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## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2017 - present                      *Associate Professor*  
Department of Criminal Justice, University of Central Florida

2011-2017                              *Assistant Professor*  
Department of Criminal Justice, University of Central Florida

2008 – 2011                              *Post-Doctoral Fellow*  
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice  
Department of Psychology, University of New Orleans

## **EDUCATION**

2008                                      University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
Doctor of Philosophy, Criminology  
*Dissertation: A Group-Based Approach to Examining the Association among Risky Sexual Behavior, Substance Use, and Criminal Involvement in a Sample of Newly Arrested Juvenile Offenders*

2005                                      University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
Master of Arts, Criminology  
*Thesis: Self-Control, Gang Membership, and Victimization: An Integrated Approach to the Risk Factors of Violent Victimization*

2002                                      Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology

## **RESEARCH**

### **Grants and Contracts**

2022-2024      Childs, K.K. (PI). Evaluation of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office ARPA Behavioral Health Services Expansion Effort. Seminole County Sheriff's Office, \$174,219.

2022              Peck, J.H. (PI) and Childs, K.K. (Co-PI). A Longitudinal Analysis of School-Based Referrals to Florida's Juvenile Justice System. University of Central Florida, ER1 Seed Funding Project, \$24,947.

2021-2026      Gryglewicz, K. (PI) and Childs, K.K. (Co-PI). Florida Pathways to Awareness, Support, and Services (FPASS). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, \$625,000, SM084700.

2019-2021      Childs, K.K. (PI). Justice and Mental Health Collaboration. Bureau of Justice Assistance \$750,000, UCF Subcontract: \$146,072, 2018-MO-BX-0001.

- 2018-2021 Gryglewicz, K. (PI), Childs, K.K. (Co-PI), and Soderstrom, M. (Co-PI). Central Florida Pathways to Awareness, Support, and Services (C-PASS 2). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, \$375,000, SM081374.
- 2017-2019 Childs, K.K. (PI). Police Mental Health Collaboration Planning Project in Seminole County, FL, Bureau of Justice Assistance, \$75,000, UCF subcontract: \$43,220, 2017-MO-BX-0047.
- 2016 Childs, K.K. (PI) and Peck, J.H. (Co-PI). Coalition Process Evaluation for the Federal Stop Act Grant on Alcohol Strategies, Orange County Government, \$8,351.
- 2015-2019 Childs, K.K. (PI) and Gryglewicz, K. (Co-PI). The Seminole County System of Care Expansion Evaluation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, \$4 million, UCF subcontract: \$356,542, SM059935.
- 2015-2018 Gryglewicz, K. (PI) and Childs, K.K. (Co-PI). Central Florida Pathways to Awareness, Support, and Services (C-Pass). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, \$374,999, SM061047.
- 2014-2018 Childs, K.K. (PI), Gryglewicz, K. (Co-PI), and Potter, R.H. (Co-PI), & Peck, J.H. (Co-PI). Brevard County Public Schools Climate and Safety Study, National Institute of Justice, \$3.2 million, UCF subcontract amount: \$305,826, 2014-CK-BX-0014.
- 2014-2015 Childs, K.K. (PI). Know the Law Campaign. Orange County Government, \$10,500.
- 2012-2016 Childs, K.K. (PI). Meet the Judge Program. Orange County Government, \$56,479.
- 2012-2013 Childs, K.K. (PI). Understanding the Structure of Adolescent Problem Behaviors, College of Health and Public Affairs, \$7,000.
- 2011-2013 Frick, P.J. (PI) and Childs, K.K. (Co-PI). Evaluating the Outcome of the State of Louisiana Models for Change Program: System Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, \$200,000, UCF contract: \$60,481, 11-98149-000-USP.

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

\*denotes student

Soderstrom, M. F. P., **Childs, K. K.**, & Gryglewicz, K. (2024). An evaluation of youth mental health first aid training with law enforcement officers. *Psychological Services*. Advance online publication. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Elligson, R.L.\*, Brady, C.M. (2024). Testing the Impact of a Law Enforcement Operated Co-Responder Program for Youths: A Quasi-Experimental Approach. *Psychiatric Services*, [[article link](#)].

Gryglewicz, K., Garrison, C. M. T., **Childs, K. K.**, Labouliere, C. D., & Karver, M. S. (2024). Examining individual and service delivery context variables and their association with the effectiveness of QPR suicide prevention gatekeeper training. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 51(1), 47-59. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K. K.**, Bryson, S. L., Soderstrom, M. F., & Reed, A.\* (2024). An assessment of the internal structure of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Using two samples of high-risk adolescents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 156, 107365. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Peck, J.H., & Brady, C. M. (2024). Predictive bias in juvenile risk assessment: Considering race/ethnicity and sex, *Crime & Delinquency*, 70(3), 1034-1059. [[article link](#)]

Viglione, J., **Childs, K. K.**, Peck, J. H., Chapman, J. E., Drazdowski, T. K., McCart, M. R., & Sheidow, A. J. (2023). Examining the measurement precision of behavior problems among a sample of primarily rural youth on juvenile probation and their parents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 152, 107039. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Viglione, J., Chapman, J. E., Drazdowski, T. K., McCart, M. R., & Sheidow, A. J. (2022). Delinquency, substance use, and risky sexual behaviors among youth who are involved in the justice system and predominantly reside in rural communities: patterns and associated risk factors. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 46(2), 211-230. [[article link](#)]

Brady, C. M., & **Childs, K. K.** (2022). Implementation and evaluation of a juvenile mental health training for law enforcement in a medium-sized jurisdiction. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 41(1), 1-8. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Brady, C.M.,\* Cameron, A.,\* & Kaukinen, C. (2022). The role of family structure and family processes on adolescent problem behavior, *Deviant Behavior*, 43(1), 1-16. [[article link](#)]

Elligson, R. L.\*, **Childs, K. K.**, & Gryglewicz, K. (2021). Youth Mental Health First Aid: Examining the influence of pre-existing attitudes and knowledge on training effectiveness. *The Journal of Primary Prevention*, 42(6), 549-565. [[article link](#)]

Bryson, S. L.\*, Brady, C. M.\*, **Childs, K. K.**, & Gryglewicz, K. (2021). A longitudinal assessment of the relationship between bullying victimization, symptoms of depression, emotional problems, and thoughts of self-harm among middle and high school students. *International Journal of Bullying Prevention*, 3, 182-195. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K. K.**, Gryglewicz, K., & Elligson, R.\* (2020). An assessment of the utility of the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training: Effectiveness, satisfaction, and universality. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 56(8), 1581-1591. [[article link](#)]

Soderstrom, M. F. P.\*, **Childs, K. K.**, & Frick, P. J. (2020). The role of protective factors in the predictive accuracy of the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY). *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 18(1), 78-95. [[article link](#)]

Bryson, S.\*, & **Childs, K.K.** (2018). Racial and ethnic differences in the relationship between school climate and disorder, *School Psychology Review*, 47, 258-274. [[article link](#)]

Gryglewicz, K., **Childs, K.K.**, & Soderstrom, M.\* (2018). An evaluation of Youth Mental Health First Aid Training in school settings. *School Mental Health*, 10, 48-60. [[article link](#)]

Peck, J.H., **Childs, K.K.**, Jennings, W.S., & Brady, C.M.\* (2018). General strain theory, depression, and substance use: Results from a nationally representative, longitudinal sample of White, African American, and Hispanic adolescents and young adults. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 27, 11-28. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, & Ray, J.V. (2017). Race differences in patterns of risky behavior and associated risk factors in adolescence, *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 6, 773-794. [[article link](#)]

Lawing, K., **Childs, K.K.**, Frick, P.J., & Vincent, G. (2017). Use of structured professional judgement by probation officers to predict risk in adolescent offenders, *Psychological Assessment*, 29, 652-663. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, & Frick, P.J. (2016). Age differences in the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY), *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*, 15, 211-221. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Davidson, M.\*, Rosky, J., & Potter, R.H. (2016). Exploring the structure of adolescent problem behaviors and the association among adult outcomes, *Deviant Behavior*, 37, 95-113. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Frick, P.J., & Gottlieb, K.\* (2016). A test of the measurement invariance of the SAVRY across gender, *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*, 14, 76-92. [[article link](#)]

Krupa, J.\*, & **Childs, K.K.** (2014). Examining the risk and protective factors associated with trajectories of delinquent behavior among females from adolescence to early adulthood. *Laws*, 3, 651-673. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.** (2014). Exploring gender differences in constellations of problem behaviors and associated health-related factors during adolescence. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 27, 20-42. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Ryals, J., Frick, P.J., Lingbold, A.\*, & Villio, M. (2014). A comparison of empirically based and structured professional judgment estimation of risk using the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY), *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*, 12, 40-57. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Frick, P.J., Ryals, J., Lawing, K., Phillipi, S., Deprato, D. (2013). Examining the validity of the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY) for predicting probation outcomes among adjudicated juvenile offenders, *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 31, 256-270. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, & Sullivan, C.J. (2013). Investigating the underlying structure and stability of problem behaviors across adolescence, *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, 40, 57-79. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Sullivan, C.J., & Cochran, J.K. (2011). A group-based approach to examining the association among problem behaviors in a sample of newly arrested juvenile offenders, *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*, 9, 313-332. [[article link](#)]

Marsee, M., Barry, C.T., **Childs, K.K.**, Frick, P., Kimonis, E.R., Munoz, L., Aucoin, K.J., Fassnacht, G.M., Kunimatsu, M.M., & Lau, K.S.L. (2011). Assessing the forms and functions of aggression in youth using self-report: Confirmatory factor analysis and evaluation of factorial invariance across sample and gender. *Psychological Assessment*, 23, 792-804. [[article link](#)]

Crapanzono, A.M., Frick, P.J., **Childs, K.K.**, & Terranova, A.M. (2011). Gender differences in the assessment, stability, and correlates to bullying roles in middle school children, *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 29, 677-694. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.K.**, Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Wareham, J., & Schmeidler, J. (2011). A comparison of individual and community level predictors of marijuana and cocaine use among a sample of newly arrested juvenile offenders, *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 20, 114-134. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.**, Cochran, J.K., & Gibson, C. (2010). Self-control, gang membership, and violent victimization: An integrated approach. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 32, 35-54. [[article link](#)]

**Childs, K.**, Sullivan, C., & Gullede, L. (2010). Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. *Deviant Behavior*, 32, 64-100. [[article link](#)]

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., **Childs, K.K.**, & Wareham, J. (2010). Gender differences in drug use, sexually transmitted diseases, and risky sexual behavior among arrested youths. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 19, 424-466. [[article link](#)]

Sullivan, C. J., **Childs, K.K.**, & O'Connell, D. (2010). Adolescent risk behavior subgroups: An empirical assessment. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 39(5), 541-562. [[article link](#)]

Belenko, S., Dembo, R., Rollie, M., **Childs, K.K.**, & Salvatore, C. (2009). Detecting, preventing, and treating sexually transmitted diseases among adolescent offenders: An unmet public health need. *American Journal of Public Health*, 99, 1032-1041. [[article link](#)]

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Childs, K., & Wareham, J. (2009). Drug use and sexually transmitted diseases among female and male arrested youths. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 32, 129-141. [[article link](#)]

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., **Childs, K.**, Wareham, J., & Schmeidler, J. (2009). Individual and community risk factors and sexually transmitted diseases among arrested youths: a two-level analysis. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 32, 303-316. [[article link](#)]

Dembo, R., **Childs, K.**, Belenko, S., Schmeidler, J., & Wareham, J. (2009). Gender and racial differences in risk factors for sexually transmitted diseases among justice-involved youth. *Neurobehavioral HIV Medicine*, 1, 9-24. [[article link](#)]

Dembo, R., Wareham, J., Greenbaum, P., **Childs, K.**, & Schmeidler, J. (2009). Marijuana use among juvenile arrestees: A two-part growth model analysis. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 18, 379-397. [[article link](#)]

Wareham, J., Dembo, R., Poythress, N., **Childs, K.**, & Schmeidler, J. (2009). A latent class factor approach to identifying subtypes of juvenile diversion youths based on psychopathic features. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 27, 71-95. [[article link](#)]

Belenko, S., Dembo, R., Weiland, D., Rollie, M., Salvatore, C., Hanlon, A., & **Childs, K.** (2008). Recently arrested adolescents are at high risk for sexually transmitted diseases. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, 35, 758-763. [[article link](#)]

Lersch, K., Bazley, T., Mieczkowski, T. & **Childs, K.** (2008). Police use of force and neighborhood characteristics: An examination of structural disadvantage, crime, and resistance. *Policing and Society*, 18, 282-300. [[article link](#)]

Dembo, R., Jainchill, N., Turner, C., Fong, C., Farkas, S., & **Childs, K.** (2007). Levels of psychopathy and its correlates: A study of incarcerated youths in three states. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 25, 1-22. [[article link](#)]

Dembo, R., Schmeidler, J., & **Childs, K.** (2007). Correlates of male and female juvenile offender abuse experiences. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 16, 75-94. [[article link](#)]

## **Books**

Sullivan, C.J., & Childs, K.K. (2021). *Juvenile Risk and Needs Assessment: Theory, Research, Policy, and Practice*. Routledge: New York, NY. [[book link](#)]

## **Edited Books**

Lynch, M.J., Patterson, E.B. & Childs, K.K. (Eds.) (2008). *Racial divide: Race, ethnicity, and criminal justice*. Criminal Justice Press: Monsey, NY. [[book link](#)]

## **Invited Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries**

Childs, K.K. (2019). Girls and juvenile courts. In F.B. Bernat & K. Fralling (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell. [[chapter link](#)]

Sullivan, C.J., Childs, K.K., & Gann, S. (2018). Peers. In D. Farrington, L. Kazemian, & A. Piquero (Eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*. New York: Oxford University Press. [[chapter link](#)]

Ray, J. & Childs, K.K. (2015). Juvenile diversion. In M. Krohn and J. Lane (Eds.), *Handbook on Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell. [[chapter link](#)]

Childs, K., & Sullivan, C.J. (2012). Problem behavior syndrome. *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*. New York: Springer Publishing. [[chapter link](#)]

## **Professional/Technical Reports**

\* graduate student

Childs, K.K. (2024). School Resource Deputies' Experiences Responding to Mental Health Crisis at School and their Exposure to the Mobile Crisis Unit. Prepared for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Peck, J.H. & Childs, K.K. (2023). A Longitudinal Analysis of School-Based Referrals to Florida's Juvenile Justice System. Final Report. UCF Seed Funding Program (ER1: Exploratory Research). Prepared for the Office of Research, University of Central Florida.

Childs, K.K., Brady, C.B., Alward, L.\* (2022). *SCSO Juvenile Crisis Response Program: Program Evaluation Report*. Prepared for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Childs, K.K., Bryson, S.L.\*, Peck, J.H., Gryglewicz, K., & Potter, R.H. (2020). *Brevard County Public School Board School Climate and Safety Project: Final Summary Overview*. Final Report. Prepared for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).

Childs, K.K., & Brady, C.M. (2019). Seminole County Sheriff's Office Youth-Focused Police Mental Health Collaboration: Assessment of Current Practices (Objective 1). Prepared for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Justice Assistance

Lawing, K.\*, Childs, K., & Frick, P. (2009). Review of 2008 Jefferson Parish Informal FINS Files. Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

## **Presentations at Professional Meetings**

\* graduate student

Lucak, S.N.\*, Peck, J.H., & Childs, K.K. (2024). "Applying Social Learning Theory to Understand Racial Extremist Ideologies: A Comparison of U.S. Youth and Adults." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Childs, K.K., & Peck, J.P. (2024). Offense Severity and Initial Juvenile Court Decision across Arrest Location: Does Being Arrested at School Matter? Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL.

Peck, J.P., Childs, K.K., Cohn, B.\* (2023). A Longitudinal Analysis of School-Based Referrals to Florida's Juvenile Justice System: Implications for White, Black, and Hispanic Justice-Involved Youth. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Gryglewicz, K., & Childs, K.K. (2023). Suicide Prevention Training: Examining Implementation Factors & Predictors of Prevention Behaviors across Child and Public-Serving Sectors. Suicide Research Symposium. Virtual Conference.

Childs, K.K., & Brady, C.M. (2022). Planning and Implementation of a Mobile Crisis Response Program for Youth in One FL County: Process and Outcomes. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Childs, K.K. (2022). Evaluating Policy and Advancing Research on Youth Outcomes and Behaviors Occurring in School, Discussant. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Childs, K.K., & Bryson, S. (2021) Evaluating the Implementation of a Multicomponent, School-Based Mental Health Program: Lessons Learned from a Southeastern Site. NIJ Virtual Conference on School Safety: Bridging Research to Safeguard our School. Virtual Conference (invited presentation).

Sullivan, C.J., & Childs, K.K. (2019). Theory and method in juvenile risk assessment: Implications for research, practice, and policy. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Elligson, R.\*, Childs, K.K., & Gryglewicz, K. (2019). Youth Mental Health First Aid Evaluation: The impact of occupational field. Southern Criminal Justice Association, Nashville, TN.

Bryson, S.L.\*, Childs, K.K., & Gryglewicz, K. (2019). An exploratory analysis of the Zones of Regulation curriculum. Southern Criminal Justice Association, Nashville, TN.

Soderstrom, M.F.P.\*, Bryson, S.L.\*, & Childs, K.K. (2018). Community-based Research in Juvenile Justice: Experiences and Challenges of Working with Child-Serving Agencies. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Brady, C.M.\*, & Childs, K.K. (2018). Police Mental Health Collaboration Planning Project. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Bryson, S.L.\*, & Childs, K.K. (2018). A Latent Class Analysis of Elementary and Middle School Students' Delinquent Behavior. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Bryson, S.\*, Brady, C.\*, & Childs, K.K. Bryson, S. & Brady, C., Childs, K. (2018). Direct and Indirect Effects of Bullying Victimization and Mental Health on Problem Behaviors. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA.

Soderstrom, M.\*, Childs, K.K., & Frick, P.J. (2018). The Role of Protective Factors in Predicting Juvenile Reoffending. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA.

Bryson, S.L.\*, & Childs, K.K. (2017). An Exploratory, Latent Class Analysis of Students' Needs, Perceptions of School Climate, and Behavior at School. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Gryglewicz, K., Childs, K.K., Soderstrom, M.\* (2017) An Evaluation of Youth Mental Health First Aid Training in School Settings: Are School Personnel Prepared to Work with Vulnerable Students? American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Childs, K.K., Gryglewicz, K., Potter, R.H., & Keim, T. (2016). Brevard County Public Schools' School Climate and Safety Initiative: Preliminary Training Results. American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Childs, K.K., & Frick, P.J. (2015). An exploratory assessment of structured professional judgements and the predictive validity of the SAVRY. American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Childs, K.K., & Ray, J.V. (2015). Race Differences in Patterns of Risky Behavior and Associated Risk Factors in Adolescence. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

Childs, K.K., Magers, M.\*, Rosky, J., & Potter, R.H. (2013). Exploring the structure of adolescent problem behaviors and the association adult outcomes. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Krupa, J.\*, & Childs, K. (2013). Examining Trajectories of Delinquent Behavior among Females from Adolescence to Early Adulthood. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

Childs, K., Frick, P.J., Ryals, J.S., Villio, M. (2013). A comparison of empirically-based and structured professional judgment estimation of the risk using the SAVRY. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.

Frick, P.J., Childs, K., Villio, M., & Clemont, K. (2013). Useful data is not an oxymoron: Practical uses of data in juvenile justice decision-making. Louisiana Juvenile Justice: Leveraging Success for Future Reform, Baton Rouge, LA.

Childs, K., Frick, P.J., Ryals, J. (2012). Examining the validity of the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY) instrument in predicting probation outcomes. American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Childs, K., & Ryals, J. (2011). Linking SAVRY scores to youth outcomes in Jefferson Parish, LA. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Models for Change National Conference, Washington D.C.

Childs, K., Frick, P.J., Winfree, J., & Adams, L. (2011). Recommendations for a model data collection policy for Informal FINS. Louisiana FINS Commission, Baton Rouge, LA.

Siegel, G., Childs, K., & Bolin, D. (2010). Building a solid organization with data-driven decision-making. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Models for Change National Conference, Washington D.C.

Childs, K., & Vander, J. (2010). Becoming "data-driven". Judicial Juvenile Justice Summit, Monroe, LA.

Childs, K., & Bolin, D. (2010). Using data effectively in your daily operations. 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Louisiana Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice, New Orleans, LA.

Childs, K. & Bolin, D. (2010). Building a solid organization with data-driven decision-making. Louisiana District Attorney's Association Summit on Juvenile Justice, Baton Rouge, LA.

Childs, K., Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Sullivan, C.J., & Cochran, J.K. (2009). A group-based approach to understanding the association among risky sexual behavior, drug use, and criminal involvement in a sample of newly arrested juvenile offenders. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Frick, P., & Childs, K. (2009). The importance of data and the use evidence-based practices to district attorneys. Louisiana District Attorney's Association Juvenile Justice Training, Baton Rouge, LA.

Sullivan, C.J., Childs, K., & O'Connell, D. (2009). Examination of the presence and implications of adolescent risk behavior subgroups. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, MA.

Childs, K., Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Wareham, J., & Schmeidler, J. (2008). Individual and community risk factors and sexually transmitted diseases among arrested youths: A two-level analysis. American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., & Childs, K. (2008). Drug use and sexually transmitted diseases among female and male arrested youths. American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., & Childs, K. (2007). Sexually transmitted infections and drug involvement: Interrelated public health problems among high risk youths. (Poster). American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.

Dembo, R., Childs, K., Wareham, J., & Schmeidler, J. (2007). Family member criminality and delinquent behavior: A growth model of parallel processes. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Gulledge, L., Childs, K., & Sullivan, C. (2007). Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Belenko, S., Dembo, R., Childs, K., Pich, M., & Lee, P. (2006). Sexually transmitted infections among delinquents: Preliminary prevalence findings among drug users and nondrug users. American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Childs, K., Gulledge, L., & Lynch, M. (2006). Environmental justice in Hillsborough County, FL: An analysis of crime, race, income, and CERCLIS sites. (Poster). American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Dembo, R., Wareham, J., & Childs, K. (2006). Delinquent behavior trajectories among escalating and desisting youths in a high-risk sample. American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Childs, K., & Gibson, C. (2005). Low self-control, lifestyles, and violent victimization: Considering the mediating and moderating effects of gang involvement. American Society of Criminology, Toronto, ON.

Thomason, L., Childs, K., & Sellers, C. (2005). Social control and social learning: An integrated approach to gang membership and delinquent behavior. (Poster). American Society of Criminology, Toronto, ON.

## TEACHING

### Course Taught

#### University of Central Florida

Juvenile Justice System (graduate, online)  
Criminal Justice Research in the Community (doctoral, face to face)  
Juvenile Corrections (doctoral, face to face)  
Policing and Prevention in the Juvenile Justice System (doctoral, face to face)  
Crime in America (undergraduate, face to face and online)  
Criminal Justice Systems (undergraduate, face to face)  
Research Methods (undergraduate and graduate, face to face and online)  
Data Analysis (undergraduate, face to face and online)  
Independent Study (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral)

#### Loyola University – New Orleans

Ethics in Criminal Justice (undergraduate, face to face)  
Theories of Criminal Behavior (graduate, face to face)

#### University of South Florida

Juvenile Justice (undergraduate, face to face and online)

### Dissertation Committees

Completed 2014	Chair, Katy Hancock <i>Privatization of Florida Juvenile Residential Facilities</i> , UCF Public Affairs (Criminal Justice)
Completed 2020	Chair, Sara Bryson <i>Bullies, Victims, and Bully/Victims: Risk Factors, Consequences, and Transitions</i> , UCF Department of Criminal Justice
Completed 2020	Co-Chair, Caitlin Brady <i>A Person-Centered Approach to Dynamic Needs</i> , UCF Department of Criminal Justice
Completed 2021	Chair, Kelly Vannan <i>Validating the Positive Achievement Change Tool: Predicting Recidivism and Treatment Linkages Across Urban and Rural Juvenile Offenders</i> , UCF Public Affairs (Criminal Justice)
Completed 2021	Co-chair, Katherine Gomez <i>Disposition Factors for Juveniles with Sexually-Related Offenses</i> , UCF Public Affairs (Criminal Justice)
Completed 2022	Co-chair, Melanie Soderstrom <i>The Expansion of School Resource Officers in a FL county: A Mixed Methods Approach</i> , UCF Department of Criminal Justice
Completed 2012	Member, William Watkins <i>Prescription Drug Misuse among College Students: An Examination of Risk Factors</i> , UCF Sociology Department

Completed 2018	Member, Colleen Cicale <i>Risk Factors Associated with the Presence of Adolescent to Parent Abuse</i> , UCF Public Affairs (Social Work)
Completed 2019	Member, Michelle Vance <i>Suicidality among Black and African American Female Youth: Does Participation in a Care Coordination Program Reduce Risk?</i> UCF Public Affairs (Social Work)
Completed 2024	Member, Ashley Lockwood <i>Trauma and Dynamic Needs: Examining the Role of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) on Changes in Youth Needs While in Residential Placement</i> UCF Department of Criminal Justice
Completed 2024	Member, Lakaysia Smith <i>Youth Mental Health First Aid Training: Exploring Implementation Factors of Delivering Training in Florida Schools</i> UCF Department of Public Affairs (Social Work)
In progress	Co-Chair, Krystle Roman UCF Department of Criminal Justice
	Member, April Reed UCF Department of Criminal Justice
	Member, Christine Brown UCF Department of Education Leadership

### **Masters Thesis Committees**

2012	Member, Katie Gottlieb <i>Assessing Risk in Adolescent Offenders: A Comparison of Risk Profiles versus Summed Risk Factors</i> , University of New Orleans
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### **Undergraduate Thesis Committees**

2024	Chair, Edgar Quinones-Gomez <i>Exploring Evidence-Based Intervention Methods in the Juvenile Justice System</i>
2021	Member, Logan Breanna Ewing <i>Domestic Violence Exposure and Anxiety in Justice-Involved Youth</i>
2019	Member, Migdalia A. Rodriguez <i>Black and Hispanic Drug Offenders in Juvenile Court: Implications for the Continued War on Drugs</i>
2014	Member, Vijay Chillar <i>Sexual Offender Treatment: A Paradigm Analysis of Academic Journals</i>

- 2014 Member, Meghan Bejarano  
*Zero Tolerance for Some: The Role of Race in Zero Tolerance Exclusionary Discipline*
- 2013 Member, Katelynn Messer  
*Psychological Distress and Substance Use among College Students*
- 2013 Member, Amber Kraus  
*Left in the Dark: University of Central Florida Students' Perception of Safety on Campus*
- 2013 Member, Kathleen Ortiz  
*The Offline Impact of Cyberbullying*
- 2012 Member, Jerian Benwell-Lybarger  
*Food Availability in Eatonville, Florida*

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Editorial Board Member Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency, Journal of Crime and Justice
- Guest Editor (with R.H. Potter) “Developing and Sustaining Collaborative Research Partnerships with Universities and Criminal Justice Agencies,” *Criminal Justice Studies*, 2014, 27(3).
- Manuscript Peer Reviewer  
Journal of Criminal Justice  
Law & Human Behavior  
Criminology & Public Policy  
Justice Quarterly  
Community Mental Health Journal  
School Mental Health  
Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency  
Criminal Justice & Behavior  
Journal of Crime & Justice  
Crime & Delinquency  
Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice  
Victims & Offenders  
Youth & Society  
Criminal Justice Studies  
Race & Justice  
School Psychology Review  
Deviant Behavior  
Children and Youth Services Review  
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology  
Journal of Juvenile Justice  
Journal of Family Practice  
American Journal of Criminal Justice

International Journal of Forensic Mental Health  
BMC Public Health  
Psychology, Crime, and Law  
Psychiatry, Psychology, and Law  
Journal of Experimental Criminology

Grant Reviewer	National Institute of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention
American Society of Criminology	Substance Abuse Section Chair, 2015
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	Academic Fellow Award, Selection Committee Member, 2016 Juvenile and Status Offenses Section Chair, 2022-2023 Membership committee, 2024-present
Department of Criminal Justice	Graduate Affairs, 2012 – 2018 Faculty Search Committee, 2012 – 2013, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 (chair), 2024-2025 CJ Chair Search Committee, 2022 Juvenile Justice Concentration Committee, 2014 – present Core Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2023 - present Undergraduate Methods/Data Analysis Committee, 2016-2020 Doctoral Program Committee, 2015-2019 CJ Awards Committee, 2019-present P & T Committee Chair – Fall 2019, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
College-Level Committees	Public Affairs Ph.D. Program Committee, 2012 – 2014 Research Incentive Award, 2017-2018 Research Council, 2018 – 2020, 2024-present CCIE Research Showcase Judge - 2024
University of Central Florida	Judge, Student Research Symposium, 2012, 2014, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024 Reviewer, UCF Seed Funding Program, 2019, 2020

## **AWARDS/HONORS**

2023	Department of Criminal Justice Outstanding Mentor Award
2017	Research Incentive Award (RIA), \$5,000 (UCF)
2017	Excellence in Research Award, \$2,000 (UCF)
2017	UCF Women Who Have Been Instrumental in Shaping UCF's Past, Present, and Future (UCF)
2015	Outstanding Criminology Ambassador Award (USF)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

COHPA Research Fellow	AY 2013-2014
IDL 6543	Interactive Distributed Learning for Technology-Mediated Course Delivery, Spring 2012

IDL 7000 Interactive Distributed Learning Advanced Course, Fall 2019

UCF Knighted Faculty Program AY 2023-2024

**CONSULTATION**

2013-2015 Louisiana Models for Change Data-Driven Decision-Making, Institute for Public Health and Justice, \$27,517.

2011 2010 Referrals to the Informal FINS Program in Louisiana, Louisiana Supreme Court, \$5,000.

2010 - 2011 Assessment Study of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) with the Louisiana Juvenile Justice System,” Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, \$26,000.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

American Association of Juvenile Justice Researchers & Scholars