

# **Susan Gallego**

**Adjunct Lecturer at USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work**

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Licensed clinical social worker, focusing on public health policy, wellness, health disparities, HIV care, and vulnerable populations

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## **Biography**

Susan Gallego is an adjunct faculty member at the Virtual Academic Center. A licensed clinical social worker, she has more than 25 years of experience working in the areas of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, mental health and substance abuse. She is currently involved in a national research project related to teen pregnancy prevention. Other research interests include public health policy, wellness, health disparities, HIV care and vulnerable populations.

She is a curricula writer and lead trainer for the Community Mental Health Services-funded National Association of Social Workers' HIV/AIDS Spectrum Project. She has taught on the topics of HIV and mental health/substance abuse, and HIV and social work ethics to social workers across the United States. She has also worked in medical social work in the areas of women's reproductive health, high-risk infants, and older and disabled adults suffering from chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

Gallego previously served as director of client services with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and director of AIDS Services of Austin, Texas. In the latter role, she provided clinical supervision, managed staff and administered a variety of programs such as housing services, home health aides and benefits counseling. She also worked for the state of Texas, overseeing more than 24 community substance abuse and HIV intervention programs and contracts as well as five substance-abuse prevention programs in rural areas of the Texas-Mexico border. In addition, she was a social work adjunct faculty member at The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University. She has provided technical assistance and capacity building in Mozambique, Africa, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Argentina and throughout the United States. She is bilingual in Spanish.

She received a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University and a master's degree from UT Austin.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Mental Health Care, Public Policy, Health Care - Providers, Health and Wellness, Research, Education/Learning, Health Care - Facilities, Health Care - Services, Writing and Editing

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Substance Abuse, Hiv/Aids And/Or Stis Preventative Measures, HIV/AIDS Health Policy and Human Rights, Mental Health

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## **Education**

**The University of Texas at Austin**  
MSW

**Michigan State University**  
BA

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