

Omar Martinez, JD, MPH, MS is an Associate Professor at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine and where he leads the Implementation Science Research lab. Professor Martinez has research expertise in the correlates, prevalence, and prevention of substance use/disorders, mental illness, and HIV risk behaviors among underserved and vulnerable populations, including sexual and gender minorities and black, indigenous and people of color communities. He has developed and implemented programs and interventions that address health disparities and inequities affecting Latinxs and other underserved populations, including *HoMBReS*, a best-evidence community-level intervention HIV prevention intervention for self-identified heterosexual Latinxs; *Connect 'n Unite*, a couple-based behavioral HIV prevention intervention for substance using Black MSM; and *Trans Equity Research Project*, a homegrown, peer-led, group-level HIV prevention and care intervention, in English and Spanish, for men and women of trans experience. He was the PI of a Center for Disease Control and Prevention funded study, *A Couple-based HIV Prevention Intervention to Promote HIV Protection among Latino Male Couples (U01PS005124)*, that aimed to test the feasibility and acceptability of a biobehavioral HIV prevention and treatment intervention for Latino men and their same-sex partners. Professor Martinez was also the Co-PI of an R21 award, funded by National Institute of Mental Health, titled *Examining the Impact of Medical Legal Partnerships in Improving Outcomes on the HIV Care Continuum (1R21MH115820)*. The study was designed to identify best practices within Medical Legal Partnerships (MLPs) and developed an MLP-comprehensive HIV care diffusion model to improve outcomes in the HIV care continuum. He is currently leading a study titled *Forging sustainable solutions for HIV continuity of care through medical-legal partnerships (5R34MH125718)* that aims to assess the feasibility and acceptability the Organizational Partnerships for Healthy Living, an innovative, multilevel intervention package intended for health care organizations serving people living with HIV(PLWH). He is also a principal investigator in a study titled *Addressing durable health disparities through critical time legal interventions in medically underserved Latinx and migrant communities in the United States (R01MD019033)* that aims to test the effectiveness of a medical legal partnership initiative in federally qualified health centers to address health disparities among underserved communities in Philadelphia, PA, New York City, NY, and San Juan, PR. He is also leading a study titled *Connecting Latinos en Pareja: A Couples-based HIV Prevention Intervention (1R01MH131516-01A1)* that aims to test the efficacy of couples-based HIV prevention intervention for Latinx male couples. Professor Martinez is also dedicated to supporting capacity building, public health and social services infrastructure, and the advancement of diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in non-profit organizations. He sits on the board of Women Organized Against Rape, a non-profit organization in Philadelphia, PA committed to eliminate all forms of sexual violence through specialized treatment services, comprehensive prevention education programs, and advocacy for the rights of victims of sexual assault. He also sits on the board of TPAC, an organization dedicate to the provision of comprehensive care including mental health, medical services and HIV treatment and prevention for immigrant victims of crimes and LGBTQ communities. He is a former board member of GALAEI, a Queer and Trans, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color radical social justice organization in Philadelphia, PA that provides and facilitates queer educational services and community wellness.