

Brief Bio

Wayne Centrone, Senior Health Advisor, as a primary care physician and public health expert, Dr. Centrone serves as a Subject Matter Expert for housing, homelessness and behavioral health. Dr. Centrone has twenty years of clinical, leadership and management experience in the homeless assistance network and community-based healthcare organizations. Dr. Centrone has worked as the lead or administrator for a number of high-level activities through the Center for Social Innovation's (C4's) technical assistance (TA) contracts with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In addition, Dr. Centrone has been the principle investigator or co-investigator for a number of projects focused on the complex needs of people experiencing homelessness or challenged by mental health and substance use conditions under funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Council of State Governments, Justice Center and the Department of Education, National Resource Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention. Dr. Centrone creates and oversees the development of TA curriculum and products to assist SAMHSA grantees in implementing evidence-based practices. Prior to joining C4, Dr. Centrone was the medical director of an outreach program at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and a senior level administrator at a Community Health Center. Dr. Centrone delivered and directed integrated substance treatment and primary care medical services to marginalized urban populations. Dr. Centrone developed a program that brought integrated behavioral health and primary medical care services directly to the streets for highly marginalized homeless youth and young adults with complex co-occurring disorders. In addition, Dr. Centrone started a clinic for high-risk injection drug using clients to provide comprehensive treatment, overdose prevention services, and supportive services through a harm reduction model.