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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia, PA
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY & PRACTICE
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare, Expected 2017

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE New York, NY
Master of Social Work, May 2011
Concentration in Research
Thesis: Effects of Parent-Child Discrepancies of Family Functioning on Youth Disruptive Behavior: A Multiple Family Group Intervention

QUEENS COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK Flushing, NY
Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology, May 2008
Major in Sociology, Minor in Journalism
Research project: Should Plan B be sold without a prescription?

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Accepted

1. Gopalan, G., Bannon, W., Dean-Assael, K., **Fuss, A.**, Gardner, L., LaBarbera, B., & McKay, M. (2011). Multiple Family Groups: An engaging intervention for child welfare involved families. *Child Welfare*. NIHMS ID # 316860
2. McKay, M.M., Gopalan, G., Franco, L., Dean-Assael, K., Chacko, A., Jackson, J., & **Fuss, A.** (2011). A collaboratively designed child mental health service model: Multiple Family Groups for urban children with conduct difficulties. *Research in Social Work Practice*. NIHMS ID # 287779
3. Gopalan, G., Alicea, S., Conover, K., **Fuss, A.**, Garner, L., Pardo, G., & McKay, M. (2012). Step-Up: Engagement strategies and attendance rates for an after school mental health program. *Journal of Early Adolescence*.
4. Gopalan, G., **Fuss, A.**, & Wisdom, J.P. (2014). Multiple Family Groups for Child Behavior Difficulties Retention Among Child Welfare–Involved Caregivers. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 1049731514543526.
5. Stephens, T., McGuire-Schwartz, M., Rotko, L., **Fuss, A.**, McKay, M. (In Press) A Learning Collaborative Supporting the Implementation of an Evidence-Informed Program, the “4Rs and 2Ss for Children with Conduct Difficulties and their Families.” *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*.

Under Review

Gopalan, G., Small, L., **Fuss, A.**, Bowman, M., Jackson, J., Marcus, S., McKay, M. (Under Review) Multiple Family Groups to reduce child behavior difficulties: Moderating effects of child welfare status on child outcomes.

In Preparation

Vu, C.M., Mercado, M., **Fuss, A.**, Peri, D., McKay, M. (In preparation). Addressing the Gap between Clinical and Business Practices through a Learning Collaborative Model.

Fuss, A., Ali, S., Mercado, M., McKay, M. (In preparation). Trainings to Support Female Veterans Struggling with Housing Instability.

Mercado, M., **Fuss, A.**, Peri, D. Cleek, E., McKay, M. (In preparation). Assessing Clinic Finances to Improve Business Operations through Financial Management Trainings.

Acri, M., Mercado, M., Franco, L., Dean-Assael, K., Beharie, N., **Fuss, A.**, Cleek, A., Salerno, A., McKay, M. (In preparation). Developing a Clinic Technical Assistance Center during Health Care Reform

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Fuss, A., Mercado, M., Cleek, A. (2014). An Evaluation of the Family Support Network Learning Collaborative. Funded by NAMI-NYC Metro.

Fuss, A., Mercado, M., Cleek, A., (2014) Preliminary Findings of NAMI's Peer-to-Peer Program: Wellness-Training Supplement Pilot Study II. Funded by NAMI-NYC Metro.

Fuss, A., Mercado, M., Cleek, A. (2013). An Evaluation Report of the Leadership Development Institute's Parents Leading Advocacy Now (PLAN) Training. Funded by NAMI-NYC Metro.

Fuss, A., Mercado, M., Cleek, A. (2013). An Evaluation of the Family Support Network Learning Collaborative. Funded by NAMI-NYC Metro.

Mercado, M., **Fuss, A.**, Cleek, A., (2013) Preliminary Findings of NAMI's Peer-to-Peer Program: Wellness-Training Supplement Pilot. Funded by NAMI-NYC Metro.

Mercado, M., **Fuss, A.**, Kleinbardt, E., Ali, S. (2013) The Clinic Technical Assistance Center: Strategic Planning Data Book. Funded by New York State Office of Mental Health

Beharie, N., **Fuss, A.**, Szkola, J., Mercado, M. (2013) Presbyterian Senior Services: Data Summary Report. Funded by the McSilver Institute

Gopalan ,P., Mercado, M., **Fuss, A.**, Cleek, A. (2013) Preliminary Report of the YMCA's Y Roads Program. Funded by the YMCA.

INTERVENTION MANUAL

Salerno, A. Cleek A., **Fuss, A.**, Beharie, N. (2012). Knowledge Empowers You, 2nd Edition. Albany, New York, New York State Office of Mental Health.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Completed

Fuss, A. (2012, January). Effects of parent-child discrepancies of family functioning on youth disruptive behavior: A multiple family group intervention. Poster presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 16th Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

Fuss, A. (2012, October). “Focus on Field: Research” Presented at Fordham University, GSS, Seminar

Gopalan, G., **Fuss, A.**, Wisdom, J. (2013, March). Multiple Family Groups: Factors affecting retention for caregivers involved in the child welfare system. Paper presented at the 26th Annual Children’s Mental Health Research and Policy Conference in Tampa, FL.

Cleek, E., Tse, J., Wofsy, M., **Fuss, A.** (2013, April) Accountability in a changing healthcare system: the role of clinical pathways, outcome measurement and decision support. Presented at the Preconference University Advances in Clinical Treatment and Services for Children at The National Council for Behavioral Health Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

Cleek, A., Mercado, M., **Fuss, A.** (2013, December) Using Data in a Transformed Behavioral Health System. Presented at the Children’s Mental Health Services Staff Development Training, Forum Pathways to Success: Managing Total Wellness in Saratoga, NY.

Cleek, A., Beharie, N., **Fuss, A.**, Salerno, A., (2013, December) Knowledge Empowers You (KEY): Empowering Youth to Make Decisions that Work for Them. Presented at the Children’s Mental Health Services Staff Development Training Forum, Pathways to Success: Managing Total Wellness in Saratoga, NY.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014-Present **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY** New York, NY

SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

MCSILVER INSTITUTE FOR POVERTY, POLICY AND RESEARCH

Research Scientist (Director: Dr. Mary McKay)

- Adapt a multiple-family group, curriculum based program designed to support and strengthen veteran families struggling with housing instability
- Design program evaluation and research assessment batteries
- Data analysis
- Prepare data and evaluation reports to community partners and funders
- Prepare manuscripts for publication

- 2012-2014 **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY** New York, NY
SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
MCSILVER INSTITUTE FOR POVERTY, POLICY AND RESEARCH
Junior Research Scientist (Director: Dr. Mary McKay)
- Contribute to NIMH funded research projects focused on poverty-impacted youth, families and communities
 - Analyze data to examine the impact of family and youth outcomes associated with treatment interventions
 - Examine the impact of various technical assistance and training programs disseminated from McSilver
 - Co-design a staff development training for VA HUD-VASH mental health providers working with veterans
 - Develop evaluation metrics for VA HUD-VASH staff development trainings
 - Prepare federal and private grant submissions
 - Partner with community-based organizations to implement evaluation protocols within their organizations
 - Design program evaluation and research assessment batteries
 - Train staff on the collection and use of data
 - Project management
 - Prepare data and evaluation reports to partners and funders
 - Prepare manuscripts for publication
 - Conduct focus groups with staff and consumers from community-based organizations
- 2012-Present **UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE** New York, NY
SILBERMAN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AT HUNTER COLLEGE
Research Analyst (Principal Investigator: Dr. Mimi Abramovitz)
- Conduct statistical analysis to examine members' perceptions of settlement houses
 - Data entry, coding and management
- 2012-2014 **THE INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY LIVING, INC.** New York, NY
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES PROGRAM (SSVF)
Evaluation Specialist (Supervisor: Dr. Elizabeth Cleek)
- Analyze outcome data to examine the impact the SSVF program has on individuals enrolled in the program
 - Co-develop an evaluation work plan for the SSVF program
 - Prepare evaluation forms for program use
 - Develop program database and data dictionaries
- 2011-2013 **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY** New York, NY
SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Research Analyst (Principal Investigator: Dr. Geetha Gopalan)
- Prepare federal grant application for submission
 - Qualitative interview coding
 - Complete reliability checking
 - Quantitative data analysis
 - Prepare manuscripts for publication
- 2011-2012 **THE URBAN INSTITUTE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** New York, NY
Research Project Coordinator (Director: Dr. Andrew Cleek)

- Downstate coordination for the New York State Clinic Technical Assistance Center
- Dissemination and project management of CTAC initiatives
- Develop and maintain databases
- Data management and data analysis
- Co-author Knowledge Empowers You (KEY) Workbook
- Manage the implementation of KEY in community-based settings
- Geo-Mapping
- Management and submission of network data for New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Health Homes' project

2011-2011 **MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE** New York, NY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE
Research Assistant (Principal Investigator: Dr. Geetha Gopalan)

- Provide support for overall research project management
- Prepare recruitment materials for research study
- Co-design the qualitative Interview Guide
- Conduct qualitative interviews
- Qualitative interview coding
- Complete reliability checking
- Data entry and analysis

2011-2011 **CHILD WELFARE ORGANIZATION PROJECT** New York, NY
Research Assistant (Principal Investigator: Dr. Geetha Gopalan)

- Prepare assessment batteries for children and caregivers
- Administer assessment measures to children and caregivers
- Develop database for assessments to be entered
- Data entry and cleaning

2010-2011 **MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE** New York, NY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE
Research Social Work Intern (Director: Dr. Mary McKay)

- Contribute to research projects focused on low-income families with mental health difficulties
- Provide support for overall research project management
- Administer research- based assessments
- Prepare manuscripts for publication
- Coordinated follow-up events for research participants
- Prepare Interim Report to the Robinhood Foundation
- Analyze outcome data, prepare databases, data cleaning, entry and coding
- Conduct home visits
- Co-facilitate a Multiple Family Group for children with behavioral problems

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2010-2011 **CHILD WELFARE ORGANIZATION PROJECT** New York, NY
Social Work Intern

- Co-facilitate a family-based group for children who were reunited with their families from foster care

2009-2010 **AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT P.S. 86** Jamaica, NY
QUEENS COMMUNITY HOUSE
Social Work Intern

- Facilitate social skills activity groups for youth grades 3-6
- Provide individual supportive counseling
- Plan staff development activities,
- Administer program and service evaluation surveys
- Parent outreach activities

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2012-2013 **THE SOLDIERS PROJECT**
LONG ISLAND CHAPTER
Community Volunteer

CERTIFICATION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Society for Social Work and Research
New York State Licensed Social Worker
Veterans Mental Health Coalition