



**Dr. Lucille Esralew** received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University in 1999. She is a licensed Psychologist in New Jersey (2002) and in California (2019). She is a Certified Clinical Neuropsychologist, a Certified Dementia Practitioner (NCCDP) and Certified Clinician from the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD). She is on the steering committee for the National Task Group for Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices and spearheaded the development of the **NTG-EDSD**; she is a master trainer of the NTG Dementia Capable Caregiving curriculum. Dr. Esralew serves in the California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN 101) and serves on the Safety Net Sub-Committee of the California Department of Disabilities Services Task Force. She co-authored with Donna Icovino, the **Family Crisis Handbook** (2009) and the **Updated Family Crisis Handbook** (2019). Having served as co-editor of the NADD **Bulletin** for 8 years, she now regular contributes a column she calls *Confessions of an Itinerant Psychologist*

Dr. Esralew serves as Director of Clinical Services for Redwood Coast Regional Center Regional Center in northern California. She has oversight for behavioral, psychiatric, medical, nursing and dental consultations for the 4,000 clients ages 0-80+ who receive clinical services through the Regional Center. Previously, she spent 20 years at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in New Jersey, where she served as Clinical Administrator for two statewide specialty mental health and outreach programs- **CARES** and **S-COPE**. She was instrumental in the formation of the **Integrated Service Delivery Team** which helped individuals successfully integrate into community living, she assisted in the development of the only specialized unit in New Jersey that serves adults with developmental disabilities and co-occurring mental health disorders. Dr. Esralew initiated two monthly video-conference based complex case review series- one involving individuals with intellectual and developmental disability and co-occurring mental health disorders and the other involving individuals with intellectual disability and dementia through **Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO)**, which is affiliated with the University of New Mexico.

Dr. Esralew is a clinician, educator and consultant. She has been particularly interested in building capacity for dementia capable caregiving, building capacity to provide mental health and behavioral health services for individuals with complex needs and increasing the caregiving resources of families and staff who serve individuals who are challenged by disabilities and dementia or the co-occurring challenges of mental illness and developmental disabilities