinator, having co-founded the first medical Touchpoints program. She worked in the office of three PA governors as a child-care consultant and was appointed to the Pennsylvania Governor's Council for Children. Salazar was also appointed to the PA Department of Welfare Workgroup to establish Autism Assessment Policy and clinically directed both the ASD Comprehensive Assessment Project and the PA Department of Early Intervention Reflective Supervision Project. Proudly, Salazar chaired candidate Obama's first Autism Workgroup; this group drafted a bill that became ASD Federal Law.

Salazar has received many professional awards, among them the first Sally Provence Award for excellence in infant and family practice from Zero to Three, National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families, Girl Scouts of America Professional of the Year award and National Guidance Counselors Association Professional Excellence award, all Washington, D.C.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Mental Health Care, Education/Learning, Social Services, Research

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## **Topics**

Infant and Early Childhood Development, Family Mental Health, Developmental Approaches to Autism, Autism Assessment and Treatment

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## **Affiliations**

Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders Advisory Board ; Member, National Federation of Societies for Clinical Social Work, Inc. : Member, Pennsylvania State Society for Clinical Social Work : Member, Academy of Certified Social Workers : Member, National Association for the Education of the Young Child : Member

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## **Education**

**Children's Hospital, Boston MA**  
Certification Training in Touchpoints

**American Institute For Psychoanalysis of the Karen Horney Psychoanalytic Institute And Center**  
Certification in Psychoanalytic Evaluation and Treatment Psychoanalytic evaluation and treatment

**Post Graduate Center for Psychotherapy**  
N/A Infant and family practice from Zero to Three

**Smith College for Social Work**  
MSW Clinical Social Work

**New York University**  
BS Social Work/Psychology

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