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Applied Researcher in Psychology

Working with youth-serving professionals and organizations to promote positive mental health & wellbeing for children and families

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Student, Psychology Florida International University

08/2019 - Present

Topics of Focus

- Majors: Applied Social and Cultural Psychology; Child & Adolescent Clinical Psychology
- Dissertation Topic: Protective Factors and Preventative Mental Health for Children

Senior Training & Technical Assistance Associate

Education Development Center

01/2023 - Present

Topics of Focus

- Early childhood wellbeing & community collaborations
- School-based suicide prevention

Senior Manager of Research-Practice Integration Transforming Education

11/2016 - 08/2019

Topics of Focus

- Resident content expert in social-emotional learning
- Developed educator-facing, science-based resources in various formats

CERTIFICATES

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy

Evidence-based parent training behavioral treatment program

Child-Adult Relationship Enhancement Program

Trauma-informed relationship building with youth

Motivational Interviewing

Coaching technique for increasing motivation to change

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Child Clinical Psychology Florida International University

2019 - 2023

Master of Arts, Applied Child Development Tufts University

2010 - 2013

SKILLS

Advanced Statistical Training

R Statistical Program

MPlus Statistical Software

IBM SPSS

Qualtrics Survey Tool

NVivo

science communication

professional development & learning

ORGANIZATIONS

Florida International University (08/2019 - Present)

Education Development Center (01/2023 - Present)

HONOR AWARDS

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship

Florida Education Fund

2006 Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development Prize

Tufts University

Education Service Award

AmeriCorps

Salute to Education Award

Ford Foundation

LANGUAGES

Spanish

Native or Bilingual Proficiency

French

Limited Working Proficiency

INTERESTS

adversity

protective factors

resilience

parent wellness

youth mental health

early childhood

school readiness

community collaboration

educator supports

research-practice partnerships