

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION AND PROGRAM SERVICES

Rafael Rivera, Ph.D. joined the Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (IDHS/DASA) last month as the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Prevention and Program Services. Dr. Rivera brings a wealth of knowledge to IDHS/DASA with almost two decades of experience working in prevention and treatment services.

Throughout his career, he has served in a variety of roles which have prepared him for this position which includes Vice President of Healthcare Alternative Systems, Inc., (HAS) and Director and Principal Investigator of Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC).

As Deputy Director of the Bureau of Prevention and Program Services, Rafael will oversee the daily activities and responsibilities of the bureau. In addition to the Illinois Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP), Rafael will oversee the Illinois prevention discretionary grant portfolio, which includes the Illinois Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths (IPDO) Grant, the prevention programs for the Opioid State Targeted Response (STR) Grant, and the Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnership for Success (SPF-PFS) Grants. In addition, he will be providing oversight to the Tobacco

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Programs: Synar, the Tobacco Enforcement Program and the FDA Compliance and Enforcement Tobacco Retail Inspection Program.

Rafael is very excited to be part of our team and is looking forward to working with everyone! You may contact him via email Rafael.Rivera@illinois.gov or via telephone at 312.793.1628. He is headquartered in our Chicago office location, and the address is 401 South Clinton Street, Second Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60607.

Please join me in welcoming Rafael Rivera to IDHS/DASA!