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EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor in Technical Assistance, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 1985 – Present

Current: Director, Cultural and Linguistic Competency Hub of the Technical Assistance Network for Children's Behavioral Health for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Children's Mental Health Initiative

Selected Projects:

- Evaluator: National Evaluation, Community Mental Health Initiative, System of Care for Children and Families in Seminole County, FL. Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- Principal Investigator (PI): Examining the Role of Family Organizations in Developing Family Voice in Systems of Care. Funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
- PI: Family and Child Experience of the Mental Health System Study. Funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.
- PI: SEDNET (Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional and/or Behavioral Disabilities) Accountability Database and Quality Assurance Project
- Director: National Directory of Family-Run and Youth-Guided Organizations for Children's Behavioral Health.
- PI: Youth Suicide Prevention School-Based Guide
- PI: Asset based Approaches for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, or Two-Spirit (LGBTQI2-S) Youth and Families in Systems of Care. Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- PI: EQUIPO/CHANGE-MAKER Natural Helper Training Project: Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services THINK Project in Hillsborough County, FL.
- PI: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Family Impact Study. Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services and the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.
- Coordinator and Liaison to the Florida Mental Health Institute, University Cultural Competence and Diversity 2000 Initiative.
- PI: EQUIPO Training Project at Abriendo Puertas Family Center, East Little Havana, Miami, Florida. Co-developed a bilingual training curriculum. Funded by the Annie E. Casey Mental Health Initiative for Urban Children.
- PI: Participatory Evaluation of the Citizens in Action Coalition, Daytona Beach, Florida. Funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families.
- Project Director: Comprehensive Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances Family Centered Interviews. Coordinated and implemented the Family Experience Study at seven CMHS sites (1996-1997). Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services in connection with the ORC Macro Evaluation.
- Co-PI: Florida Foster Care and Adoption Recruitment and Retention Project in partnership with Florida State University, Tallahassee, and the University of Florida, Gainesville. Funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families.
- PI: Youth Suicide Prevention Study and Report to the Florida State Legislature. Funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

- Project Director: Leadership Initiative, developing a grassroots leadership model. Funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.
- Statewide Technical Assistance Coordinator: Multi-agency Network for Students with Severe Emotional Disturbance. Funded by the Florida Department of Education.
- Director of Training and Consultation: Florida Teaching Family Project.
- Trainer/Consultant/Evaluator/Admissions Coordinator: Florida Teaching Family Project, a statewide residential treatment program.
- Facilitated numerous suicide prevention efforts, meetings, and activities including:
 - Addressing Suicide in Systems of Care: Strategies for Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention; Training Institutes: New Horizons for System of Care; Pre-Institutes Training Program (2010).
 - Adolescent Suicide: Addressing Disparities through Research, programs, Policy and Partnerships, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Indian Health Services (HIS), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, (SAMHSA) (2009).
 - Addressing Suicide Issues in Systems of Care: Identifying Strategies for Prevention, Intervention & Postvention Center for Mental Health Services, Child, Adolescent and Family Branch (2006 & 2009).
 - Responding to the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: Goals and Objectives for Action. Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network, American Association of Suicidology; and the American Foundation for Suicide (2004).
 - Suicide Prevention: Stakeholder Focus Groups. American Association of Suicidology (2002).

Partner, Human Service Collaborative, Washington, D.C.

2004- Present

Provide research, training, evaluation and facilitation in building systems of care, including, cultural and linguistic competence, wraparound and child and family teams, family and youth partnership, community outreach and engagement, and building formal service provider and natural helper partnerships.

Clients include: Little Havana Children’s Partnership, Miami, FL; Annie E. Casey Foundation, MD; National Alliance of Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health Association, DC; American Institutes for Research, Washington, D.C.; Child and Adolescent Community Innovations Institute, MD; Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA; Center for Disease Control and Prevention; St. Mary’s County Local Management Board, MD; Innovations Institute, University of Maryland; Georgetown University Child Development Center; Connecticut Department of Children and Families; American Association of Suicidology; Pennsylvania Department of Human Services; Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families; New Mexico Department of Children and Families; Wyoming Department of Family Services; Nevada Department of Children and Families; Florida Network for Children, Youth and Families; Center for Reproductive Law and Policy; Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, FL; Maryland Coalition of Families; ORC Macro, Inc.; Walter R. MacDonald & Associates, Inc.; MayaTech Corporation, MD; Campaign Committee for City Council, St. Petersburg, FL; National Organization for Women, Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL; Human Rights Task Force, FL; Catholic Charities, Tampa, FL; Neighborhoods United, Inc., Plant City, FL; Hispanic Services Council, Tampa, FL; Student Association, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL; Association of Retarded Citizens, FL; Florida Department of Education; Florida Department of Children and Families

Other Employment

Fulbright Instructor, Universidade Lusofono, Lisbon, Portugal	June, 1999
Associate Therapist, Division of Youth and Family Services, NJ	1982 - 1985
Princeton Child Development Institute and Eden Institute	1882 - 1985
Counselor, Life Management Associates, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey	1981 - 1982
Job Counselor, Stills and Associates, Newark, New Jersey	1981 - 1981
Teacher and Coach, Mater Dei High School, Highland, New Jersey	1979 - 1981
Counselor, Planned Parenthood, Red Bank, New Jersey	1978 - 1979

EDUCATION

University of South Florida, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, MA, 1992

Fairfield University, College of Liberal Arts, BA, Psychology, CT 1978

Rutgers University, Graduate School of Education, Graduate work in Education, NJ 1984

Kean College, Department of Special Education, Graduate work in Special Education, NJ 1980

Brookdale College, Department of Education, Undergraduate work in Education, NJ 1980 - 1984

Monmouth College, Department of Education, Undergraduate work in Education, NJ 1979

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Lazear, K.J.**, Gamache, P. The Resilience U-Turn - Understanding Risks and Strengths to Effectively Support LGBT Youth and Families in Systems of Care. In *Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Youth Who are LGBT and Their Families* by S. Fisher, G. Blau, J. Poirier (Eds.), Brookes (2013).
- Lazear, K.J.**, Pires, S.A., Forssell, S. & Mallery, C. Addressing the Needs of LGBT Youth and Their Families: Building Systems of Care to Support Effective Therapeutic and Programmatic Interventions and Resources. In *Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Youth Who are LGBT and Their Families* by S. Fisher, G. Blau, J. Poirier (Eds.), Brookes (2014).
- Lazear, K.** & Gamach, P. (2009) *Asset-based approaches for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, or two-spirit (LGBTQI2-S) youth and families in systems of care*. Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Lazear, K.** & Anderson, R. (2009). Examining the relationship between family-run organizations and non-family-run organizations in systems of care. Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Fisher, S.K., Easterly, S. & **Lazear, K.J.** Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) families and their children. In *Family Influences on Childhood Behavior and Development: Evidence-Based Prevention and Treatment Approaches* by T.P Gullotta and G. Blau (Eds.), Routledge. (2008)
- Lazear, K.**, Pires, S., Issacs, M., Chaulk, P., & Huang, L. Depression among low-income-women of color: Qualitative findings from cross-cultural focus groups. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.
- Lazear, K.**, Anderson, R. & Boterf, E. (2006). Quick guide for self-assessment of family-run organizations. Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Lazear, K.**, Worthington, J. (2004). The Family Experience of the Mental Health System: Findings Compendium. Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Lazear, K.**, Roggenbaum, S. & Doan, J. (2003). Youth Suicide Prevention School Based Guide. The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Lazear, K.** & Worthington, J., (2002). Supplemental Security Income Family Impact Study. Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Lazear, K.**, Pires, S., Pizarro, M., Orrego, M., Lara, S., & Lavernia, A. (2001). Natural Helper and Professional Partnership in Children's Mental Health: Lessons from the EQUIPO DEL BARRIO at Abirnedo Puertas, Inc. Prepared for the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- Lazear, K.**, Nations, L, Vaughn, D. & Chambers, K., (9/99). Florida Youth Suicide Prevention Study, Report to the Florida State Legislature.
- Clark, L., Jarmon, B. & **Lazear, K.**, (1999) Florida Foster Care and Adoption Study. Prepared for the Florida Department of Children and Families.
- Oullette, P.M., **Lazear, K.J.**, & Chambers, K., (1999). Action Leadership: The development of an approach to leadership enhancement for grassroots community leaders in children's mental health. The Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research May, 26(2) 171-184.
- Lazear, K.** & MacBeth, G., (1995 – 1997). Seven individual reports for Comprehensive Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances Evaluation Family Centered Interviews for: KanFocus, KS;

F.R.I.E.N.D.S., NY; Alliance Family and Children First, OH; San Mateo County Child and Youth System of Care, CA; Community WrapAround Initiative, IL; PenPal, NC; and Village Project, SC.
Pires, S. (Ed.), **Lazear, K.**, (1997). A Cultural Perspective, unpublished paper included in Lessons Learned from the Fort Bragg Demonstration.
Eggers, T. & **Lazear, K.J.**, (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996). Severe Emotional Disturbance Multi-agency Network (SEDNET) Annual Report to the Florida State Legislature.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Structural Racism, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health (2016). Annual Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL. (2016).

Health Beliefs & Language Assistance Intensive Workshop (2015). Annual Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL. (2015).

Asset-Based Implementation for LGBTQI2-S Youth and Families in System of Care: Findings from the Listening Sessions. 25th Annual Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, Tampa, FL. (2012).

Utilizing the National Directory of Family-Run and Youth-Guided Organizations for Children's Behavioral Health. Annual Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference, Washington, DC. (2011).

Sustainability and Growth of Family-Run Organizations. Annual Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference, Atlanta, GA. (2010).

Addressing the Needs of Children/Youth in Systems of Care Who Are at Risk for Suicide. Annual Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference, Atlanta, GA. (2010).

Fostering Resilience and Acceptance: Approaches and Resources for Supporting Families with Caregivers or Children Who Are LGBTQI2-S. Annual Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference, Atlanta, GA. (2010).

Utilizing a Logic Model Approach to Build and Sustain Family-run Organizations. Annual Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference, Washington, DC. (2009).

Your Multiagency Service Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities. Invited speaker at the Family Café 10th Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. (2008)

A Statewide Family Organization Approach to Developing Family Voice in Systems of Care, Poster, Annual Research and Training Conference: A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, FL. Mar. 2008.

The Development of Three Family Organizations: Examining the Role of Family Organizations in Developing Systems of Care, Annual Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference, Nov. 2007.

Working with Children and Families Living in Poverty, Invited speaker at the Teaching Family Association 30th Annual Conference, Washington, DC: Nov. 2007.

The Developing Role of Family Members as Research Partners: An Introduction to the Research Process and the Role of Grant Reviewer, Intensive Workshop, Annual Research and Training Conference: A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, FL. Mar. 2007.

A Network Analysis Approach to Examining the Role of Family Organizations in Systems of Care, Poster, Annual Research and Training Conference: A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, FL. Mar. 2007.

Services for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth and Their Families, Developing Local Systems of Care for Children and Adolescents with Emotional Disturbances and their Families, Training Institutes, Orlando, FL Jul 2006.

The National Directory of Family-Run and Youth Organizations, Poster, Annual Research and Training Conference: A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, FL. Feb. 2006.

The Role, Impact and Effectiveness of Family Organizations in Developing Systems of Care, Symposium, Annual Research and Training Conference: A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, FL. Feb. 2006.

Building on Cultural Strengths: Using Cultural Assessment Tools and Resources, Topical Discussion at the Annual Research and Training Conference A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, FL Feb. 2006.

The Family Voice Study: Examining the Role of Family Organizations in Developing Systems of Care, Poster presentation at the Annual Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference, Nov. 2005.

Youth Suicide Prevention School Based Guide, Poster, Developing Local Systems of Care Training Institutes, San Francisco, CA, Jun 2004.

Using Natural Helpers with Latino Children and Families, Developing Local Systems of Care Training Institutes, San Francisco, CA, Jun 2004.

Unearthing the Why's of Quantitative Outcomes Through Qualitative Analysis, Annual Research and Training Conference A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, FL Mar 2004.

The Family Experience Study of the Mental Health System at Nine Months, Annual Research and Training Conference A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Clearwater, FL Mar 2003.

The EQUIPO Natural Helper Model: Capturing Outcomes, The Annie E Casey Foundation All Staff Retreat, Baltimore, MD Feb 2002.

EQUIPO: Cultural Competence and Replication Challenges for a Natural Helper Model of Partnership, Annual Research and Training Conference A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Clearwater, FL, Feb 2001.

Findings from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Study, Annual Research and Training Conference on Children's Mental Health, Clearwater, FL, Feb 2001.

Building the Family Experience into System of Care Research, Annual Conference on State Mental Health Agency Services Research, Program Evaluation and Policy, Washington, D.C. Feb 2001.

Cultural Competence: Diagnostic and Treatment Issues in a System of Care. The Challenges and Opportunities of Clinical Interventions Within a System of Care, Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program, Fall 2000 Grantee Conference, Atlanta, GA, Oct 2000.

Community and Family Participation in the Research Process: The Case of the SSI Family Impact Study, Society for Applied Anthropology 2000 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Mar 2000.

The Child Family Experience of the Mental Health System Study, Annual Research and Training Conference on Children's Mental Health, Clearwater, Florida. Mar 2000.

Florida Youth Suicide Study, Annual Behavioral Health Care Conference, Orlando, Florida. Dec 1999.

EQUIPO Training Program for Strengthening Partnerships Between Formal Service Providers and Informal Helpers, Partners Sharing Solutions Conference, Orlando, Florida. Nov 1999.

Working as Partners: A Training Curriculum for Building Effective Service Partnerships, Annual Research Conference on Children's Mental Health, Clearwater, Florida. Feb 1999.

Qualitative Approach to Data Collection: SSI Family Impact Study, Annual Research Conference on Children's Mental Health, Clearwater, Florida. Feb 1999.

EQUIPO: Working as Partners to Strengthen and Support Our Community, Comprehensive Mental Health Service for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances, Center for Mental Health Services Grantees Workshop, Washington DC. De. 1998.

Approaches to Determine the Impact of Welfare Reform on Children and Families, National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Workshop, Chicago, Illinois. Aug 1998.

Leadership Enhancement and Development: An Action Leadership Model, Training Institutes, Developing Local Systems of Care in a Managed Care Environment for Children and Adolescents with Serious Emotional Disturbances and Their Families, Orlando, Florida, Jun 1998.

LEAD: An Action Leadership Model, Linking Forces Annual Mental Health Conference, Miami, Florida. Apr 1998.

The Clark Award for Florida's Child Welfare Practitioners, One Village, One Child: A Circle of Care, A Children's Services Training Conference, Pensacola, Florida. Feb 1998.

Supplemental Security Income Family Impact Study, Annual Conference on State Mental Health Agency Services Research, Program Evaluation and Policy, Alexandria, Virginia. Feb 1998.

SED Success Study: Experiences of a Select Group of Children & Adolescents with Severe Emotional Disturbance, Linking Forces Annual Mental Health Conference, Miami, Florida. May 1997.

A Theory Grounded Methodology for Assessing Intervention Within a System of Care, Annual Research and Training Conference on Children's Mental Health, Tampa, Florida. Feb 1997.

Leadership Initiative, poster presented at the Annual Research and Training on Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Tampa, Florida. Feb 1997.

Collaborative Approaches to System Development: Florida's SED Network, Training Institutes, Developing Local Systems of Care in a Managed Care Environment for Children and Adolescents with Serious Emotional Disturbances, Traverse City, Michigan. Jun 1996.

Best Practices in Multidisciplinary Planning Meetings: Lessons Learned from the Review of Eight Florida HRS Districts Multidisciplinary Planning Practices for Children with Emotional Disturbances and Their Families, Linking Forces Annual Mental Health Conference, Miami, Florida. Apr 1996.

Utilization and Effectiveness of Florida's Multidisciplinary Family Planning Teams, Annual Research and Training Conference on Children's Mental Health, Tampa, Florida. Feb 1996

An Effective Statewide Network for Florida's System of Care, Round Table Discussion, Annual Research and Training Conference on Children's Mental Health, Tampa, Florida. February 1996.

Lessons Learned from the Fort Bragg Demonstration Project, Round Table Discussion, Annual Research and Training Conference on Children's Mental Health, Tampa, Florida. February 1996.

Utilization and Effectiveness of Florida's Multidisciplinary Family Planning Teams, One Village, One Child: A Circle of Care, A Children's Services Training Conference, Pensacola, Florida. February 1996.

Best Practices in Creative Service Delivery, Linking Forces Annual Mental Health Conference, Miami, Florida. May 1995.

System of Care Partnerships: At Every Level for Every Child, Rethink Our Challenge Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina. February 1995.

Developing Your Agency's Cultural Competency. Annual Teaching Family Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. September 1994.

If Your Not Part of the Problem, Your Part of the Solution: Effective Partnerships through Collaboration, Annual Teaching Family Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. September 1994.

Opening Doors, Linking Forces Annual Mental Health Conference, Miami, Florida. May 1994.

Assessing the Local System of Care: The SEDNET/CASSP Quality Development Team, Annual Research and Training Conference on Children's Mental Health, Tampa, Florida. March 1992

An Integrated Network Model for Automated Information Management in Mental Health System, poster session, Annual Research and Training Conference on Children's Mental, Tampa, Florida. March 1992.

Quality Development Team: SED Multi-agency Networks, Quality Development Team SEDNET Project Manager Training, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. July 1991.

Quality Development Team: Process and Essential Project Standards, Quality Development Team, SEDNET Project Manager Training, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. July 1990.

Treatment Planning for the SED Adolescent Female Suffering from Symptoms of PMS: A Case Study, National Teaching Family Association Annual Convention, Traverse City, Michigan. Jun, 1990

Consultants: What They Do - What You Want Them To Do, National Teaching Family Association, Annual Convention, Ft. Worth, Texas. September 1997.

Records and Documentation, In-service, Florida Teaching Family Project, Tampa, Florida. April 1985.

The Teaching Family Treatment Approach: Program Replication and New Applications, Florida Association for Behavior Analysis, Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida. September 1985.

VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

Florida's First Regional Youth Congress, Department of Education, Bureau of Student Service and Exceptional Education, Daytona Beach, FL, 1994.

PSA Opening Doors, Linking Forces Annual Mental Health Conference for Mental Health Agencies, Schools and Parents, Miami, FL, 1994.

Listen to the People, Annual Research Conference on Children's Mental Health, Tampa, FL, 1994.

Today, Outreach Broward and Peter Pan Day Care, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Viewed nationwide by Abbott Laboratories, 1994.

Silent Noise, Creating Safe Schools and Safe Communities Regional Meetings, Navarre Beach, Gainesville, Orlando, Tampa, Tallahassee, Ft. Lauderdale, and Ft. Pierce, FL, 1993.

In Jennifer's Case, Multi-agency Network for Students with Severe Emotional Disturbance Florida Regional Meetings, FL, 1993.

Community Involvement: Lee Davis Neighborhood Center, Parent Enhancement Conference, Tampa, FL, 1993.

Listen to the Children, Plenary Session, Annual Research Conference on Children's Mental Health, Tampa, FL, 1993.

REFERENCES available upon request