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Maria E. Restrepo-Toro is an Educator and Trainer at the Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health. Maria is a Visionary Leader, Trainer and Researcher in the field of Latino Behavioral Health Recovery, Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Cultural Diversity. She has earned recognition as a leader in the field of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and received the USFRA 2012 *Leroy Spaniol Educator Award*. Maria is passionate about eliminating disparities, empowering people to recover, and gain equal access to behavioral health services. Maria worked for 25 years at the Center for Psychiatric rehabilitation at Boston University where she successfully trained bilingual professionals, administrators, peers, advocates and family members both nationally and internationally. She has a unique expertise in developing culturally appropriate recovery-oriented training materials designed to bring hope and to empower Spanish-speaking people and their families.