

Center for Family and Community Engagement

Annual Report

July 2013-June 2014

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Major Accomplishments of Center in 2013-2014

Over the year, the center has continued to strengthen its reputation as a leader in family and youth engagement within the state as well as nationally and internationally. Evidence of the center's heightened profile includes the major accomplishments:

- Completing five-year center review with recommendation for continuation
- Strengthening state, national, and international partnerships on family engagement
- Grant receipts and task orders totaling over \$1 million

Center Goal 1: Enhance local and global engagement through focused strategic partnerships

The center has promoted local and global engagement through focused strategic partnerships in the state, country, and abroad.

- **In-state Training and Technical Assistance:** 81 scheduled formal training workshops, 2 formal workshops scheduled as technical assistance, an estimated 35 technical assistance and learning support sessions, for a total of 118 events. These served 692 formal training workshop participants plus an estimated 1,050 technical assistance and learning support participants for a total of 1,742 training participants (estimated to end of year)
- **Community Engagements:** 33 by faculty and staff
- **Networking Alliance:** 29 center advisory council members and affiliates of family and youth, community organizations, public agencies, and universities; 2 meetings annually
- **National and International Consultation:** family engagement, father engagement, family violence, and community-engaged research and evaluation

Center Goal 2: Enhance interdisciplinary scholarship to address the grand challenges of society

The center has established a reputation as a leader in research and publication on family engagement to safeguard child and adult family members. The center partners with scholars from various disciplines in grant submissions, publications, presentations, and evaluations.

- **University:** preliminary research and proposal development with school psychologist
- **State:** proposal development with UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work
- **National:** research recommendations on crossover youth

- **International:** collaborations with scholars, including from Australia, China, Guatemala, Israel, Netherlands, and United Kingdom
- **Consultations:** on U.S. and international research studies
- **Publications:** 11 publications, 5 peer-reviewed and 6 non-refereed
- **Presentations:** 12 presentations/workshops, 9 national/international and 3 local/state.

Center Goal 3: Enhance the success of our students through educational innovation

The center provided learning experiences to graduate and undergraduate students in research, training, practice, policy, and grant writing. Disciplinary fields included Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, English, Management, Communications, and Design.

- **Funded Positions:** Two 2013 NCSU MSW graduates, 4 graduate research positions, 1 undergraduate office assistant position
- **Student Inclusion in Publication:** Two 2013 NCSU MSW graduates as co-author on two articles and a book chapter; One student contributed to a technical report
- **Training and Education:** Five class presentations
- **Presentations by Students:** One student provided the keynote address at the center's Youth Leadership Café

Center Goal 4: Enhance organizational excellence by creating a culture of constant improvement

The center has succeeded in enhancing its capacity through developing staff competencies, encouraging diversity and inclusion, and obtaining external funding.

- **Staff Development:** supporting the professional development of staff, students, and faculty through (a) funding conference/workshop participation; (b) holding workshops on training and practice models; (c) providing mentoring on research, publication, and grant writing skills; and (d) using awards/recognitions to applaud accomplishments
- **Encouraging Diversity:** employing youth and family partners; developing and disseminating practice models that affirm diversity; advancing youth, family, and community leadership in practice, policy, and training; promoting coordinated and culturally responsive approaches
- **Awards:** \$999,833 with \$974,833 in external funding and \$25,000 in internal funding
- **Task Orders:** \$10,058 in receipts this fiscal year

Center Goal 5: Enhance scholarship and research by investing in faculty and infrastructure

The center is designed to provide a research infrastructure to support the capacity of its researchers and community partners.

- **Grants:** providing support on grant development and administration
- **Travel:** funding and securing funding for conference and other travel
- **Consultation:** regarding research, publication, and training

APPENDIX

Granted

External

M. Fisher-Borne, Principal Investigator, Cancer Disparities Reduction Collaborative: A Qualitative Process Evaluation, funded by American Cancer Society, Program Evaluation, June 2013 to January 2015, contract of \$72,725.

J. Pennell, Principal Investigator and Project Director, Family-Centered Practice Project, funded by North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, prime US Department of Health & Human Services, Training and Evaluation, July 2013-June 2014, contract of \$836,348.

J. Pennell, Principal Investigator and Project Director, Outcome Evaluation of Strong Fathers Program, subcontract from Family Services Inc., Forsyth County, NC, funded by North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, prime Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, October 2013-September 2014, contract of \$65,760.

Internal

J. Pennell, Principal Investigator, Youth Leadership Café, funded by North Carolina State University, Extension, Engagement, & Economic Development Seed Grant, July 2013-June 2014, grant of \$10,000.

J. Pennell, Principal Investigator, Foster Youth and Education, North Carolina State University, College of Humanities and Sciences, February-June 2014, internal funding of \$15,000.

Publications and Presentations

Refereed

Journal Articles

Roby, J., Pennell, J., Rotabi, K., Bunkers, K., & de Uclés, S. (in press). Contextual adaptation of family group conferencing model: Early evidence from Guatemala. *British Journal of Social Work*.

Pennell, J., Rikard, R. V., & Sanders, T. (in press). Family violence: Fathers assessing and managing their risk to children and women. *Children and Youth Services Review*. doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2013.11.004

Pennell, J., Sanders, T., Rikard, RV, Shepherd, J., & Staroneck, L. (2013). Family violence, fathers, and restoring personhood. *Restorative Justice*, 1(2), 268-289. doi: 10.5235/2050472.1.1.2.1

Book Chapters

Bullock, K., & Volkel, J. (2013). Culturally competent care in an increasingly diverse society. In C. Staudt & J. H. Ellens (Eds.), *Our changing journey to the end: Reshaping death, dying, and grief in America* (pp. 145- 158). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

Burford, G., & Pennell, J. (in press). Taking a fresh look: Fathers and family violence. In A. Hayden, L. Gelsthorpe, V. Kingi, & A. Morris (Eds.), *Why rock the boat? A restorative approach to family violence*. Surrey, United Kingdom: Ashgate.

Non-refereed

North Carolina Community Child Protection Team Advisory Board. (2014, March). *2013 end-of-year report*. Raleigh, NC: Author.

Pennell, J. (with Allen-Eckard, K., King, J., & Latz, M.). (2013, September). *Family-Centered Practice Project: Annual report to the North Carolina Division of Social Services, fiscal year 2012 – 2013* (Vols. I-III). Raleigh, NC: North Carolina State University, Center for Family & Community Engagement.

Pennell, J. (with Allen-Eckard, K., King, J., & Latz, M.). (2013, September). *Family-Centered Practice Project: Annual report to the North Carolina Division of Social Services, fiscal year 2012 – 2013: Summary report*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina State University, Center for Family & Community Engagement.

Pennell, J. (2013, September). *Center for Family and Community Engagement: First five years, 2008-2013*. Raleigh: Center for Family and Community Engagement, North Carolina State University. Retrieved from http://cface.chass.ncsu.edu/documents/Center_First_Five_Years_2008_2013.pdf

Pennell, J. (2013, September). *Five-year review report, 2009-2013*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina State University, Center for Family and Community Engagement.

Pennell, J. (with Rikard, RV, Guerrant, M., & Sanders, T.). (2013, August). *Strong Fathers Project subcontract: Annual report to the North Carolina Division of Social Services, fiscal year 2012 – 2013*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina State University, Center for Family and Community Engagement.

Conference Presentations

National/International

Allen-Eckard, K. & Latz, M. (2014, June). *Walking the trail side-by-side: Using the partnership co-training model*. Presentation at 17th Conference on Family Group Decision Making and other Family Engagement Approaches, University of Colorado, Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse & Neglect, School of Medicine, Vail, CO. (peer reviewed)

Allen-Eckard, K., & Stokes, C. (2014, June). *Preparing the trails: Involving older youth in child and family teams*. Pre-conference skills institute 17th Conference on Family Group Decision Making and Other Family Engagement Approaches, Vail, Co.

Hall, J., Pennell, J., & Rikard, R. V. (2013, October). Child and family team meetings and restorative justice for foster youth. In T. Gal & B. Faedi Duramy (Chairs), *Promoting the participation right of children across the globe: From social exclusion to child-inclusive policies*. International retreat conducted at University of Haifa, Faculty of Social Science, School of Criminology, and at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel. (invited)

Jung, N., Bishop-Fitzpatrick, L., Rauktis, M. E., & Pennell, J. (2014). Family group decision making: Measuring fidelity to practice principles in public child welfare. Poster presentation at the 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research, San Antonio, TX. (peer reviewed)

Kearney, C., & King, J. (2013, November). *Military families and CFTs*. Workshop at National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health's 24th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Meadows, E., & Gasman, S. (2014, May). Preparing parents for family meetings: A path to increased family engagement [webinar]. Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse & Neglect, School of Medicine, University of Colorado.

Pennell, J., Bunkers, K., de Uclés, S., Roby, J. L., & Rotabi, K. S. (2014, June). "We are already doing a lot of this work without a name": Diffusion of FGC in Guatemala. Presentation at 17th Conference on Family Group Decision Making and other Family Engagement Approaches, University of Colorado, Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse & Neglect, School of Medicine, Vail, CO. (peer reviewed)

Poindexter, W., & Kearney, C. (2014, June). *The "other side of the coin" in trauma informed work – social worker stress; building agency support through FGC principles/practice*. Pre-conference skills institute 17th Conference on Family Group Decision Making and Other Family Engagement Approaches, Vail, Co.

Volkel, J. & Stokes, C. (2014, May). Youth Leadership Café. Presentation at 21st National Foster Care Conference, Daytona Beach, Fl.

State/Local

Kearney, C. (2014, February). *Engaging families affected by domestic violence*. UNC Chapel Hill, NC.

Kearney, C. (2014, January). *Family professional partnership workshop*. UNC Chapel Hill, NC.

Pennell, J. (2014, April). *Strong Fathers: What do the data say?* Presentation at North Carolina Providers of Abuser Treatment, Winston-Salem, NC. (invited)

Collaborations

2014, Participant, Crossover Youth Research Roundtable, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, and Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

2014, Faculty Advisor for Visiting Scholar, Yan Lee, Ph.D., Lecturer and Psychological Counselor, Soochow University, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China, Government Scholarship for Overseas Studies, Research on Effects of Family, School, and Community on Child Development

2013-present, Advisory Group Member for Evaluation of Leeds, United Kingdom, Family Group Conference Service, conducted by K. Morris, G. Burford, and P. Marsh

2012-present, International Family Group Conferencing Reference Group, Consultation on the Review of Family Group Conferencing to New Zealand Ministry of Social Development, in collaboration with Australian National University, University of Nottingham (UK), and University of Vermont

2012-present, Strengthening Families Protective Factor Framework – Cross System Leadership Group, Organized by North Carolina Division of Social Services in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Social Policy

2012-present, Consultation and Collaboration with Eigen Kracht, Netherlands

2012-present, International Family Group Conferencing Team, Training, Consultation, and Evaluation in Guatemala. Description at <http://www.crin.org/bcn/details.asp?id=29191&themeID=1000&topicID=1000>

2011-2014, Named Consultant, No Place like Home Project. Family Connections funding from U.S. Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau

2014, Participant, Partner Agencies of North Carolina Child Welfare System, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children, Youth, and Families, Raleigh, NC

2014-present, Member, System of Care Expansion Planning Steering Committee and Governance Subcommittee

2014, Technical Assistance, North Carolina Community Child Protection Teams Advisory Board.

2014-present, Member, Family Support and Child Welfare's Staff Development Advisory Committee, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services.

2012-present, Founding Member, Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship (Member of Nomination Committee)

2012-present, Member, North Carolina Educational Stability Task Force

2008-present, Member & Chair, Family and Agency Collaborative Training Team (FACTT)

2006-present, Liaison, North Carolina Families United

2008-present, Liaison, Strong Able Youth Speaking Out (SAYSO)

2008-present, Liaison, The North Carolina Foster and Adoptive Parent Association

2011-present, Liaison, Exceptional Children's Assistance Centers (ECAC)

2012-present, Liaison, North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

2013-2014, Participant, DSS Community Child Protection Team State Level Advisory Board

2013-2014, Participant, Project Broadcast

2011-present, Family Representative, Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs

2011-present, Liaison, North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence

2013-2014, Participant, *Fostering Perspectives* Meetings

2011-2014, Liaison, Chatham County Collaborative

2012-2014, Liaison, Chatham County Foster Care

2012-2014, Liaison, Chatham County Juvenile Justice

2012-2014, Liaison, Chatham County DSS

2013-2014, Liaison, Chatham County Schools.

2011-2014, Liaison, Chatham County Together!

2012-2014, Representative, NCDSS REAP Connect Pro, Coaching Skills

2012-2014, Member, COACH Team