



Dr. Johanna LoPorto-Bio

Dr. Johanna LoPorto has over 20 years' experience managing non-profit organizations serving people with intellectual disabilities. She is also a New York State Certified Support Broker assisting adults and children self-direct their disabilities services in reaching true independence over their lives. Dr. LoPorto is also an Adjunct Professor at Grand Canyon University and the University of the People, teaching Policy Studies, Leadership and Organizational Management courses. She is also a Researcher with two current publications, [*Application of the Donabedian Quality-of-Care Model to New York State Direct Support Professional Core Competencies: How Structure, Process, and Outcomes Impacts Disability Services*](#), in the Journal of Social Change and [*Risk Perception and Coping Strategies among Direct Support Professionals in the Age of COVID-19*](#), in the Journal of Social, Behavioral and Health Sciences. Dr. LoPorto's research involves projects in EDIB (*equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging*) of all people.

Dr. LoPorto is part of several organizations working against disability social injustices that includes Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council, The Geraldo Rivera Foundation, and the Interagency Council of Developmental Disabilities. In addition, Dr. LoPorto is also engaged in various projects working on feminist intersectionality setting forth for awareness and education through narrative platforms. She is a member at the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, National Organization of Women, Voices of Women, and the Women American Society for Public Administration. She has a strong desire in promoting difficult dialogue in identifying and acknowledging trauma stemming from social inequities because of women overlapping identities. Dr. LoPorto believes that through difficult conversations, marginalized women can learn to confront intersectional barriers and create opportunities for social change.

Dr. LoPorto holds a Doctor in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University.