

JAMES-ANGELO SUAREZ

PHD STUDENT, CLASS OF 2024
COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & COMMUNITY SCIENCES
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EDUCATION

University of South Florida
PhD Student, Behavioral & Community Sciences **2021 - Present**

University of South Florida
Master of Public Health (MPH) **2014**
Concentration: Behavioral Health

University of South Florida
Bachelor of Art in Psychology **2011**
Minor: Public Health

POSITIONS

University of South Florida
Graduate Research Assistant **2021 - Present**
SMART Lab - Dr. Micah Johnson & Dr. Kimberly Johnson

University of South Florida
Teaching Assistant **2022 - 2022**
Cultural Diversity and Health - Dr. Kyaien Conner

Hillsborough County Public Schools
Instructor **2019 - 2021**
Middle School Mathematics: Pre-Algebra & Algebra Honors

Huntington Learning Center
Instructor **2015 - 2019**
K-12 Curriculum and Standardized Exam Preparation
Turnaround Achievement Network

Independent Contractor

2012 -2014

Mississippi System of Care Realignment Project

University of South Florida, College of Public Health

Teaching Assistant

2014

Learned Experience and Academic Partnership (LEAP)
Program - Dr. Rene Salazar

University of South Florida, College of Public Health

Program Assistant

2013

Summer Institute of Public Health

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of South Florida

Cohort Scholar

2019 - 2020

Institute for Translational Research Education in Adolescent
Drug Abuse (ITRE)
Community Partner: Mendez Foundation

University of South Florida

Researcher

2014

Hillsborough County Health Care Advisory Board Service-
Learning Group

RESEARCH INTERESTS: social emotional competence; adolescent health; mental health and substance misuse; teacher wellness; mindfulness-based interventions; implementation science, behavioral health disparities

TEACHING INTERESTS: behavioral health service delivery, community-based participatory research, teacher wellness and student outcomes, cultural diversity and health

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified in Public Health (CPH)**2014-2017**

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

University of South Florida

McKnight Doctoral Fellow**2021 - Present**

College of Behavioral & Community Sciences

RESEARCH & TRAVEL GRANTS

The College on Problems of Drug Dependence

Primm-Singleton Minority Travel Award**2022**

Amount: \$2,000

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

Suarez, J., Colato, E.G., & Vroom, E. (In preparation). Evaluation of the Web-Based Implementation Support Tool for a School-Based Social and Emotional Learning Program. *School Mental Health*.

Suarez, J., Johnson, K. A., Johnson, M.E. (In preparation). Analyzing the Effects of Increased Student-Adult Connections at School among Justice-Involved Adolescents. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

PRESENTATIONS

Suarez, J., Akbari, Z., Vroom, E., Wiedbusch, E., Bristol, S., Johnson, M.E. (2022, June) Gateway to Drugs: Poor School Encouragement as a Predictor of Substance Use Disorder among Latinx Justice-Involved Adolescents. Poster Presentation at The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 84th Annual Scientific Meeting. Minneapolis, MN: Hilton.

Suarez, J., Colato, E.G., Vroom, E., Burton, D., Menendez, K., Mendez III, C. (2020, December). Evaluating the Web-Based Implementation Tool of a School-Based

Social and Emotional Learning Program. Poster Presented at the Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Washington, DC (Virtual): Academy Health.

Suarez, J., Colato, E.G., Vroom, E., Burton, D., Menendez, K., Mendez III, C. (2020, March). Evaluating the Web-Based Implementation Resource Tool of a School-Based Substance Use Prevention Program. Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Institute for Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health. Tampa, FL (Virtual): University of South Florida.

Suarez, J., Bleck, J. (2014). Mental Health First Aid in Community Resource Centers. Presentation at the Hillsborough County Health Care Advisory Board Meeting. Tampa FL; Hillsborough County Center.