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Marné Castillo (she/her) is a faculty scholar at PolicyLab and serves as the clinical and research director of the Adolescent Initiative, a multi-disciplinary program for HIV prevention, care, education and research at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

Dr. Castillo is the principal investigator for CHOP's Adolescent Trials Unit, which is supported by the National Institutes of Health in addition to several other multi-site studies. From 2002 to 2017, she led the "Connect to Protect Project," the Adolescent Trials Network community-based prevention research study focusing on community mobilization and HIV primary prevention.

Dr. Castillo's work focuses on adolescent health promotion and community engagement in research, especially with the House and Ball and Kiki communities. She also has broader interests around social determinants of health, with a special interest in trauma and improving outcomes for marginalized adolescents. In 2015, Dr. Castillo received the Center for AIDS Research Red Ribbon Award recognizing her work on behalf of adolescents in the field HIV prevention research in Philadelphia. She has served on the Board of Directors of several organizations, including Philadelphia FIGHT and GALAEI. Dr. Castillo received her PhD in public health and her master's degree in education from Temple University.



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