

Dr. Trista Piccola

Trista Piccola, PhD, has served with distinction at all levels of the social services field, in 4 jurisdictions, over a diverse career spanning 23 years. Her expertise has been honed in major metropolitan, semi-urban, and rural settings where she served as a caseworker, frontline supervisor and senior manager.

Dr. Piccola has led multiple organizational and national initiatives with specific focus on data-driven service delivery and continuous quality improvement. She has considerable experience in workforce development with demonstrated success in the implementation of hiring, selection, career path development, and succession planning programs. She has also developed and implemented a social service-focused supervisory practice model.

Dr. Piccola also holds an LISW-S license and has clinical practice experience where she specialized in the diagnosis and treatment of adolescents. She also has significant teaching experience at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in social work and juvenile justice. She has authored and published numerous articles and presented at national conferences. Dr. Piccola is steeply educated in social work practice and theories, and is an accomplished researcher.

Dr. Piccola is committed to serving people in the community through local and international volunteer service. She provides ongoing support for an annual medical mission trip to Honduras.