

## **Allyson M. Drinkard, M.A.**

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### **Summary of Skills**

- Quantitative social researcher with longitudinal program evaluation experience
- Interdisciplinary social science training with a substantive focus on intersecting juvenile delinquency, victimization, substance abuse, and mental health problems
- Skilled at presenting research findings and technical information to diverse audiences
- Experience writing, submitting, and managing grant proposals in a non-profit, university environment
- Collaboration on community-based, grant-funded initiatives involving numerous county agencies, administrators, and treatment providers
- Ability to conduct several projects simultaneously and to prioritize to meet deadlines
- Experience managing employees, volunteers, and students
- Proficient with SPSS and Microsoft Office products; Additional familiarity with SAS, Adobe, LISREL, AMOS, and ArcView GIS

### **Education**

#### **Kent State University**

*2006-present Doctoral student in Sociology (part-time)*

- Comprehensive exams in Medical Sociology (primary) and Sociology of Families (secondary) expected Spring, 2009; PhD expected Fall, 2011
- Coursework: Quantitative Research in Educational Services (Education- Spring, 2006), Quantitative Statistical Analysis I (Psychology- Fall, 2006), Quantitative Statistical Analysis II (Psychology- Spring, 2007), Sociology of Mental Health and Disorders (Fall, 2007), Advanced Data Analysis (Sociology- Fall, 2007), Contemporary Sociological Theory (Spring, 2008), Independent Research Hours (Summer, 2008), Sociology of Health Care (Fall, 2008), Social Stratification to Social Inequalities (Fall, 2008)

*2000-2002 Master of Arts in Sociology*

- Master's thesis: "The social demographics of voluntary participation in groups and the impact on depression"
- Completed the B.A. to M.A. program as a fully funded graduate student
- Received the Elaine Mae Shock cash award for Outstanding Masters Student in 2002
- Member, Alpha Kappa Delta National Honor Society and Pi Gamma Mu National Honor Society

*1996-2000 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, minor in English*

- Graduated cum laude

#### **Continuing education/Workshops**

*2008* Analysis of change and development (KSU)

*2007* JavaScript (KSU)

*2005* Forensic data recovery (Information Security Summit), RefWorks (KSU)

*2004* Seminar on Integrated Co-occurring Treatment (Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board), Structural equation modeling (Case Western Reserve University)

*2003* Mapping census data with GIS (KSU), Hierarchical linear modeling (KSU)

*2002* Symposium on domestic violence (KSU)

*2001* Writing for grants and research (KSU)

## Professional Experience

### **Kent State University, Institute for the Study and Prevention of Violence**

**Kent, Ohio**

*2008-present Project Director*

Youth and Family Community Partnerships (YFCP) project (2008-2010); Funded by the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners; Principal Investigator, Shelley Listwan, PhD

- Primary responsibility includes evaluating the effectiveness of diverting youth who would have been served by the Youth Development Center (YDC) in Hudson, Ohio but who will receive, as an alternative, community-based treatment in Cuyahoga County
- Project management and evaluation coordination, data collection, data management, data analysis, writing research reports, and presenting findings to project partners
- Liaison to project partners from the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, the Department of Justice Affairs, the Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care, and several local treatment providers
- Develop assessment protocols
- Interview, hire, train, and supervise graduate assistants and student employees

*2007-present Research Associate*

Integrated Co-occurring Treatment (ICT) pilot (2007-2008); Funded by the Cuyahoga County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board and the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board; Principal Investigator, David Hussey, PhD

- Primary responsibility includes evaluating the effectiveness of ICT in treating juvenile justice youth who have both substance use and mental health disorders
- Project management and evaluation coordination, data collection, data management, data analysis, writing research reports, and presenting findings to project partners
- Principal youth assessments are the Ohio Scales and the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN; Initial and Follow-up M90); Additional data collected from county administrative databases, treatment providers, urine surveillance screens, and case file reviews
- Liaison to project partners from the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board, the Community Mental Health Board, the Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care, the Center for Innovative Practices, Catholic Charities Services, and Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
- Collaborate on grant proposals to secure federal funding for a randomized control trial of ICT
- Train and supervise graduate assistants and McNair Scholars
- Organized the Juvenile Justice Symposium presented jointly by the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the Institute for the Study and Prevention of Violence, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners to highlight Cuyahoga County's juvenile justice system-of-care which has incorporated federal, state, and local funding to improve services and outcomes for youth with co-occurring disorders and high levels of cross-system involvement

*2003-present Research Assistant*

Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY) project (2002-2008); Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA-CSAT) and the Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care; Principal Investigator, David Hussey, PhD

- Primary responsibility includes evaluating the effectiveness of the SCY system-of-care initiative which provides alcohol and drug addiction treatment services to delinquent youth in an effort to facilitate early identification and improved access to needed services
- Data collection, data management, data analysis, developing and writing the annual evaluation report, presentations to project partners, dissemination of findings in peer-reviewed journals and at professional conferences
- Principal youth assessment is the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN; Short Screen, Initial, and Follow-up M90); Additional data collected from the Working Alliance Inventory (WAI), juvenile court dockets, urine surveillance screens, county administrative databases, treatment providers, and case file reviews
- Liaison to project partners from the Department of Justice Affairs, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board, Catholic Charities Services, the Juvenile Court, the Juvenile Public Defender's office, the Community

Mental Health Board, the Department of Child and Family Services, the Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care, and the Family and Children First Council

- Assisted with data sharing negotiations and business agreements between Cuyahoga County child-serving agencies, the Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care, and Kent State University
- Findings generated from the SCY project have led to improved screening in the detention center, a better understanding of the needs and issues of the County's juvenile detainee population, and greater focus and resources aimed at addressing comorbid adolescent substance abuse and mental disorders
- Received additional resources on multiple occasions to expand research capacity and to evaluate evidence-based and promising treatment practices (i.e. Integrated Co-occurring Treatment, ICT)

2002-2003 *Research Assistant*

Children Who Witness Violence (CWWV) project (1998-2003); Funded by the Department of Justice Affairs and the Cleveland Foundation; Principal Investigator, Daniel Flannery, PhD

- Primary responsibility included evaluating the effectiveness of law enforcement officers as "first line" crisis intervention/mental health service referral sources for children and their families who have experienced domestic violence
- Data collection, data management, data analysis, writing the final evaluation report, presentation of findings to project partners, and dissemination of findings in peer-reviewed journals and at professional conferences
- Principal youth assessments included the Trauma Symptoms Checklist for Children (TSCC), the Pediatric Emotional Distress Scale (PEDS), and the Revised Behavior Problem Checklist (RBPC)

**Kent State University, Department of Sociology**

**Kent, Ohio**

Spring, 2003 *Instructor*

- Taught one Social Problems class of 50+ students

2000-2002 *Graduate Assistant*

- Taught two Data Analysis Using SPSS classes of 20+ students
- Managed team of up to 15 survey researchers in the Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) Lab
- Coded qualitative data for "Urban Change," a federally funded project examining the impact of welfare reform on single mothers
- Academic advisor for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered (LGBT) Studies minor

**MCM Technologies, Inc.**

**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**

2000-2001 *Business Manager*

- Accounts receivable, accounts payable, and payroll for a small, family-owned cable installation business

**Pancho & Lefty's and Tequila Panchos**

**Stow, Ohio**

2000-2001 *Assistant Manager*

- Managed teams of 8-10 employees for two family-owned restaurants
- Maintained staff schedules, product orders, and financial reports

1996-2000 *Waitress, bartender, hostess*

**Hattie Larlham Foundation**

**Mantua, Ohio**

1999-2000 *AmeriCorps Team Leader*

- Organized AmeriCorps volunteers to teach K-5 students in the local community about people with disabilities
- Developed and facilitated activities for profoundly disabled residents of the Foundation

## Publications

- Hussey, D.L., Drinkard, A.M., Falletta, L., & Flannery, D.J. 2008. Understanding clinical complexity in delinquent youth: Comorbidities, service utilization, cost, and outcomes. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs* 40(1): 85-95.
- Hussey, D.L., Drinkard, A.M., & Flannery, D.J. 2007. Comorbid substance use and mental disorders among offending youth. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions* 7(1): 117-138.
- Spilsbury, J., Belliston, L., Drotar, D., Drinkard, A.M., Kretschmar, J., Creedon, R., Flannery, D.J., & Friedman, S. 2007. Clinically significant trauma symptoms and behavioral problems in a community-based sample of children exposed to domestic violence. *Journal of Family Violence* 22: 487-499.
- Hussey, D.L., Drinkard, A.M., & Flannery, D.J. 2004-2007. The Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY) Project: Annual Local Evaluation. *Kent State University, Institute for the Study and Prevention of Violence*.
- Hussey, D.L., Drinkard, A.M., & Stormann, C.R. (in progress). Doorways to a new definition: Implications of cross-system involvement and SED criteria in defining "systems-of-care." *Abstract currently under review for a special issue of Evaluation and Program Planning*.
- Hussey, D.L. & Drinkard, A.M. (in development). Casting a wide net: Screening juvenile offenders with the GAIN Short Screen.

## Presentations

- Drinkard, A.M., Jones, J.A., & Hussey, D.L. February, 2008. Mental health problems, substance abuse, and victimization: A study of detention center youth. *Poster presented at the American Psychological Association's Summit on Violence and Abuse in Relationships in Bethesda, MD*.
- Drinkard, A.M. & Hussey, D.L. January, 2008. Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY) GAIN Short Screen Analysis. *Presented to the SCY Advisory Committee in Cleveland, OH*.
- Drinkard, A.M. & Hussey, D.L. September, 2007. Mental health problems, substance abuse, and victimization: A study of detention center youth. *Poster presented at the Celebration of Scholarship at Kent State University in Kent, OH*.
- Hussey, D.L. & Drinkard, A.M. September, 2007. Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY): Evaluation results and implications from the SCY project. *Presented to the Cuyahoga County Adolescent Service Providers Group in Shaker Heights, OH*.
- Drinkard, A.M., Hussey, D.L., & Falletta, L. April, 2007. A cluster analysis of delinquent youth: Co-occurring problems, service utilization, and cost. *Presented at the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (SAMHSA's JMATE) in Washington, D.C.*
- Hussey, D.L. & Drinkard, A.M. 2003-2007. The Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY) project: Annual program evaluation findings. *Presented to the SCY Steering Committee at the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board in Cleveland, OH*.
- Hussey, D.L. & Drinkard, A.M. July, 2006. The Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY) project. *Presented to the Ohio Governor's Cabinet and the Ohio Department of Youth Services in Columbus, OH*.
- Drinkard, A.M. & Hussey, D.L. March, 2006. Substance abuse, mental health disorders, and comorbidity in a sample of juvenile detainees. *Presented at the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (SAMHSA's JMATE) in Baltimore, MD*.
- Hussey, D.L. & Drinkard, A.M. May, 2005. Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY): Project description and evaluation findings. *Presented at the Child Welfare League of America conference in New Orleans, LA*.
- Hussey, D.L. & Drinkard, A.M. March, 2005. Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY): Project description and evaluation findings. *Presented at the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (SAMHSA's JMATE) in Washington, D.C.*
- Drinkard, A.M. & Flannery, D.J. October, 2004. Children Who Witness Violence (CWWV): Program evaluation findings. *Presented to the National Advisory Board of the Institute for the Study and Prevention of Violence in Kent, OH*.
- Flannery, D.J., Seeman, M. & Drinkard, A.M. 2002-2003. Children Who Witness Violence (CWWV): Annual program evaluation findings. *Presented to the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board in Cleveland, OH*.
- Drinkard, A.M. & Flannery, D.J. November, 2003. Severity and chronicity of domestic violence: The impact on child and adolescent trauma. *Presented at the American Society of Criminology conference in Denver, CO*.
- Flannery, D.J., Seeman, M., & Drinkard, A.M. October, 2002. Children who witness violence: Trauma symptoms over time. *Presented at the Ohio Criminal Justice Research conference in Columbus, OH*.