Past and Current Research Projects

Many of the research projects listed below are multidisciplinary and thus could fall into more than one category. From the project titles, we determine the best fit of the research efforts according to categories concerning children, caregivers, staff, service delivery, or evaluation. Projects denoted with * refer to theses or dissertations. Active projects are represented with †.

**Children:**

1. Adolescent Time Perspective Study  
   *University of California, Los Angeles, In court approval process*
2. Runaway Youth's Knowledge and Access of Services in Los Angeles and Chicago  
   *The Urban Institute, In court approval process*
3. A Descriptive Study of Child Sexual Abuse in Latino Families  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2008*
4. Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS)  
   *RAND Corporation, 2008*
5. Information About Foster Youth in Zip Codes, 90005-90007  
   *Public Counsel Law Center, 2008*
6. Disproportionality of Children of Color in Foster Care  
   *California State University, Northridge, 2008*
7. Exploring Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in Los Angeles County  
   *The Urban Institute, 2008*
8. Federal Replication Study, Family Connections Model  
   *EMT Associates, Inc., 2008†*
9. Universal Preschool Child Outcomes Study (UPCOS)  
   *Mathematica Policy Institute, Inc., 2007*
10. Identifying Information and Case File Access for Children in the Montebello Unified School District and Norwalk/La Mirada School District  
    *Education Coordinating Council, 2007*
11. Blanket order re: authorization for access to child(ren) clients by social worker, social work, and paralegals employed by the law office of _____  
    *Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, Inc., 2007*
12. Physiological and Psychological Effects of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome on Maltreated Children  
    *California State University, Los Angeles, 2006*
13. Demographics and Residency Status of the Children Served by the Special Immigrant Status Unit within the Department of Children and Family Services  
    *California State University, Long Beach, 2006*
14. Client Demographics of Emancipating Youth in the Use of Transitional Housing  
    *California State University, Los Angeles, 2006*
15. Identification of Perpetrator/Victim Relationship Patterns in the Sexual Abuse of Children  
    *California State University, Long Beach, 2006*
16. UCLA Project/Youth LIGHT  
    *University of California, Los Angeles, 2005†*
17. Utilization of Functional Brain Imaging to Improve Clinical Outcomes for Psychiatric Youth in Residential Treatment  
    *The Sycamores, 2005*
On the Move (Again): Understanding the Effects of Involuntary Mobility on the Social Capital of Foster Care Youth  
*University of Southern California, 2005*

Children Exposed to Methamphetamine Use and Manufacture  
*University of California, Los Angeles, 2005*

Child Maltreatment and Honesty  
*University of Southern California, 2005*

Street Smart: Skills Maintenance  
*University of California, Los Angeles, 2005*

Emotional, Mental Health, and Educational Needs of Foster Children in Group Homes  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2005*

Factors Related to the Development of Delinquent Behavior for Dependent Youth and Outcomes Associated with Dependent Youth in the Juvenile Justice System  
*University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, 2005†*

Exploring the Effects of Multiple Placements on Physical Health, Mental Health, and Education Outcomes of Children in Foster Care  
*University of La Verne, 2005*

The Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect (NIS-4)  
*Westat, 2005*

Exploration of Out-of-Home Placement Outcomes among Maltreated Asian-American Children: A Comparative Study Across Asian-American Children in Kinship Care, Asian Foster Care, and non-Asian Foster Care Settings  
*University of California, Los Angeles, 2005*

Childhood Depression and Conduct Disorders and their Relationship to Patterns of Attachment and Delinquency  
*California Professional School of Psychology, 2005*

Follow-up of Participants in 1989 Oran and Oran Study of Dependency Court Experiences to Investigate Long-Term Perceptions and Effects  
*University of Southern California; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Davis, 2005*

Risk Factors and Other Characteristics Associated with Child Sexual Abuse  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2004*

Children's Knowledge of Protective Services and Dependency Court  
*University of California, Irvine, 2004*

The Relationship between Family Prior Child Abuse History and Substantiation of Current Physical Abuse and/or Neglect Referrals  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2004*

Impact Of Neglect On Adolescent Development  
*University of Southern California, 2003*

Factors Related to the Academic Achievement of Foster Care Children  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

Educational Achievement of DCFS Children in Foster Care  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

An Examination of Academic Performance of Drug Exposed Children under DCFS Care  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

Characteristics of Children and Families Associated with Multiple Placements  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2003*
37. Relationships Between Client Characteristics and the Outcomes of Family Preservation  
*University of Southern California, 2002*

38. Study on the Level of Use of Psychotropic Medication Among School Children Under DCFS Care  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2002*

39. Length of Stay of Minority Children in Foster Care  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2002*

40. Truth Induction in Young Maltreated Children  
*University of Southern California, 2002*

41. Do Youth Commit Less Crime When School is in Session?  
*Princeton University, 2002*

42. Project I: Adolescent Trajectories for Homelessness and Risk for HIV  
*University of California, Los Angeles, 2002*

43. A Study of Comparison of Abused, Neglect, Abundant Children In Foster and Group Homes, and Adoptive Children  
*Kensington University, 2001*

44. National Study of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW)  
*RTI International, 1999*

**Caregivers:**

1. Perceptions and Knowledge of Latino Caregivers and the Utilization of Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in the Foster Care System  
*University of Southern California, 2006*

*University of Southern California, 2006*

3. Perceptions and Knowledge of Latino Caregivers and the Utilization of Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in the Foster Care System  
*University of Southern California, 2006*

4. Foster Parents' Investment with Foster Children Education  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2005*

5. Recruiting Parents for Indian Children Project  
*Oregon Research Institute, 2004†*

6. Demographic Characteristics of Persons Who Adopt Medically Fragile Children in California  
*California State University, 2003*

*California State University, Los Angeles, 2003*

8. Minor Mothers with Children in Foster Care Placement  
*University of Southern California, 2002*

9. Study on Co-occurrence of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2002*

10. Impact of Fostering on Marital Relationships of Latino Foster Parents  
*California State University, San Bernardino, 2002*

11. Understanding the Experience of Medical Placement Among Foster Parents  
*California State University, San Bernardino, 2002*
1. Department of Children and Family Services Workers' Knowledge of Childhood Obesity and Services for Obese Children  
   California State Long Beach, 2009*†
2. Ethnic Differences on Social Workers' Perspectives of Male Child Sex Offenders  
   California State University, Long Beach, 2008*†
   California State University, Long Beach, 2008*†
4. Relationship Between Workplace Motivation and Attitudes on Career Commitment in Children's Social Workers  
   California Graduate Institute, 2008*†
5. Research on the Strengths Perspective  
   California State University, Los Angeles, 2008*†
6. Academic Achievement of Foster Children: Child Welfare Workers' Perceptions and Practices  
   California State University, Long Beach, 2008*†
7. Secondary Traumatic Stress, Burnout and Compassion, and Satisfaction among Children's Social Workers in the Department of Children and Family Services  
   California State University, Long Beach, 2006*
8. Children Social Worker Knowledge and Attitudes on HIV/AIDS  
   California State University, Long Beach, 2006*
9. Perceived Coping Strategies of a CSW in Dealing with Vicarious Trauma  
   California State University, Long Beach, 2006*
10. Burnout Assessment in Social Workers of Los Angeles County DCFS  
    Argosy University, 2006*
11. Children's Social Workers' Perceptions of the Educational Experiences of Youth in Foster Care  
    California State University, Long Beach, 2006*
12. Child Protective Services Social Workers' Preparedness in Working with Undocumented Victims of Domestic Violence  
    California State University, Long Beach, 2005*
13. How Much Influence Does Supervision Have on Job Satisfaction and Retention?  
    California State University, Los Angeles, 2005*
14. Job Satisfaction and Workers' Burnout Among Child Welfare Workers  
    California State University, Los Angeles, 2005*
15. Covina Office Children Social Workers’ Attitudes and Beliefs Regarding the Death Review Process  
    California State University, Los Angeles, 2005*
16. Social Workers Perception of Sibling Placements in Foster Care  
    California State University, Long Beach, 2005*
17. Connection between Personality Characteristics and DCFS Workers' Burnout, Performance and Retention  
    Allied International University, 2005*
18. Burnout among Bilingual Workers  
    California State University, Long Beach, 2004*
19. Social Workers Perceptions of the Effectiveness of the Independent Living Program  
    California State University, Long Beach, 2004*
20. Social Workers' Knowledge and Attitudes Towards Gangs  
    California State University, Los Angeles, 2004*
21. Stress, Burnout and Coping Strategies Among DCFS CSWs  
   *California State University, Los Angeles, 2004*

22. Children Social Workers' Perspective on Family Preservation  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

23. Social Worker Adaptation to CWS/CMS Technology  
   *State of California Health and Human Services Data Center, 2003*

24. Primary Reasons that Drive Direct-Service Social Workers to Remain or Leave the Child Welfare Services Field  
   *University of California, Berkeley, 2003*

25. Study on the Effects of Worker's Propensity for "Burnout"  
   *California State University, Los Angeles, 2003*

26. Social Workers' Attitudes Towards Domestic Violence  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

27. Children Social Workers' Knowledge of the Safe Haven Law, SB 1368  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

28. The Relationship Between Job Satisfaction and Intent to Leave Employment Among Child Protective Workers  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

29. Survey of Metro North Workers for Most Effective Parenting Classes  
   *University of Southern California, 2003*

30. Relationship Between CSWs' Burnout/Emotional State and the Degree of Stress from Their Work Related Functions/Factors  
   *California State University, Los Angeles, 2003*

31. Gender Differences in Coping Styles Among CSWs  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

32. CSW Performance and Retention  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2002*

33. Study on Staff Burnout and Coping Mechanisms  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2002*

34. Study to Explore Social Workers' Perceptions of Kinship Foster Care  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2002*

35. Social Workers' Perceptions of the Strengths and Weaknesses of Foster Parents' Preparation  
   *California State University, Long Beach, 2002*

36. Nurses' Role in Caring for Foster Care Children  
   *University of Southern California, 2002*

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**Service Delivery:**

1. Summit on Healthcare Based Child Abuse Reporting  
   *Office of the District Attorney, 2008*

2. Community Needs Assessment, CCFS Headstart 2008  
   *CCFS Headstart, 2008*

3. Exploration of the Efficiency of Specialized Services compared to Non-Specialized Services: A study on the Asian Pacific Project Unit  
   *California State University, Los Angeles, 2008*

   *University of Washington, 2008*
5. **Half Measures Availed Us Nothing: Policy and Practice Analysis of Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services and Substance Abusing Parents; Previously titled: Return to Wateridge: Drug Treatment, Race and Recidivism**  
*California State University, Los Angeles, 2008*

6. **In School Mental Health Program for Traumatized Dependents**  
*RAND Corporation, 2007*

7. **Understanding the Crossover (241.1) Process in Los Angeles County**  
*California State University, Los Angeles, 2007*

8. **Can Early Intervention Reduce Reliance on Detention and Keep Families Intact?**  
*California State University, San Bernardino, 2005*

9. **An Exploration of the Relationship Between a Mental Health Assessment and Level of Punitiveness of Disposition in the WIC 241.1 Process**  
*Graduate Center for Child Development and Psychotherapy, 2005*

10. **Study on the Connection between Maltreatment, Child/Family Service Interventions, and Delinquency**  
*California State University, Los Angeles, 2004*

11. **The Influence of Services and Training Provided to Relative and Foster Care Providers on the Quality of Care Received by the Children in Their Care**  
*California State University, Los Angeles, 2004*

12. **Child Welfare Services Coordination: The Sexually Traumatized Child**  
*California State University, San Jose, 2004*

13. **Referral Patterns, Mental Health Service Utilization, and Case Outcomes of Minority Children in Foster Care**  
*University of Southern California, 2004*

14. **Early Intervention Mental Health Program for Children and Families**  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

15. **Mental Health Intervention Program: Finding Real Solutions Together**  
*Los Angeles Unified School District, 2003*

16. **Development of the Child Neglect Assessment Scale**  
*University of Nevada, 2003*

17. **Research/Interview Study to Inform the Development of a Culturally Responsive Intervention for Physical Abuse in Asian Pacific Islander Families**  
*University of California, Los Angeles, 2003*

18. **Early Intervention Mental Health Program for Maltreated Children and Their Families: A Pilot, Control Group Study to Improve the Trajectory of Foster Children, 'EIP'**  
*California State University, Long Beach, 2003*

19. **Investigating Factors that Promote Success in Older Foster Children's Transition from Foster Care to Independence**  
*University of California, Irvine, 2002*

20. **Study to Examine Policies, Procedures, and Practices Effecting the Education of Children Residing in Group Homes**  
*Lodestar Management Research, 2002*
Evaluation:

1. Linkages Evaluation Design
   *California State University, Long Beach, In review and approval process*

2. Evaluation of Tamar Village Family Centered Treatment Program for Post-Incarcerated Adult Clients with Open DCFS Cases
   *California State University, San Dominguez Hills, 2009*

   *California State University, Long Beach, 2008*

4. Evaluation of Weekend Miracles
   *University of California, Los Angeles, 2008*

5. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Courts: An Assessment
   *Center for Families, Children & the Courts, 2007*

6. Wednesday's Child Evaluation
   *The Urban Institute, 2005*

7. The EASE-IN Program: How Effective Is It?
   *University of California, Los Angeles, 2005*

8. Evaluation of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Parental Responsibility Promotion Programs Funded through the East Los Angeles Community Challenge Grant (ELACCG)
   *University of Southern California, 2005*

   *Forman Consulting, 2004*

10. Evaluative Research in the Determination of the Effectiveness of DCFS's Rites of Passage Program Toward Positive Emancipation of Foster Youth
    *California State University, Los Angeles, 2003*

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