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Luis R. Torres, Ph.D. is Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Research and Strategic Partnerships, and Director of the Center for Drug and Social Policy Research in the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston. His research focuses on co-occurring mental health, substance use and medical disorders, and on community and family strengthening efforts, with a particular focus on Hispanics. His research funding includes grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to deliver HIV/HCV, Mental Health, and Substance Use Prevention Interventions to Hispanics, African Americans, Asians, and other minorities ages 18 to 24; from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to study the effectiveness of Recovery High Schools in three states, and to explore the use of Virtual Reality Cue Exposure Therapy to target opioid cravings; and from the Administration for Children and Families to conduct rigorous evaluations of Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Programs that target primarily Hispanics and African Americans. He has several research collaborations in Mexico, El Salvador, and Puerto Rico. A native of Puerto Rico, Dr. Torres has a doctorate in clinical psychology from Fordham University in New York City and over 25 years of clinical, administrative, and research experience.