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Mr. Almazar has many years of experience as direct care provider, administrator, organizational and clinical consultant, trainer, and speaker. Prior to working as consultant in 2009, he served as Deputy Director for the State of Illinois Division of Mental Health.

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