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EDUCATION

B.S., 1996 Portland State University
Major: General Studies with emphasis in Sociology/Psychology

WORK EXPERIENCE

2001-present Researcher, NPC Research, Portland, OR
1999-2001 Research Assistant, NPC Research, Portland, OR
1996-1999 Stay-home-mother
1994-1996 Student, Portland State University
1984-1994 Secretary, Docket Clerk, Legal Assistant, Metropolitan Public Defender's Office
1980-1984 Specimen processing, data entry, Pathologists Central Laboratory, Portland, OR

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current Projects

Ohio Statewide Family Dependency Treatment Court Evaluation. An evaluation to examine characteristics and outcomes of successful family drug court programs in Ohio and to understand how these courts implement the 10 Key Components. Responsibilities include administering, collecting and processing online survey data, site visits, interviewing, observing court staffing and sessions, focus groups and report writing.

Kalispell DUI/Drug Court Evaluation. NPC Research is conducting process evaluations of both DUI and adult drug courts in Kalispell, Montana. Responsibilities include administering, collecting and processing online survey data, site visits, interviewing, observing court staffing and sessions, focus groups and report writing.

Marion County (Oregon) Fostering Attachment Treatment Court Evaluation. As part of this family drug court evaluation, responsibilities included conducting interviews with program participants (adults), analyzed and wrote a report about participant perspectives.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Early Head Start Evaluation. This research project will collect retrospective child protective service reports among Early Head Start (EHS) programs around the U.S. and compare them to a control group to determine whether the EHS program intervention had an impact on child protective service reports. Responsibilities include child welfare case reviews.

Past Projects

Oregon Byrne Drug Court Evaluation. An evaluation to examine characteristics and outcomes of successful Byrne-funded adult, juvenile, and family drug court programs in Oregon and to understand how Oregon Drug Courts implement the 10 Key Components. Responsibilities include administering, collecting and processing drug court coordinator survey data and site visit coordination.

Maryland Statewide Drug Court Evaluation. The Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts contracted with NPC Research to conduct process, outcome, and cost evaluations at juvenile and adult courts at multiple sites throughout the state. Responsibilities include cost calling, data cleaning and data management.

Baltimore City Family Recovery Program (FRP): Independent Outcome and Cost Evaluation. An outcome and cost-benefit analyses for the Baltimore City, Maryland Family Recovery Program. Responsibilities included data collection training and data management.

Washington County Juvenile Department Repeat Offender Prevention Program (ROPP) Evaluation. Evaluation of a program designed to prevent reoffending by providing needs-based services to youth who have received first or second time referrals to the Juvenile Department for a criminal or drug-related offense. Responsible for project coordination, including conducting key stakeholders interviews, parent and youth survey processing, data management, and report writing.

Harford County Family Recovery Court Evaluation. A process evaluation as well as impact and cost-benefit analyses for the Harford County, Maryland Family Recovery Court. Responsibilities included: Data collection (key stakeholder interviews, focus group, courtroom observations), qualitative data coding and analysis, building databases, and assisting with report writing.

Meth Users in Drug Courts: Program Elements Associated with Success. Evaluation of Missouri's Drug Courts looking at to what extent success, operationalized as graduation, is a function of participant characteristics and/or attributes of program elements specific to a court. Responsibilities included survey development and data collection.

Homestead Youth and Family Services – Phase 2. Evaluation of an intervention program for high-risk teens and their families. Responsibilities included: key stakeholder interviews with project staff and quantitative data collection.

California Dependency Court Stakeholder Focus Group Study. Focus groups with caseworkers, foster care providers, and parents involved with juvenile dependency court to gather information about participants' experiences with juvenile dependency court and recommendations for improvements in court process. Responsibilities included coordinating and logistics for scheduling focus groups in Northern and Southern California.

Minnesota Drug Courts Funding Analysis. An analysis of the funding and service provision structures of Minnesota's adult drug and D.W.I. courts. Responsibilities included: assisting with survey development, conducting interviews, and data collection.

Family Treatment Drug Court Evaluation. An evaluation that examines the effectiveness of family drug treatment courts compared to traditional court processing in four court settings. Responsibilities included: providing technical support related to measure development; implementation and supervision of administrative and interview data entry; database development, data management: training for administrative data collection, administrative data cleaning, processing and quality control.

Public Private Ventures Impact Study of Friends of the Children – Portland. Data collection for an evaluation of the effectiveness of a long-term mentoring program for at risk youth. For the first year of the study, responsibilities included tracking and interviewing of study group participants.

Second and third year of study: Project Coordinator. Responsible for supervising interviewers, coordinating data collection, collecting school records data, managing tracking database, and transferring all data to the California office of research firm Public/Private Ventures.

Friends of the Children – The Oregon Initiative. An evaluation of the effectiveness of three long-term mentoring program sites in Oregon for at risk youth. Conducted parent interviews at the three Oregon sites with families involved in the program, facilitated focus groups with program staff, and participated in report writing.

A Detailed Cost Analysis in a Mature Drug Court Setting, funded by National Institute of Justice. An intensive cost analysis at a single mature drug court. Involved tracking court and criminal justice resource utilization and unit costs for a small intensive study group composed of a sample of those in the drug court program and a sample of those eligible but receiving standard court processing. Responsibilities included coordination of field data collection, supervision of field data collectors, drug/alcohol treatment database creation and maintenance, and collection of treatment data.

A Study of the Multnomah County Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence: Responsible for data entry in SPSS and Access and interpreting, coding and entering criminal justice history data. Consulted on and edited the criminal justice system documents.

Jail Diversion Program for Individuals with Co-occurring Disorders: Responsible for all data entry and verification of interviews, communication with data collectors, tracking data within Access database and maintaining filing system for all portions of interviews. Collaborated on the development of procedures for data management.

Youth Intervention Network Grant: Responsible for all data entry and updating in Access. Collaborated on the development of procedures for data management.

Caring Communities Evaluation: Responsible for data entry in SPSS.

State Incentive Cooperative Agreement: Responsible for portions of the data entry in SPSS.

Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Diffusion Evaluation and Integrated Data Systems Project: Responsible for portions of the data entry in Access. Calculated and coded raw data.