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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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At the intersection of child development, psychology, and clinical science, my research focuses on designing and evaluating health services for children who experience or are at risk for experiencing family adversity. My work includes years of experience planning, coordinating, and managing activities related to federal and state-funded projects.

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Lifespan Developmental Psychology, University of Georgia	2012
Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in University Teaching	2012
M.S., Lifespan Developmental Psychology, University of Georgia	2010
B.S., Psychology, University of North Florida <i>summa cum laude, Honors in the major</i>	2007

## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Assistant Research Scientist, Project Director</b> <b>Institute for Child Health Policy</b> Department of Health Outcomes and Policy University of Florida, Gainesville FL	2013-Present
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<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b> Murdoch Children's Research Institute Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	2012-13
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<b>Instructor</b>	2010-12
<b>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow</b>	2009-12
<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> Department of Psychology University of Georgia, Athens, GA	2008-09

## RESEARCH FUNDING

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### Current

Finkelhor D (Principal Investigator), **Bright MA** (Consultant), Seraphine A, Miller D. *Evaluating the Child Safety Matters Child Abuse and Bullying Prevention K-5 Curriculum*. Monique Burr Foundation/Florida Attorney General's Office. Award period 10/01/16-06/30/18. Award amount \$200,000.

Shenkman EA (Principal investigator), **Bright MA** (Co-investigator, project director). *MED147 Florida KidCare Evaluation*. AHCA. Award period 07/01/15-06/30/18. Award amount \$2,874,332.

### Completed

**Bright MA** (Principal investigator). *Transition to Medicaid managed care: Impact on health quality for foster youth*. AcademyHealth/Association for Community Affiliated Plans. Award period 01/01/15-12/31/15. Award amount \$10,000.

**Bright MA** (Co-principal investigator), Thompson (Co-Principal investigator). *Adverse Childhood Experiences Maternal and Child Health Workgroup*. Internal funding. Award period 10/15/14-10/15/15. Award amount \$10,000.

Shenkman EA (Principal investigator), **Bright MA** (Co-investigator, project director). MED147 *Florida KidCare Evaluation*. AHCA. Award period 07/01/12-06/30/15. Award amount \$1,591,950.

Knapp C (Principal investigator), **Bright MA** (Research Coordinator). COQUN *Children's Medical Service Network Evaluation*. CMS/DOH. Award period 01/01/13 – 6/30/15. Award amount \$811,948.

**Bright MA** (Principal investigator) Frick J (Mentor). *Baby, I'm stressed! A prospective study of cortisol and cognitive development*. National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship. Award period 08/01/2009-05/01/12. Award amount \$90,000.

**Bright MA** (Principal investigator), Shaffer A (Mentor). *I've got the rhythm, she's got the blues: Development of diurnal rhythm of cortisol*. Psi Chi - National Honor Society in Psychology: Graduate Research Grant. Award period 01/01/11-12/31/11. Award amount \$1,500.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS \*mentored student

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*Printed or in press*

15. Hinojosa MS, Hinojosa R, Nguyen J, **Bright MA**. School Service Utilization Among Racially/Ethnically Diverse Children and Adolescents with Health Conditions. *Matern Child Health J*
14. **Bright MA**, Shovali TS, \*Cooper A. Reasons for discontinued service among volunteer child advocates. *Child Youth Serv Rev*
13. **Bright MA**, Knapp C, Hinojosa MS, Alford SM, & Bonner B. Adverse experiences in childhood and associated physical, mental, and developmental conditions: A population based study. *Matern Child Health J; in press*
12. \*Naramore R, **Bright MA**, Epps N, Hardt N. Youth arrested for trading sex have the highest rates of childhood adversity: A statewide study of juveniles offenders. *Sex Abuse*.2015; 1-15.
11. **Bright MA**, Thompson L, Esernio-Jenssen D, Alford S, Shenkman E. Primary care pediatricians' screening and management practices for adverse childhood experiences. *J Health Care Poor Underserved*. 2015; 26(3): 686-700.
10. Baron-Lee, J, Bonner B, Knapp C, **Bright MA**, & Hinojosa MS. Factors associated with having a medical home for children at-risk of experiencing negative events: Results from a National study. *Matern Child Health J*. 2015; 1-10.
9. **Bright MA**, Alford S, Hinojosa MS, Knapp C, Fernandez-Baca D. Adverse childhood experiences and dental health in children and adolescents. *Community Dent Oral Epidemiol*. 2015; 43 (3): 193-199.
8. **Bright MA**, Hinojosa MS, Knapp C, Alford S, Bonner B, Fernandez-Baca D, & Ralston D. Adverse childhood experiences and health outcomes in childhood/adolescence: co-morbidity of physical, mental, and learning disorders. *Psychosom Med*. 2014; 76(3): A-9.
7. McCullough C, Harding H, Shaffer A, Han R, & **Bright MA**. Intergenerational continuity of risky parenting: A person-oriented approach to assessing parenting behaviors. *J Fam Violence* 2014; 29: 409-18.
6. **Bright MA**, Granger DA, Frick JE, & Out D. Individual differences in the cortisol and salivary  $\alpha$ -amylase awakening responses in early childhood: Relations to age, sex, and sleep in toddlers. *Dev Psychobiol*. 2014; 56(6):1300
5. **Bright MA**, Franich-Ray C, Anderson V, Menahem S, Cochrane A, & Jordan B. Infant cardiac surgery and the father-infant relationship: Feelings of strength, strain, and caution. *Early Hum Dev*. 2013; 89: 593-9.
4. Franich-Ray C, **Bright MA**, Anderson V, Northam E, Menahem S, Cochrane A, & Jordan B. Trauma reactions

in mothers and fathers following their infant's cardiac surgery. *J Pediatr Psychol*. 2013; 38: 494-505.

3. Granger DA, Fortunato CK, Beltzer E, Virag M, **Bright MA**, & Out D. Salivary bioscience and research on adolescence: An integrated approach. *J Adolescence*. 2012; 35: 1081-95.
2. **Bright MA**, Granger DA, & Frick JE. Do infants show a cortisol awakening response? *Dev Psychobiol*. 2012; 54: 736-43.
1. **Bright MA**. Perseverators are "stuck" on a concrete dimension: Individual differences in achieving dual representation. *New School Psychology Bulletin*. 2012; 9: 34-41.

*Under review, \*mentored student*

5. **Bright MA**, West AB\*, Weinbrenner D, Morioka T\*, Ilyas S\*, Thompson LA. How to improve screening for childhood maltreatment: A qualitative analysis of pediatricians.
4. Leone C, Hawkins LB, **Bright MA**. Sexual Predator or Sexual Tutor: The Influence of Sex Stereotypes and Personality Differences on Attitudes about the Sexual Abuse of Children.
3. **Bright MA**, Kleinman L, Vogel B, Shenkman E. Impact of Medicaid managed care on access to primary and preventive care for foster youth
2. **Bright MA**, Thompson LA, Mowitz M. Brief report: Birth outcomes as predictors of non-maltreatment adverse childhood experiences in a national sample.
1. **Bright MA**, Thompson LA, \*Weinbrenner D, Hardt, N, Misra D. Intergenerational patterns of childhood adversity: An argument for prenatal screening

#### **TECHNICAL REPORTS** \*Mentored student

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22. **Bright MA**, Gaskins J, & Shenkman E. (2016). Annual Florida KidCare Evaluation. Report submitted to the Agency for Healthcare Administration. 158 pages.
21. **Bright MA**. (2016). Medicaid Managed Care Improves Access to Primary and Preventive Care for Foster Youth. Report submitted to the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration and Texas Health and Human Services Commission. 3 pages.
20. **Bright MA**. (2016). Don't just wait and see: Improving developmental screening and follow-up quality improvement project. Post-implementation survey. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 4 pages.
19. **Bright MA**, Alford S, & Shenkman E. (2015). Annual Florida KidCare Evaluation. Report submitted to the Agency for Healthcare Administration. 156 pages.
18. **Bright MA**. (2015). Don't just wait and see: Improving developmental screening and follow-up quality improvement project. Pre-implementation survey. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 4 pages.
17. **Bright MA**, \*Cooper A. (2015). Discontinued service among Guardians ad Litem in Florida's 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Reported submitted to the Guardian ad Litem Office, Florida's 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. 4 pages.
16. **Bright MA**, Alford S, Shenkman E. (2015). Challenges and perceptions of applying to the Florida KidCare program. Report submitted to the Agency for Health Care Administration. 48 pages.
15. **Bright MA**. (2015). Blueprint for success: The Pediatric Medical Home is Here to Stay. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 47 pages.
14. **Bright MA**. (2015). Medical Home for Pediatric Primary Care: Qualitative Phone Interviews. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 9 pages.
13. **Bright MA**. (2015). Medical Home for Pediatric Primary Care: Learning Session 3, Round 2. Report

submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 34 pages.

12. **Bright MA.** (2014). Medical Home for Pediatric Primary Care: Practice Survey, Round 2 Post-Phase 2. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 21 pages.
11. **Bright MA,** Alford S, & Shenkman E. (2014). Annual Florida KidCare Evaluation. Report submitted to the Agency for Healthcare Administration. 106 pages.
10. **Bright MA,** Alford S, Yu B, Jiang J. (2014). Adverse Childhood Experiences among adult Floridians. Findings from the 2010 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Report submitted to the Florida Department of Health. 29 pages.
9. **Bright MA.** (2014) Medical Home for Pediatric Primary Care: Learning Session 2, Round 2. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 38 pages.
8. **Bright, MA,** Alford SM, & Shenkman E. (2014). Social determinants of health among Florida's low-income children: Associations with health quality and provider perspectives. Report submitted to the Agency for Healthcare Administration. 50 pages.
7. **Bright MA.** (2014) Medical Home for Pediatric Primary Care: Practice Survey, Round 2 Post-Phase 1. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 21 pages.
6. **Bright MA,** Alford S, & Shenkman E. (2013). Annual Florida KidCare Evaluation. Report submitted to the Agency for Healthcare Administration. 113 pages.
5. **Bright MA.** (2013) Medical Home for Pediatric Primary Care: Learning Session 1, Round 2. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 48 pages.
4. **Bright MA.** (2013) Medical Home for Pediatric Primary Care: Practice Survey, Round 2. Report submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics. 20 pages.
3. **Bright MA,** Shenkman E, Alford S, Muller K, Ranka D, Lee J. et al (2013). Longitudinal Assessment of Continuity of Coverage in Florida KidCare. Report submitted to the Agency for Healthcare Administration. 42 pages.
2. Knapp C, Ralston D, & **Bright MA.** (2013). Children's medical services network: Evaluation of the integrated care systems for Title XXI enrollees. Report submitted to Children's Medical Services. 101 pages.
1. Knapp C, Baker K, Bonner B, & **Bright MA.** (2013). Children's medical services network: Provider satisfaction report. Report submitted to Children's Medical Services. 24 pages.

## EDITORIALS

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Hardt N, Burt M, & **Bright MA.** (2014). A familiar pattern of violence in Bell. *Gainesville Sun*

Shovali TE & **Bright MA.** (2012). Tips from TAs: Reading circle. *University of Georgia Center for Teaching and Learning Newsletter*, 22, <http://wwwctl.uga.edu/teachingassistant/newsletters>.

## PRESENTATIONS \*mentored student

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### *Invited presentations*

2. **Bright MA.** (2016). Managed Care for foster youth: Implications for Access to Care. Presented at the annual Texas Medicaid/CHIP quality forum. Austin, TX.
1. **Bright MA.** (2016). Access to primary and preventive care for foster youth: Impact of Medicaid Managed Care. Presented at the annual research meeting of AcademyHealth. Boston, MA.

### *Symposia*

6. Sheer A, Hardt N, **Bright MA.** (2015). When the perpetrator is a victim: Re-conceptualizing juvenile delinquents based on their history of adverse experiences. Presented at the Adverse Childhood

Experiences Southeastern Summit. Asheville, NC.

5. \*Weinbrenner D, **Bright MA**, Thompson L. (2015). Prenatal factors associated with adverse childhood experiences: Implications for screening and linking of mother and child health records. Presented at the annual Pediatrics Science Day at the University of Florida. Gainesville, FL.
4. Winter W, **Bright MA**. (2015). Piloting a trauma-responsive community initiative at Gainesville health care sites. Presented at the annual research meeting of the University of Florida College of Nursing. Gainesville, FL.
3. \*Newell S, **Bright MA**. (2015). Children's Public Health Insurance Programs and Experienced Prejudice: Implications for Policy. Science-for-policy talk presented at the annual meeting of Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues. Washington, DC.
2. **Bright MA**. Childhood adversity: What we know and what comes next (2014). Presented at the annual research meeting of the Institute for Child Health Policy. Gainesville, FL.
1. **Bright MA**, Shaffer A, Han R, & Baggett E. (2011, April). "I know how you feel." Relations Between Mother-Child Shared Emotions and Child Emotion Regulation. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

*Posters, \*mentored student*

25. \*Illyas S, & **Bright MA**. (2016). Intention versus action: barriers to screening for adverse childhood experiences in pediatric practice. Poster presented at the annual Pediatric Medical Student Research Forum. Orlando, FL.
24. \*West A, & **Bright MA**. (2015). Uncovering childhood adversity in pediatric visits: physician perspectives. Poster to be presented at the annual Pediatric Medical Student Research Forum. Orlando, FL.
23. \*Burns A, & **Bright MA**. (2015). Birth outcomes as predictors of adverse childhood events in the first two years of life. Poster to be presented at the annual Pediatric Medical Student Research Forum. Orlando, FL.
22. **Bright MA**, Thompson LA, Esernio-Jenssen D, & Alford S. (2015). Primary care pediatricians' screening and management practices for adverse childhood experiences. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Academic Pediatric Society. San Diego, CA.
21. Gibson C, Johnson M, **Bright MA**, Fagan A, Komro K, Maldonado-Molina M, Shenkman E, Thompson L. Exploring the multiple contexts of interpersonal discrimination and its association with mental and physical health: An examination of youth. (2014). Poster presented at the Institute for Child Health Policy Annual Research Day. Gainesville, FL.
20. \*Naramore R, Hardt N, & **Bright MA**. Adverse childhood experiences and sexually trafficked adolescents. (2014). Poster presented at the Institute for Child Health Policy Annual Research Day. Gainesville, FL.
19. **Bright MA**, Hinojosa MS, Knapp C, Alford S, Bonner B, Fernandez-Baca D, & Ralston D. (2014, March). Adverse Childhood Experiences and Health Outcomes in Childhood/Adolescence: Co-morbidity of Physical, Mental, and Learning Disorders. Citation poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.
18. Franich-Ray C, **Bright MA**, Anderson V, Northam E, Cochrane A, & Menahem S, & Jordan B. (2014). Parents of Infants with Congenital Heart Disease- Depression and Anxiety One Month and One Year Post Discharge from Hospital Following their Infant's Surgery. Poster submitted to the annual meeting of the World Association for Infant Mental Health Congress. Edinburgh, Scotland.
17. Jordan B, **Bright MA**, Franich-Ray C, Anderson V, Northam E, Cochrane A, & Menahem S. (2013, August). Characteristics of early parent infant relationships after infants have cardiac surgery. Poster presented to the annual meeting of the International Congress of Pediatrics. Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

16. **Bright MA**, Granger D, & Frick JE. (2013, April). Cortisol awakening response in toddlers: Developmental changes and relations to sleep. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Seattle, WA.
15. Shoali TE, **Bright MA**, Domizi DP, & Beal BG. (2013, April). The reading circle method: Facilitating multiple types of learning. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Developmental Science Teaching Institute, Seattle, WA.
14. McCullough C., Han, R., Harding H, **Bright MA**, & Shaffer A. (2012, February). Intergenerational Continuity of Emotional Abuse: A Person-Oriented Approach to Parenting under Stress. Poster presented at the methodological themed meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Tampa, FL.
13. Han R, **Bright MA**, Baggett E, & Shaffer A. (2010, November). "I'm upset. Me too!" Mother-child negative emotions predict childhood aggressive behavior. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. San Francisco, CA.
12. Varga K, Frick JE, Stankys L, Beck H, Dengler M, & **Bright M.A.** (2009, April). I saw the sign: The development of directional understanding. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Denver, CO.
11. \*Nix M, **Bright MA**, \*Barfield A, & Frick J. (2009, March). "But the star is green!" Individual differences in preschoolers' use of a scale model. Poster session presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Behavioral Sciences. Athens, GA
10. **Bright MA**, Hawkins, LB, Leone C, & \*Letson SJ. (2008, October). How much abuse is too much? Severity of abuse, subjective distress, and perceived victimization. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists. Greenville, SC.
9. **Bright MA**, & Hawkins LB. (2008, March). Limbic system damage due to child abuse: A new measure. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association. Charlotte, NC.
8. **Bright MA**. (2008, March). Child abuse: Repercussions for society and the individual. Invited presentation for the University of North Florida's Board of Trustees meeting. Jacksonville, FL.
7. **Bright MA**, & Glen ET. (2007, March). I have to read that?! Disparities in health literacy among a low-income clinical population. Poster session presented at the University of North Florida's annual research symposium. Jacksonville, FL.
6. **Bright MA**, O'Connor DP, & Smallwood, R. (2007, March). Qualitative data: A traditional versus computerized analysis. Poster session presented at the University of North Florida's annual research symposium. Jacksonville, FL.
5. O'Connor DP, **Bright MA**, Sitarik S, Hawkins LB, & Smallwood R. (2007, March). College wasn't what I expected! Freshman expectations and experiences. Poster session presented at the University of North Florida's annual research symposium. Jacksonville, FL
4. Leone C, Hawkins LB, & **Bright MA**. (2008, March). Today's students, tomorrow's scholars: Creating and fostering a successful mentoring relationship. Invited keynote address at the University of North Florida's annual research symposium. Jacksonville, FL.
3. **Bright MA**, Hawkins LB, & Leone C. (2007, January). Sex stereotyping and attitudes about sexual abuse of children. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychologists. Memphis, TN.
2. **Bright MA**, Hawkins, LB, & Leone C (2006, November). Blame it on the kid! Attributions and need for cognitive closure. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists. Knoxville, TN.

1. **Bright MA**, Leone C, & Hawkins LB. (2006, April). Child sexual abuse: Who needs closure? Perceptions of adult child sexual encounters. Poster session presented at the University of North Florida's annual research symposium. Jacksonville, FL.

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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Early Childhood Development, Health and Wellbeing, Maternal and Child Health, Health Disparities, Evaluating Health Policy, Child Maltreatment, Research Methods, Research Ethics

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE *(teaching portfolio available upon request)*

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### Graduate courses

Instructor – University of Florida, Health Policy Issues in Children's Health Fall 2014

### Undergraduate courses

Instructor – University of Florida, Lifespan Developmental Psychology	Spring 2014
Instructor – University of Georgia, Social/Personality Development	Summer 2012
Instructor – University of Georgia, Social/Personality Development	Summer 2011
Instructor – University of Georgia, Social/Personality Development	Summer 2010
Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of Georgia, Elementary Psychology	Spring 2009
Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of Georgia, Elementary Psychology	Fall 2008
Guest Lecturer – University of Georgia, Elementary Psychology	Fall 2008
Graduate Mentor – University of Georgia, Athletics Department	Summer 2009
Teaching Assistant – University of North Florida, Thesis Symposium	Spring 2006 – Summer 08
Teaching Assistant – University of North Florida, Thesis Prospectus	Spring 2006 – Summer 08
Teaching Assistant – University of North Florida, Honors Portfolio	Spring 2007
Teaching Assistant – University of North Florida, Honors Portfolio	Spring 2006

## SERVICE

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### *Professional*

Member, Academic Pediatrics Association Public Policy and Advocacy committee	2015-
Ad hoc reviewer, <i>Maternal and Child Health Journal</i>	2015-
Ad hoc reviewer, <i>Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved</i>	2015-
Ad hoc reviewer, <i>Journal of Psychiatric Research</i>	2014-
Ad hoc reviewer, <i>Nursing Research and Practice</i>	2013-
Ad hoc reviewer, <i>Supportive Care in Cancer</i>	2013-
Ad hoc reviewer, <i>Psychoneuroendocrinology</i>	2013-
Ad hoc reviewer, <i>New School Psychology Bulletin</i>	2010

### *Community*

Health Services Representative, Seeds of Violence/Peace for Gainesville	2014-
Guardian, Florida Guardian ad Litem Circuit 8	2013-
Volunteer, Child Life Program, William H. Shands Hospital Jacksonville	2007
Volunteer, Give Kids the World, Orlando, Florida	2006-12
Invited discussion facilitator, Youth Leadership Experience Jacksonville	2006

### *University*

Reviewer, University of Florida Proposal Peer Review Exchange Program (PREP)	2013-Present
Reviewer, UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Symposium	2010
Reviewer, UGA Annual Convention for the Behavioral Sciences	2010

Panelist, University of Georgia Academic Honesty Committee	2008-12
Member, Graduate Student Committee	2009-12
Program manager/committee chair, UNF Hate Hurts Peace Project	2007-08
Program coordinator, UNF Annual Research Symposium	2007-08

### CONSULTATION SERVICES

Medical Home Chapter Champion Program on Asthma, Allergy, and Anaphylaxis	2016
<b>Partner/Submitting Agency:</b> American Academy of Pediatrics	
<b>Funding Source:</b> Allergy & Asthma Network (AAN)	
<b>Description:</b> Program aimed at promoting delivery of high quality asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis care through team-based, family-centered care coordination and co-management among patients and their families, primary care pediatricians, and pediatric asthma and allergy specialists, while improving health outcomes for all children	
Don't Just Wait and See: Improving Developmental Screening and Follow-up	2015-16
<b>Partner/Submitting Agency:</b> American Academy of Pediatrics	
<b>Funding Source:</b> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	
<b>Description:</b> Demonstration project aimed at providing primary care pediatricians with the strategies, tools, and resources necessary to improve and promote monitoring, screening, and follow-up for developmental concerns.	
Florida CHIPRA Pediatric Medical Home Demonstration Project (Phase 2)	2013-14
<b>Partner/Submitting Agency:</b> American Academy of Pediatrics	
<b>Funding source:</b> Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services through the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)	
<b>Description:</b> Multi-year project aimed at strengthening the ability of pediatric medical homes to provide high quality, family-centered care for all children, including those with special health care needs	

### AWARDS AND HONORS

AcademyHealth New Investigator	2014
American Psychosomatic Society Young Investigator	2014
University of Georgia Travel Grant	2012
University of Georgia Travel Grant	2009
Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award	2008
Outstanding Undergraduate Psychology Student Award	2007
Outstanding Senior Service Award	2007
Women's History Month Leadership Award	2007
University Scholars Honor Society Woman of the Year Award	2007
Collegiate Leadership Jacksonville Experience	2006
University of North Florida Academic Enrichment Research Grant	2006
University of North Florida Honors Travel Grant	2006
Society for Southeastern Social Psychologists Outstanding Student Poster Award	2006
University Honors Scholarship	2004
Ling Leadership Scholarship	2004
Florida Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship	2004-07
Dean's List, University of North Florida	2005-07

### MEDIA COVERAGE

<i>Sex-trafficked youth experience more childhood adversity than other juvenile offenders</i>	2015
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Covered in: *ACEs Connection.com, ACEsTooHigh.com*

*Health Risks in Hiding* 2015

Covered in: *The University of Florida Post*

*Stressful experiences have big, immediate effects on children's health* 2014

Covered in: *MSN Health, HealthDay.com, WUFT News, The Independent Florida Alligator, University of Florida Research News, The University of Florida Post*

*When babies awake: New study shows surprise regarding important hormone level* 2011

Covered in: *Science Daily, Medical News Today, University of Georgia Columns*

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#### **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Evaluation Association, Academy on Violence and Abuse, Academic Pediatric Association, AcademyHealth, American Psychosomatic Society