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EDUCATION

PhD in PUBLIC HEALTH – Behavioral Health Concentration

University of South Florida Tampa, Florida May 2014

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

University of South Florida Tampa, Florida May 2006.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

University of South Florida Tampa, Florida May 2006.

BACHELOR OF ARTS- PSYCHOLOGY

University of South Florida Tampa, Florida May 2002.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Experience

Research Assistant Professor

December 2015-Present University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences,
Department of Child and Family Studies

Affiliate Faculty

2022- Present University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Community and
Family Health – Behavioral Health Concentration

Adjunct Faculty

2023-Present University of South Florida, School of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community
Sciences

Adjunct Faculty

2011-2015 University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Community and Family
Health

Knowledge Manager- Center for the Advancement of Child Welfare Practice

2008-2015 University of South Florida, Department of Child and Family Studies, Florida Mental Health
Institute

Assistant in Research

2006-2008 University of South Florida, Florida Mental Health Institute Tampa, Fl

Other Professional Experience

Therapist- Crisis Response Team (A Child Welfare Diversion Program)

2007-2008 Hillsborough Kids, Inc Tampa, Fl

Provided individual & family short-term crisis intervention and psychotherapy to children and families referred to the program, conducted weekly home visits, and performed assessments and case management services as needed. Assisted families in formulating needs assessments and treatment plans, Provided referrals to appropriate community resources, Collaborated with Sheriff's Office and other agencies as necessary and related to family's plan of care

Therapist- Parents as Partners, Family Preservation Program

2006-2007 Mental Health Care Inc

Tampa, FL

Provided individual & family intervention psychotherapy to children and families, Provided parenting assistance to identified families, Conducted weekly home visits and assessments, Assisted families in formulating needs assessments and treatment plans, Provided referrals to appropriate community resources, Collaborated with interdisciplinary team and participated in staffing related to family's plan of care

Graduate Student Assistant

2004-2006 University of South Florida, Florida Mental Health Institute Tampa, FL

Performed literature searches and reviews, Collected data (e.g. respondent interviews, mail surveys, document review, site visits), Edit/proof read various documents for publication, Communicated extensively with external agencies, organizations and various stakeholders at the local, state and national level, Conducted qualitative and quantitative research both web-based and library-based, Prepared reports for publication and presentation, Utilized Microsoft Office applications to create databases, documents, reports, etc.

Case Manager

2002-2004 Northside Mental Health Center Tampa, FL

Provided case management services to clients including assessments, planning, linking, monitoring and advocacy in accordance with the 65E-15, Demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary to provide care based on physical, psychosocial, educational, safety and related criteria, Completed and update treatment plans, including information from assessment, medical evaluation, client history and other related sources, Completed and update assessment summaries, Provided crisis intervention and hospitalization follow-up, Monitored client's use of prescribed medication, Monitored client's on a monthly basis

FUNDED RESEARCH**Grants and Contracts****Making Connections to Promote Mental Health and Well Being among Men and Boys**

The purpose of this national multi-site evaluation is to provide a comprehensive, collaborative evaluation of the Making Connections for Mental Health and Wellbeing among Men and Boys in the US Initiative.

Funding Agency: Movember Foundation.**Funding Level:** \$2,500,000**Role in Project:** Principal Investigator**Project Dates:** October 2015 through October 2025**Evaluation of the Wellness Within Reach/Fully in Transformation program.**

This evaluation assesses the process and impact of implementing SAMHSA's Eight Dimensions of Wellbeing [emotional, physical, occupational, social, spiritual, intellectual, environmental, and financial]) in a mental health clubhouse.

Funding Agency: Barancik Foundation via Academy at Glengary**Funding Level:** \$80,000**Role in Project:** Principal Investigator**Project Dates:** August 2022 through September 2026**Comprehensive Community Collaboration Demonstration Model (CCCDM) to Strengthen and Preserve High Risk Families**

The goal of the CCCDM Project is to demonstrate the benefits of collaboratively developing, implementing, and evaluating a cooperative agreement model for primary prevention programs, as well as strategies, and lessons learned that improve the safety, stability, and well-being of at-risk families that results in avoiding entry into Mississippi's child welfare The purpose of this project is to provide technical and evaluation consultation support to the Project's contracted local and national evaluators.

Funding Agency: Administration for Children, Youth and Families.
Funding Level: \$185,000
Role in Project: Evaluation Consultant
Project Dates: October 2019 through October 2024

Evaluation of Florida's System of Care for Children's Mental Health Expansion and Sustainability

The purpose of this state-wide evaluation is to provide a responsive evaluation, assessing achievement of all project objectives and activities including a focus on fidelity to implementation of the program components and child and family outcomes of services provided to children, youth and family members.

Funding Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (sub-contract from Florida's Department of Children and Families).
Funding Level: \$736,329
Role in Project: Co-principal Investigator/Principal Investigator
Project Dates: October 2016 through October 2020

Examining Racial Disparities among Crossover Youth (Child Welfare/Justice Involved Youth)

Funding Agency: Florida Institute for Child Welfare
Funding Level: \$50,000
Role in Project: Co-principal Investigator
Project Dates: July 2019 through July 2020

Access, Integration of Care and Service Utilization for Child Welfare Involved Children in Florida's Managed Medical Assistance Program

The purpose of this evaluation is to examine the access, integration of care and service utilization of child welfare involved children in the second year of implementation of Florida's Managed Medical Assistance Program.

Funding Agency: Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration.
Funding Level: \$92,964
Role in Project: Principal Investigator
Project Dates: June 2015 through December 2016

Evaluation of Framework's Teens in Action Program

The purpose of this evaluation is to assess the impact on social and emotional learning on enrolled students of the Teens in Action Program.

Funding Agency: Frameworks of Tampa Bay, Inc.
Funding Level: \$7500
Role in Project: Principal Investigator
Project Dates: June 2015 through June 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles

Simmons, S., Fischer, A., **McNeish, R.**, Greene, K., Thompson, M. & Galea, J. (2024) Enhancing Competency-Based Social Work Practice Skills through Service Learning and Interprofessional Education in a Student-Run Free Health Care Clinic. *Advances in Social Work*, 23(2):337-353.
<https://doi.org/10.18060/26621>

McNeish, R., Simmons, C., & Tran, Q. (2024) Happiness matters: Emotional Health Factors that Contribute to Overall Health in African American Men. *Journal of Men's Studies*, 32(1), 136-151.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10608265231202941>

McNeish, R., Massey, O., Walker, C., Sowell, C., Rigg, K., Simmons, C., and Tran, Q. (2023). Building Capacity to Create Community Change (BC4): A Model to Support Successful Program Planning and Implementation. *Evaluation and Program Planning Journal*, 97. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2023.102225>

McNeish, R., Albizu-Jacob, A & Memmoli, C. (2021) Engaging the community to effectively plan and implement community-based mental health programs. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services Research*, 1-13, doi.org/10.1007/s11414-021-09767-z

Yampolskaya, S., **McNeish, R.,** & Tran, Q. (2021). Patterns of service use and behavioral health profile of children placed in out-of-home care. *Current Psychiatry Research and Reviews*, 17(4), 248-260. DOI: 10.2174/2666082217666211207101624

Johnson, M., **McNeish, R.,** & Vargo, A. (2020) A comparative study of perceptions regarding children's mental health services among ethnically diverse caregivers in Florida. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 29(2). [doi:10.1007/s10826-020-01750-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-020-01750-0)

McNeish, R., Walker, C., Massey, O & Tran, Q. (2020) Using concept mapping to define mental wellbeing for men and boys. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 1-10, [doi:10.1002/ajcp.12419](https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12419)

McNeish, R., Tran, Q. (2020) Leadership that Promotes Successful Community-Based Mental Health Interventions. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22343>

McNeish, R., Rigg, K., Delva, J., Schadrac, D., Turvey, C., Walsh, S & Borde, C. (2020) Media coverage of the mental health and wellbeing of men and boys. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addictions*, 1-10, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11469-020-00223-1>

Byrd, K., Palmarin, I., **McNeish, R.,** Walker, C., Beleche, M., Ali, Y. and Boynton-Jarrett, R. (2019) An Action Research Collaboration to Promote Mental Wellbeing among Men of Color. *Global Journal of Community Psychology and Practice*, 10 (3), 1-12.

Rigg, K.K., **McNeish, R.,** Schadrac, D., Gonzalez, A. & Tran, Q. (2019) Community needs of minority male youth living in inner-city Chicago. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 98(2019), 284-289 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.01.011>

McNeish, R., Rigg, K.K., Tran, Q., & Hodges, S. (2018) Community-based behavioral health interventions: Developing strong community partnerships. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 73, 111-115. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2018.12.005>

McNeish, R., Simmons, C., Watson, J. & Tran, Q. (2018) Perceptions of emotional and physical wellness among African American men as predictors of perceived overall health. *Ethnicity and Health*, doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2018.1530738

Jordan, N., Yampolskaya, S., Gustafson, M., Armstrong, M. I., **McNeish, R.,** & Vargo, A. C. (2011). Comparing child protective investigation performance between law enforcement agencies and child welfare agencies. *Child Welfare*, 90(2), 87-105.

Yampolskaya, S., Armstrong, M. I., & **McNeish, R.** (2011). Maltreated children in out-of-home care: risk factors for placement in juvenile justice settings. *Violence and Victims*, 26(2), 231-345.

Articles in Progress

McNeish, R., Tran, Q, Schadrac, D., & Delva, J. Assessing the mental wellbeing of East African young men and boys: Individual and community perspectives. *Target Journal: Journal of Mental Health*.

McNeish, R., Delva, J., Sowell, C., Vatalaro, A., & Tran, Q. Promoting mental well-being among Pacific Islander male youth: A qualitative study. *Target Journal: Journal of Youth Mental Health*.

Book Chapters

Taormina, R. M., & Tran, Q. (2024). Promoting male mental well-being through community-based strategies. In *Essentials in Health and Mental Health: Unlocking the Keys to Wellness* (pp. 199-205). Cham: Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-56192-4_13

Taormina, R.M., Cantu, R., Crary, W. (2023). Situating for success: Lessons learned from the evaluation of the Making Connections place-based mental health initiatives involving boys and men of colour across the United States. In: Smith, J.A., Watkins, D.C., Griffith, D.M. (eds) *Health Promotion with Adolescent Boys and Young Men of Colour*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-22174-3_5

Technical and Other Reports

Taormina, R., and Tran, Q. (2024). *Fully in Transformation (FIT) final evaluation report*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

Taormina, R., Sowell, C., Walker, C., & Tran, Q. (2024). *Final evaluation report for all years of the Making connections for the mental health and wellbeing of men and boy of color project, 2015-2023s*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

Taormina, R., and Hernandez, L (2023). *Fully in Transformation (FIT) evaluation progress report*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

McNeish, R., Sowell, C., Walker, C., Massey, O. T. & Tran, Q. (2023). *Annual evaluation report: Making Connections 2: Promoting the mental health and wellbeing of men and boys*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

McNeish, R., Sowell, C., Walker, C., Massey, O. T. & Tran, Q. (2022). *Annual evaluation report: Making Connections 2: Promoting the mental health and wellbeing of men and boys*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

McNeish, R., Sowell, C., Walker, C., Massey, O. T. & Tran, Q. (2021). *Annual evaluation report: Making Connections 2: Promoting the mental health and wellbeing of men and boys*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

McNeish, R., Massey, O. T., Walker, C., Sowell, C., Vatalaro, A., Simmons, C., Rigg, K., Tran, Q. & Gilbert-Smith, T. (2020). *Final evaluation report: Making connections for the mental health and wellbeing of men and boy of color and veterans*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

McNeish, R., Anderson, R., Dollard, N., Landers, M. & Gilbert-Smith, T., Johnson, M., & Tran, Q. (2020) *Final Evaluation Report of Florida's System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Project*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Rohrer, L., **McNeish, R.**, Ismaildi, F., Tran, Q., Combrink, A. & Delva, J. (2020). *An examination of racial disparities in the experiences and outcomes of crossover youth*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

McNeish, R., Anderson, R., Dollard, N., Landers, M. & Gilbert-Smith, T., Johnson, M., Tran, Q., & Martin, J. (2019) *Annual Evaluation Report of Florida's System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Project*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

McNeish, R (2019) Behavioral Health Disparity Impact Statement: Evaluation of the Florida System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Project. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

McNeish, R., Massey, O. T., Walker, C., Sowell, C., Vatalaro, A., Simmons, C., Rigg, K., Tran, Q. & Gilbert-Smith, T. (2019). *Implementation Year 3 evaluation annual report: Making connections for the mental health and wellbeing of men and boy of color and veterans*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

Armstrong, M.I., **McNeish, R.**, Anderson, R., Dollard, N., Landers, M. & Gilbert-Smith, T., (2018) *Annual Evaluation Report of Florida's System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Project*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

McNeish, R and Armstrong, M.I. (2018) Behavioral Health Disparity Impact Statement: Evaluation of the Florida System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Project. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

McNeish, R., Massey, O. T., Walker, C., Sowell, C., Vatalaro, A., Simmons, C., Rigg, K., Tran, Q. & Gilbert-Smith, T. (2018). *Implementation Year 2 evaluation annual report: Making connections for the mental health and wellbeing of men and boy of color and veterans*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

Armstrong, M.I., **McNeish, R.**, Anderson, R., Dollard, N., Landers, M. & Gilbert-Smith, T., (2017) *Annual Evaluation Report of Florida's System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Project*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

McNeish, R., Hodges, S., Tirotti, M., Walker, C., Rigg, K., & Simmons, C. (2017). *Implementation Year 1 evaluation annual report: Making connections for the mental health and wellbeing of men and boys*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

McNeish, R., Yampolskaya, S., Sowell, C., Cruz, A., Gilbert-Smith, T., Walker, C., Teague, G., & Hanson, A. (2016). *Access, Integration of Care and Service Utilization for Child Welfare Involved Children in Florida's Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Program* (Agency for Health Care Administration). Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.

Armstrong, M.I., **McNeish, R.**, Anderson, R., Dollard, N., Johnson, M., Landers, M. & Gilbert-Smith, T., (2016) *Final Evaluation Report of Florida's System of Care Expansion*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

McNeish, R., Hodges, S., Hernandez, M., Tirotti, M., Walker, C., Rigg, K., & Simmons, C. (2016). *Cross-site planning year outcomes: Evaluation of making connections for the mental health and wellbeing of men*

and boys. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.

McNeish, R. (2016) *Evaluation of Framework” teens in action program: Final report*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida. Submitted to Frameworks of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Armstrong, M.I., **McNeish, R.**, Anderson, R., Dollard, N., Johnson, M., Landers, M. & Haynes, D., (2015) *Annual Evaluation Report of Florida’s System of Care Expansion*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families

McNeish, R., Briscoe, R., Baldwin, J., Best, E. & Theaker, S. (2010, August). *East Tampa Community Social Service Directory*. Tampa: FL: Department of Community & Family Health, College of Public Health, Health Education and Social Service Committee of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership & Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida

Stroul, B.A., Pires, S.A., Armstrong, M., McCarthy, J., Pizzigati, K., Wood, V., **McNeish, R.** & Echo-Hawk, H. (2009) *Effective financing strategies for systems of care: Examples from the field-A resource compendium for financing systems of care*. FMHI pub # 235-03. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute.

Vargo, A., Sharrock, P., Robinson, P., Boothroyd, R., Armstrong, M., Batsche, C., **McNeish, R.**, et al. (2008). *Evaluation of Florida’s child welfare prepaid mental health plan (CW-PMHP): Year 2* (Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) series, 220-111). Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute.

Armstrong, M.I., Jordan, N., **McNeish, R.**, & Yampolskaya, S., (2008) *A Comparative Evaluation of the Sheriff’s Offices and the Department of Children and Families Child Protective Child Protective Investigation Units*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families

Davis, C. S., Massey, O. T., Smith, R. B., Armstrong, M., Vergon, K. S., **McNeish, R.** (2008). *Refinement of an Instrument to Measure Mental Health Literacy and Examination of Interventions to Enhance Mental Health Literacy* (Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) series, 220-113). Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute

Armstrong, M. I., Dollard, N., Chen, R., Cobb, S., Epps, C., Matos, J., **McNeish, R.**, Reyes, F., Robst, J., Romney, S. C., & Vergon, K. S. (2007). *Evaluation of Medicaid-funded Out-of-Home Alternatives for FY 06-07*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida. Submitted to the Agency for Health Care Administration.

Epps, C.S., Armstrong, M.I., Davis, C.S., Massey, O., **McNeish, R.** & Smith, R. (2007). *Development and Testing of an Instrument to Measure Mental Health Literacy*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida. Submitted to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Taormina McNeish, R. (2023, November). *Promoting mental health and wellbeing among men and boys of color: Strategies enhancing program engagement*. Roundtable Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.

Taormina McNeish, R., & Krummes-Johnson, E. (2023, November). *Funding strategies that promote health equity*. Roundtable Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.

McNeish, R., Walker, C., and Simmons, C. (2022, November) *Conducting evaluation with men and boys of color and their communities: Lessons learned*. Presentation at the Annual American Evaluation Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Hernandez, L., Baker, C., **McNeish, R.**, & Simmons, C. (2022, November). *Predictors of African American men's perceived health*. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.

McNeish, R. (2021, March). *Improving implementation in the community*. Invited Panel Presentation: Application of Implementation Science Principles in Behavioral Health Practice: Implementation, Evaluation, and Community Practice at the 8th Annual USF Translational Research in Adolescent Drug Abuse Conference, Virtual.

McNeish, R., & Delva, J. (October 2020). *Creating their best self: An impact evaluation of an instructional bike exchange program on male youth*. American Public Health Association 2020 Annual Meeting: Oral Presentation. Virtual.

Yampolskaya, S., & **McNeish, R.** (2020, October). *Patterns of Service Use and Behavioral Health Profiles of Children Placed in Out-of-Home Care*. Paper presented at the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice: Coming Together for Action. Virtual.

Cantu, R., **McNeish, R.**, Crary, W., Gay, S., Stevenson, C. & Collins, K. (2020, July). *Changing the Narrative and Sustaining the Message of Mental Well-Being among Young Men and Boys*. Tampa Conference Webinar Series, Virtual.

McNeish, R., Delva, J. & Albuza-Jacob, A. (2020, March). *Strategies That Promote Male Engagement in Community-Based Programs*. Presentation at the 32nd Annual Children, Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL. <https://www.cmhnetwork.org/tampa-conference/agenda/concurrent-sessions-45-55/> [Conference cancelled]

McNeish, R. (2020, March). *Preparing to Sustain Progress: The Making Connections Initiative*. Presentation as part of a Symposium at the 32nd Annual Children, Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL. <https://www.cmhnetwork.org/tampa-conference/agenda/concurrent-sessions-78-88/> [Conference cancelled]

Savanah, S. & **McNeish, R.** (2020, March). *Changing the Narrative and Sustaining the Message of Mental Well-Being among Young Men and Boys*. Symposium at the 32nd Annual Children, Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL. <https://www.cmhnetwork.org/tampa-conference/agenda/concurrent-sessions-1-11/> [Conference cancelled]

Tran, Q., Vatalaro, A., & **McNeish, R.** (2019, November). Measuring mental wellbeing: Lessons learned from developing and piloting one universal measure in a multi-site initiative. Poster presented at the APHA's 2019 Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, PA.

Simmons, C., **McNeish, R.**, & Tran, Q. (2019, November). Effect of happiness on perceived overall health in African American men. Presentation at the APHA's 2019 Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, PA.

McNeish, R., Tran, Q. (2019, March). *Leadership factors that promote success in community-based mental health initiatives*. Oral presentation at the 32nd Annual Children, Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL

McNeish, R. (2019, March). *Defining Mental Health and Wellbeing for Male Youth*. Symposium conducted at the 32nd Annual Children, Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL

McNeish, R. (November 2018). *Defining mental health and wellbeing for men and boys*. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.

McNeish, R., Simmons, C. (November 2018). *Perceptions of emotional and physical wellness among African American men in relation to their perceived overall health*. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.

McNeish, R. & Massey, O.T. (2018, March). *Concept Mapping as a Process for Defining Mental Health and Wellbeing for Men and Boys*. Symposium conducted at the 31th Annual Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL

McNeish, R. (November 2017). *Building community capacity to address the mental health and wellbeing of men and boys of color*. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.

McNeish, R. & Yampolskaya, S. (2017, March). *Access, integration and service utilization for children enrolled in Florida's child welfare specialty plan*. Symposium presented at the 30th Annual Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL.

Hodges, S., Simmons, C., **McNeish, R.** (2017, March) *Applying the Concept of Working Alliance to Community Coalition Building*. Poster presented at 30th Annual Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL.

Hodges, S. & **McNeish, R.** (2017, March). *The role of needs assessment in theory-driven program planning and evaluation*. In S. Savannah (Chair), Using THRIVE to Assess Community Need and Resilience in the Making Connections Initiative. Symposium conducted at the 30th Annual Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL.

Walker, C., Tirotti, M., **McNeish, R.,** Hodges, S., Simmons, C., Rigg, K., and Joseph, B (2017, November) When the whole is greater than the sum of its parts: *Collaboration across sectors to create community change*. Poster presented at the 31st Annual American Evaluation Association Conference, Washington, DC.

McNeish, R. (October 2016). *Family violence threatens child as a predictor of recurrence of maltreatment*. Poster Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.

Armstrong, M.I. & **McNeish, R.** (2007, March). *Study overview: Financing structures and strategies to support effective systems of care*. Symposium presented at the 20th Annual Research Conference for Children's Mental Health, Tampa, FL

Armstrong, M. I., **McNeish, R.** (July 2006). *Financing Structures and Strategies that Support Effective Systems of Care*. Poster Presentation at the National Training Institutes 2006, Orlando, FL.

Lazear, K.J., **McNeish, R.,** & Anderson, R. (2006, February). *Evaluating the Role of Family Organizations in Developing Family Voice in Systems of Care: Findings from the National Survey of Family Organizations*. Symposium presented at the 19th Annual Research Conference for Children's Mental Health, Tampa, FL

Invited Presentations

Taormina, R. (2023). *Reaching and engaging fathers in programming*. Presented to the Hillsborough County Infant Mental Health Committee. Virtual.

McNeish, R. (2023) *Cultural competency in child welfare*. Presented at Seminar on Cultural Competency in Addressing needs of Youth with Traumatic Experiences. USF Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Education, Science and Practice. Virtual.

TEACHING

SOW 6438 Evaluation of Clinical Practice in Diverse Settings Fall 2023, 2024

This evaluation course discusses program evaluation, single subject/system design, and statistical and qualitative concepts to facilitate the use of empirical and evidence-based interventions in social work practice in diverse settings.

PHC 6949 Applied Practice Experience 2022-Present

This course provides students the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and practical applied experience, while demonstrating the competencies attained in fulfillment of the Masters in Public Health degree.

PHC 6943 Integrated Learning Experience 2022-Present

This course allows students to demonstrate synthesis of foundational and concentration competencies in fulfillment of the Masters in Public Health degree.

MHS 6915 Directed Research Spring 2023-2024

MHS 6901 Independent Studies/Research Spring, Fall 2023

MHS 6900 Male Mental Health and Wellbeing Spring 2022-Present

Developer/Instructor: This online graduate course explores male mental health and well-being prevalence, perception, practices, and promotion. Students can examine various male mental health and well-being topics from a multidisciplinary, multicultural and intersectional across the life span.

MHS 6068 Community-based Behavioral Health Interventions for Culturally Diverse Youth
Summer 2016-Present

This distance learning course focuses on behavioral health interventions for culturally diverse youth in community-based settings such as schools and neighborhood programs. The course builds on the concept of cultural competence in service provision with attention to the public health impact of considering ethnicity, race, language, acculturation, and immigration in design and delivery.

MHS 6097 Financing Children's Mental Health Services Fall 2020

This distance learning is designed to promote critical thinking about financing strategies and structures that support the development of effective systems of care in children's mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

MHS 6941 Applied Field Experience Seminar Fall 2020-Present

This distance learning course is designed to support successful completion of the student's Applied Field Experience Project for the Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health (CABH) MS Degree Program by providing opportunities for structured interaction, reflection, and sharing.

PHC 7910 Directed Research Fall 2020

HSC 4211 Health Behavior and Society Fall 2015

Instructor of this web-based course of 100 students designed to introduce students to an ecological perspective of health; how health is shaped by various health determinants, including biology, individual behavior, social relationships, social stratification, institutions, neighborhoods and communities, culture, the physical environment, policies and globalization.

SOW 6348 Diversity and Social Justice Fall 2014

Instructor for this course which is an introduction to the study of diverse cultures, abilities and norms which comprise our global society. The course content centers on the inherently diverse client systems that social work clinicians will be called upon to interface within their different roles as change agents and advocates for social justice.

MHS 4490 Behavioral Healthcare Issues for Children

Spring 2014- 2017

Co-instructor of this course which provides undergraduate students with an overview and understanding of significant issues and trends in behavioral healthcare for children. The purpose of this course is to prepare students to address behavioral healthcare issues involving children from the pre-kindergarten level through adolescence, and their families.

HSC 4579 Foundations of Maternal and Child Health

Summer C 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2014

Instructor of this web-based course of more than 45 students designed to provide students with an overview of maternal and child health issues and trends.

HSC 4211 Health Behavior and Society

Summer C 2011

Instructor of this web-based course of 50 students designed to introduce students to an ecological perspective of health; how health is shaped by various health determinants, including biology, individual behavior, social relationships, social stratification, institutions, neighborhoods and communities, culture, the physical environment, policies and globalization.

MHS 4931 Behavioral Healthcare Issues in Children's Mental Health

Fall 2006-2008

Co-instructor of this course, which provided undergraduate students with an overview and understanding of significant issues and trends in behavioral healthcare issues for children. The purpose of this course was to prepare students to address behavioral healthcare issues involving children from the pre-kindergarten level through adolescence, and their families.

DOCTORAL/DISSERATAION and THESIS COMMITTEES

Doctoral Student Faculty Advisor; Fall 2024 - present; College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida

Member of Doctoral Dissertation Committee; Appointed as a member Fall 2023 (current); Doctor of Health Science Program, University of Indianapolis, IN

Member of Doctoral Dissertation Committee; Appointed as a member Fall 2023 (current); College of Arts and Sciences (Sociology), University of South Florida

Doctoral Student Faculty Advisor; Fall 2022- Fall 2023; College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida

Member of Doctoral Dissertation Committee; Appointed as a member Fall 2019 (current); College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida

Member of Doctoral Dissertation Committee; Appointed as a member Fall 2019 (current); College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida

2022-present Master's Thesis Committee Member, Doreen Jean Jacques, Master of Science in Public Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

SERVICE

Service to the University

Member, USF's Status of Men Presidential Advisory Committee

September 2019- 2022

Member, Student with Special Needs Committee

2018 - 2019

Instructor Search Committee, Outside Member, School of Social Work Spring and Fall, 2015

Committee Member, Promotion Committee for the Assistant in and Technical Assistant in Line 2015

Service to the Community

Program Consultation, Champions for Children FRANC (Fatherhood) program, August 2024

Board Member, Eckerd Community Alternatives Hillsborough County, February 2019-June 2022

Community Grant Reviewer, Children's Board of Hillsborough County. July 2014, July 2015, April 2017

Community Advisory Board Member, REACHUP, Inc. (Towards Reducing Disparities in Infant and Maternal Health project) January 2015- 2017

Service to the Profession

Reviewer, International Journal for Equity in Health 2022- Present

Reviewer, International Journal of Wellbeing 2021- Present

Reviewer, Scientific Reports Journal 2021-Present

Reviewer, Evaluation and Program Planning Journal 2021-Present

Reviewer, Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action 2019- Present

Reviewer, Journal of Behavioral Health Services Research 2019-Present

Abstract reviewer, American Evaluation Association 2022 – Present

Abstract reviewer, American Public Health Association- Men's Health Caucus 2019 - Present

Abstract reviewer, American Public Health Association- Mental Health Section 2017 – Present

Abstract reviewer, Youth and Young Adult Research and Policy Conference 2017 - 2020

Media Coverage

Kaiser Health News (2018, August 24) Medicaid Covers Foster Kids, But Daunting Health Needs Still Slip through the Cracks <https://khn.org/news/medicaid-covers-foster-kids-but-daunting-health-needs-still-slip-through-the-cracks/>

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