

Bio-Sketch

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Dr. Flaherty is a clinical psychologist with more than 30 years experience in the prevention, intervention, treatment, research and policy development related to substance use, addiction and recovery. Prior to founding the Institute for Research, Education and Training in the Addictions in 1999 and becoming the Principle Investigator of its SAMHSA/CSAT funded Northeast ATTC, Dr. Flaherty was the Vice President of the St. Francis Health System and Director of its Institute for Psychiatry and Addiction Services, the then largest such facility in Pennsylvania. He has authored and overseen over 20 Federal and Foundational grants, more than 50 articles and books on topics ranging from pregnancy and addiction to the chronic disease understanding of addiction; how prevention is the cornerstone of wellness and recovery; and the need for a unified vision for prevention/intervention/ treatment, wellness and recovery in America. He regularly consults on the central role of prevention, wellness and recovery in addressing substance use. While currently dedicating himself to clinical practice he still leads key projects, prepares clinical monographs and researches the importance of understanding further the components of personal recovery. Dr. Flaherty is also committed to translating this knowledge into building a better work force through the building of skilled workers at all levels and in all disciplines addressing the prevention and treatment of substance use.