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Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (EPISCenter)
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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University	
BS Human Development and Family Studies	1993
Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research	
MSS Social Work and Social Research	2000
The Pennsylvania State University	
Graduate Coursework- HDFFS 503- Human Development Intervention	2015

PRESENTATIONS

Project Towards No Drug Abuse: Lessons Learned and Outcomes from Six Pennsylvania Schools Presented at the Oct 2013 Pennsylvania Safe Schools Conference	2013
Striving For Excellence: The Role of Data Presented at the PCCYFS April 2014 Annual Spring Conference, Co-Presenter- Elizabeth M. Cambell, Ph.D.	2014
Reducing Maltreatment Risk: Effective Programs and Practices Presented at the 9 th Annual Pittsburgh Child Maltreatment Conference, Co-presenter-Mary Ann Demi, MS	2014
Evidence-based Approaches to Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Presentation at the 2014 Central Pennsylvania Addictions Conference	2014
EPISCenter's Shared Measurement System for Improving the Impact of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's Prevention Initiative Presentation at the 2015 Global Implementation Conference	2015

GRANTS

Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Niagara Falls NY: SAMHSA Youth Violence Prevention Grant	2002
Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Niagara Falls NY: Wendt Foundation Grant	2002
Family Inc. Woodstock, NY: Drug Free Communities Grant	2006

RELATED EXPERIENCE

EPISCenter, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

Assistant Director

January 2016 – Present

Currently providing oversight to evidence-based programs and communications components of the EPISCenter project in partnership with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Duties include hiring, project management, and coordination of technical assistance operations for 14 evidence based prevention and intervention programs. General emphasis on using data driven decision making to make improvements to internal EPISCenter processes and the provision of TA to Pennsylvania Providers.

EPISCenter, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

Prevention Coordinator

November 2011 – December 2015

Provide quality assurance and scale up support for evidence based prevention and intervention programs with the goal of improving impact and sustainability. Ongoing tasks included; identifying and addressing issues of drift and adaptation across implementations by conducting observations and using aggregate data for each program; facilitating the formation of learning communities; analyzing cross system data to identify needs and gaps in services; identifying services to meet identified needs; review and scoring of proposals.

Middlesex University, Families and Schools Together (FAST UK) London, England

International FAST Trainer Supervisor

April 2010 – August 2011

Provided training and evaluation support at multiple levels for the Families and Schools Together Evidence Based Program. Responsible for training FAST teams and trainer interns in the UK, Holland, and Kazakhstan. Provided technical assistance to teams to ensure model fidelity, and to enhance the quality of pre/post program evaluation process. Assisted program evaluator in analyzing and reporting outcomes data. Utilized pre/post outcomes data and process data to assess quality of training and implementation in order to strategically manage this large scale implementation.

FAST National Training and Evaluation Center, Madison, WI

Certified International Trainer

January 2002 – Present

Implemented training in the FAST model for teams in: Niagara Falls, NY; Worcester, MA; Binghamton, NY; Saddle Brook, NJ; Bridgeport, CT; Plattsburgh, NY; Keesville, NY; Moriah, NY; Westport, NY; Ticonderoga, NY and Orleans, NY. Conducted two day immersion trainings for each site, as well as site visits, evaluation of model fidelity, and consultation on evidence based program implementation.

Family of Woodstock, Kingston, NY

Kingston Cares Program Director

January 2006 - August 2006

Coordinated Drug Free Communities Coalition. Wrote a proposal to SAMHSA and was awarded funding for an additional five years. Assisted evaluator from Marist College in program evaluation and community needs assessment utilizing community perception surveys, and pre/posttest methods.

Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Family Services Supervisor and Project Coordinator (2004-2005)

February 2000-July 2005

Supervised 5 clinical staff in both individual and group counseling settings, became trained in Child Permanency Mediation, and helped coordinate a pilot mediation program, provided counseling to a caseload of 20-30 clients.

School Action Project Coordinator (2000-2005)

Trained as a Multi-Systemic Therapy clinician. Served as a community consensus building coordinator leading a group of stakeholders in assessing the needs of the Niagara Falls community and in evaluating a variety of strategies for prevention and intervention. Built and supervised a team of five to implement goals identified by the collaborative during phase II. Conducted community needs assessments and implemented FAST, Families and Schools Together, evidence based model. Planned and implemented a one day program evaluation conference for 150 people from 50 WNY agencies, with an emphasis on promoting outcomes based program planning and assessment.

Northwestern Human Services, West Chester, PA

Partial Hospital Coordinator, Homeless Case Manager, Group Therapist

May 1996 - August 1999

As the Partial Hospital Coordinator, supervised a team of 4 therapists to provide group and individual counseling to SPMI adults. As a homeless case manager provided individual therapy and implemented a life skills rehabilitation program for dually diagnosed homeless men.

Community Services For Human Growth, Phoenixville, PA

Partial Hospital Coordinator, Group Therapist

May 1993 - August 1996

As a partial hospital therapist provided individual and group therapy to SPMI adults. Also wrote and received small grant to implement a community mental health fair, which was attended by providers and consumers in the Chester County, PA area.

CROSS CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Netherlands: Worked with Dutch speaking professionals and parents utilizing a translator to review model fidelity, outcomes data, and qualitative parent feedback. Developed recommendations for cultural adaptation of FAST EBP while maintaining logic model.

UK: Worked across England, Scotland, and Wales to support cultural adaptation of EBP. Identified areas of disconnect between American English and Anglicized English training documents. Promoted use of best practice for completion of pre/post measures. Provided Technical Assistance to schools and organizations in implementing pre/post evaluation design.

Kazakhstan: Worked with UNODC cultural adaptation team to provide native Kazakh and Russian speakers with training in the FAST EBP. Utilized interpreters and materials translated into Russian to ensure model fidelity, provided ongoing technical assistance utilizing Skype.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

SPSS Data entry and analysis, beginning level

Access Data Base, beginning level

Excel, Intermediate Level

MEMBERSHIPS AND VOLUNTERR LEADERSHIP ROLES

NASW 2000-Present

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

University Baptist and Brethren Church, Deacon

Penn State Human Development and Family Studies Alumni Program Group, President 2013-2015