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Gabriela brings over a decade of experience working with survivors of domestic violence and other trauma; providing direct services, training, advocacy, and consultation; and leading programs using a trauma-informed approach, Motivational Interviewing, Harm Reduction, Gender Responsive Care, Housing First, and third wave behavioral interventions.

Gabriela has been recognized with numerous awards, including Health & Medicine Policy Research Group's 2018 Health Award, and the Illinois Association of Addiction Professionals chapter of NADAAC's 2017 Rising Star Award. Gabriela has provided training and technical assistance related to serving marginalized communities impacted by trauma and other social determinants of health, locally, nationally, and internationally.