

Student in Alfred University's Downstate Program joins group serving women with substance use disorders

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ALFRED, NY A student enrolled in Alfred University's Downstate master's degree program has been selected to a group that advocates for women struggling with substance abuse.

Liliana M. Calle was recently selected to be an associate for the 2018 Women's Addiction Services Leadership Institute (WASLI). Calle is enrolled in Alfred University's Downstate Program, working toward a Master of Science degree in education with a Certificate of Advanced Study in Mental Health Counseling; she is expected to graduate in August 2019.

WASLI, run through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Services, is a comprehensive leadership program that fosters the growth of emerging leaders in women's behavioral health services and strengthens their capacity to serve women with substance use and co-occurring disorders.

Early- and mid-career professionals with at least five years' experience working with, or on behalf of, women with substance use disorders are selected each year to participate in WASLI. Calle, a substance abuse specialist in the Montefiore Medical Center Department of Psychiatry in the Bronx, was one of 18 applicants nationwide chosen to be part of the 2018 WASLI class.

Calle has a degree in clinical psychology from the University of Antioquia in Colombia, South America, and a master's degree from the School of Health Professions at Long Island University.