

## **JULIE S. MCCRAE**

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work  
Butler Institute for Families  
2148 South High Street, Denver, Colorado 80208  
Julie.McCrae@du.edu; 303-871-4533

---

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2007  
M.S.W. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2004  
M.A., Counseling Psychology, University of Colorado at Denver, August 1997  
B.A., Psychology, The Pennsylvania State University, December 1989

### **PROFESSIONAL/FACULTY EXPERIENCE**

2010-present **Research Scientist**, Graduate School of Social Work, Butler Institute for Families, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

2007-2010 **Research Assistant Professor**, School of Social Work, Child Welfare Education and Research Programs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2006-2008 **Consultant**, Developmental Profiles of Young Maltreated Children, University of North Carolina, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

2002-2007 **Doctoral Research Assistant**, The National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being, University of North Carolina, School of Social Work, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

2001-2002 **Contract Evaluator**, Family to Family Project, Durham County Department of Social Services, Durham, North Carolina

1998-2001 **Evaluation Coordinator**, Co-occurring Disorders Jail Diversion Project and Women, Co-occurring Disorders, and Violence Study, Center for Behavioral Health, Justice, & Public Policy, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

1991-1996 **Research Assistant**, Denver Youth Survey, University of Colorado, Institute of Behavioral Science, Boulder, Colorado

1994-1996 **Research Interviewer**, San Diego Navy Study, University of Colorado, Institute of Behavioral Science, Boulder, Colorado

1988 **Research Assistant**, Department of Psychology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

## **FUNDED RESEARCH**

Colorado PIECES: Partnership in Early Childhood Education Services. U.S. DHHS, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. October 2011-November 2013. \$250,000.

Lead Evaluator. Mountains and Plains Child Welfare Implementation Center. U.S. DHHS, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. 2010-2013. Cathryn Potter, P.I.

Principal Investigator. Evaluation of Pennsylvania's initiative to screen young children for developmental and mental health concerns following contact with child welfare. Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Children, Youth, and Families. November 2008-May 2010. Helen Cahalane, Research Supervisor. \$500,000.

Co-Investigator. Service pathways among African-American and Caucasian families in Allegheny County following contact with child welfare services. Center on Race and Social Problems, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. Mary Beth Rauktis, Co-Investigator. December 2007-February 2009.

Co-Investigator. Family Group Decision Making: How does race influence referrals, satisfaction, and outcomes in a national sample? Center on Race and Social Problems, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. Rachel A. Fusco, Co-Investigator. November 2007-January 2009. \$8,229.

Doctoral Fellowship Grantee in Child Abuse and Neglect. U.S. DHHS, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. PI: Shenyang Guo. October 2003-February 2006.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**McCrae, J.S.**, Scannapieco, M., Leake, R., & Potter, C. (under review). Who's on board? Child welfare worker reports of need and readiness for organizational change.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Brown, S.M., & Groneman, S. (under review). Collaboration and service coordination between Head Start and child welfare.

Armstrong, M.I., **McCrae, J.S.**, Graef, M.I., Richards, T., Lambert, D., & Bright, C.L. (under review). Development and initial findings of an implementation process measure for child welfare system change. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Cahalane, H., & Fusco, R. (2011). Directions for developmental screening in child welfare using the Ages and Stages Questionnaires. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 33, 1412-1418.

Fusco, R., Rauktis, M.E., **McCrae, J.S.**, Cunningham, M., & Bradley-King, C. (2010). Aren't they just black kids? Biracial children in the child welfare system. *Child and Family Social Work*, 15, 441-451.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Lee, B., Barth, R.P., & Rauktis, M.E. (2010). Comparing three years of well-

being outcomes for group residential care and nonkinship foster care. *Child Welfare*, 89, 229-249.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Barth, R.P., & Guo, S. (2010). Changes in maltreated children's emotional-behavioral problems following typically provided mental health services. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 80, 350-361.

**McCrae, J.S.**, & Fusco, R. (2010). A racial comparison of Family Group Decision Making in the USA. *Child and Family Social Work*, 15, 41-55.

Scarborough, A., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2010). School-age special education outcomes of infants and toddlers investigated for maltreatment. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 30, 80-88.

**McCrae, J.S.** (2009). Emotional and behavioral problems reported in child welfare over three years. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, 17, 17-28.

Scarborough, A., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2008). Maltreated infants: Reported eligibility for Part C and later school-age special education services. *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education*, 28, 75-89.

Barth, R.P., Guo, S., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2008). Propensity score matching strategies for evaluating the success of child and family service programs. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 18, 198-211.

**McCrae, J.S.**, & Barth, R.P. (2008). Using cumulative risk to screen for mental health problems in child welfare. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 18, 144-159.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Chapman, M.V., & Christ, S.L. (2006). Profile of children investigated for sexual abuse: Association with psychopathology symptoms and services. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 76, 468-481.

Chapman, M.V., Gibbons, C.B., Barth, R.P., **McCrae, J.S.**, & the NSCAW Research Group (2003). Parent views of in-home services: What predicts satisfaction with child welfare workers? *Child Welfare*, 82, 571-596.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Burns, B.J., Mustillo, S.A., Farmer, E.M.Z., Kolko, D.J., **McCrae, J.S.**, Libby, A.M., & Webb, M.B. (2009). Caregiver depression, mental health service use, and child outcomes. In M. Webb, K. Dowd, B.J. Harden, J. Landsverk & M. Testa (Eds.), *Child Welfare and Child Well-Being: New Perspectives from the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being*. New York: Oxford Press.

Hurlburt, M.S., Barth, R.P., Leslie, L.K., Landsverk, J.A., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2007). Building on strengths: Current status and opportunities for improvement of parent training for families in child welfare. In F. Wulczyn, M. Webb & R. Haskins (Eds.). *Child Protection: Using*

*research to improve policy and practice.* Washington, DC: Brookings.

Barth, R.P., Green, S.G., Guo, S., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2007). Kinship care and nonkinship foster care: Informing the new debate. In F. Wulczyn, M. Webb & R. Haskins (Eds.). *Child Protection: Using research to improve policy and practice.* Washington, DC: Brookings.

Gibbons, C.B., Chapman, M.V., Barth, R.P., Kohl, P.L., **McCrae, J.S.**, Green, R.L., & Craig, C. (2004). Safety of children involved with child welfare services. In K.A. Kendall-Tackett & S.M. Giacomoni (Eds.), *Child victimization: Maltreatment, bullying and dating violence, prevention and intervention.* Kingston, New Jersey: Civic Research Institute.

## **SELECTED REPORTS**

Partnership in Early Childhood Education and Services (Colorado PIECES): Needs Assessment Report Part I. 2012. Butler Institute for Families, University of Denver.

Policies to Implement Developmental Screening in Pennsylvania Child Welfare Services: Reports from Agency Perspectives. 2010. Child Welfare Education and Research Programs, University of Pittsburgh.

The Role of Race in Child Welfare System Involvement in Allegheny County.

Rauktis, M. E., & McCrae, J. 2010. University of Pittsburgh, Center on Race and Social Problems.

National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being: CPS Sample Component Wave 1 Data Analysis Report. 2005. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Brittain, C., Jones, K., Scannapieco, M., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2013, August). *An Implementation Success Story: Experiences from the AR C.I.R.C.L.E.S. Project.* Panel presentation at the 2013 Global Implementation Conference. Washington, DC.

Packard, T., **McCrae, J.S.**, Scannapieco, M., & Menefee, D. (2013, May). *Implementation of organizational change processes to improve public child welfare programs in 13 Colorado counties.* Paper presentation at the Network for Social Work Management Annual Institute. Newark, New Jersey.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Scannapieco, M., Leake, R., & Potter, C. (2013, January). *Who's on board? Child welfare worker reports of need for organizational change.* Paper presented at the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. San Diego, California.

Armstrong, M.I., Deakins, B., DePanfilis, D., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2012, January). *Using implementation science evaluation frameworks to guide organizational decision making related to complex systems reforms in public child welfare.* Roundtable presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.

- McCrae, J.S., Fusco, R., Rauktis, M.E. (2011, January). *Directions for developmental screening in child welfare using the Ages and Stages Questionnaires*. Paper presented at the Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- McCrae, J.S.** (2010, January). *Review of mental health screening instruments for young children in child welfare*. Paper presented at the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. San Francisco, California.
- McCrae, J.S.** (2009, June). *State of the art: Best practices in screening young children in child welfare*. Invited speaker at the National Center on Children in Poverty Roundtable Discussion on Strengthening Early Childhood Supports in the Child Welfare System. New York.
- Barth, R.P., **McCrae, J.S.**, Lee, B., & Rauktis, M.E. (2009, January). *Comparing three years of well-being outcomes for group residential care and nonkinship foster care*. Paper presented at the Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- McCrae, J.S.**, Lloyd, E.C., Guo, S., & NSCAW Research Group. (2005, January). *Family-based services and children's mental health: Using propensity scores matching to inform service planning*. Panel presentation at the Ninth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Miami, Florida.
- McCrae, J.S.**, & Fusco, R. (2008, October). Family Group Decision-Making with African American and Caucasian families: Referrals, satisfaction, and services. Paper presented at Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Scarborough, A., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2008, June). A national picture of the developmental outcomes of five year olds, maltreated as infants. Poster presented at Head Start's Ninth National Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Scarborough, A., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2007, December). Developmental profiles of preschoolers maltreated as infants and toddlers. Paper presentation at the National Early Childhood Conference, Washington, DC.
- Scarborough, A., & **McCrae, J.S.** (2007, October). Developmental profiles of preschoolers maltreated as infants and toddlers. Paper presentation at the Twenty-third Annual Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and their Families. Niagra Falls, Ontario, Canada.
- McCrae, J.S.**, Guo, S., & the NSCAW Research Group. (2005, July). *Psychological symptoms among young maltreated children: Do services make a difference?* Paper presentation at the Ninth International Family Violence Research Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Lloyd, E.C., Guo, S., & NSCAW Research Group. (2005, January). *Family-based services and children's mental health: Using propensity scores matching to inform service planning*. Panel presentation at the Ninth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Miami, Florida.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Chapman, M.V., & the NSCAW Research Group (2004, July). *Family risks, abuse severity, and the well-being of sexually abused children: A latent profile analysis*. Paper presented at the Eighth International Family Violence Research Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Wildfire, J., Green, R.L., Barth, R.P., & the NSCAW Research Group (2004, January). *Achieving permanency for children in child welfare*. Panel presentation at the Eighth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans.

**McCrae, J.S.**, Barth, R.P., Green, R.L., & the NSCAW Research Group (2003, July). *Risk assessment, maltreatment types and severity, and paths into child welfare services*. Panel presentation at the Seventh International Family Violence Research Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**McCrae, J.S.**, & Arledge, K. (2002, October). *Team decision making in Durham County: Policy, practice, and data at one year*. Presentation at the North Carolina Social Services Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Morrissey, J.P., Rumptz, M., **McCrae, J.S.**, Sowards, S., Broner, N., & Frisman, L. (2000, January). *Integrated services for clients with co-occurring disorders*. Presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the National GAINS Center for Persons with Co-occurring Disorders in the Justice System, Miami, Florida.

### **AWARDS**

2006 Turner Dissertation Award, University of North Carolina  
2005 Graduate School Smith Travel Grant, University of North Carolina  
2001 Brody Fellowship, University of North Carolina

### **TEACHING AND PRACTICE**

2004 Teaching Assistant, Child and Adolescent Health and Mental Health School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
2001-2002 Foster Care and Adoption Caseworker, Durham County Department of Social Services, Durham, North Carolina  
1996-1997 Intern Therapist, Colorado West Mental Health Clinic, Glenwood Springs, Colorado  
1997 Counselor, Acute Treatment Center, Colorado West Mental Health Clinic, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

1996 Residential Counselor, Western Academy, Rifle, Colorado

**SERVICE**

Abstract Reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, 2008-present

Editorial Review Board, *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 2010-present

Research Advisory Panel, Children, Youth and Elderly, Center on Race and Social Problems,  
University of Pittsburgh, 2007-2010

Participant, *Child Welfare and Mental Health Consensus Project*, Casey Family Programs and the  
REACH Institute, 2007, Washington DC.

Reviewer, *Children and Youth Services Review*, 2007-present

Reviewer, *Child Maltreatment*, present

Student Reviewer, *Child Maltreatment* Editorial Board, 2005-2007

Student Representative, Doctoral Program Committee, UNC School of Social Work, 2002-2004

Volunteer Advocate, Boulder County Safehouse, 1991-1993

Peer Counselor, Penn State University, 1988