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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor, Clinical Teaching Track
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EDUCATION

1996 - 2000	University of Denver	BA	Psychology/Biology
2002 – 2004	University of Denver	MA	Quantitative Research Methods
2004 - 2007	University of Denver	PhD	Quantitative Research Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

2001-2008	Research Assistant , Department of Psychology, University of Denver
2005 - 2007	Adjunct Professor , University of Denver
2008	Research Associate , Department of Psychology, University of Denver
2008-2012	Research Associate , Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center, University of Colorado Denver
2012 - 2016	Assistant Professor, Clinical Teaching Track , Department of Community and Behavioral Health, University of Colorado Denver
2016 – 2019	Assistant Professor, Research Track , Department of Community and Behavioral Health, University of Colorado Denver
2017 - Present	Associate Director , Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center, University of Colorado Denver
2019 - Present	Associate Professor, Clinical Teaching Track , Department of Community and Behavioral Health, University of Colorado Denver

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2005-2009	Founder/President , Manus, LLC (Statistical Consulting and Advising Firm)
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HONORS AND AWARDS

2004	Gertrude Cox Scholarship Outstanding Women in Statistics – Honorable Mention
2005	Alborg Scholar
2006	College of Education Scholar

- 2011 **William Elgin Wickenden Award**
Best paper published in Journal of Engineering Education in 2010 (co-authors: G. Lichtenstein, A. McCormick, & S. Sheppard)
- 2012 **Master Scholar**
Outstanding alumni in field/career (one per academic division given yearly), University of Denver
- 2017 **Regional Children's Champion Award**
Awarded by the Triad Early Childhood Council for the Culture of Wellness in Preschools (COWP) Program
- 2018 **National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health (NLAPH)** – COWP Team was selected to participate
- 2019 **Faculty Excellence in Research Award, ColoradoSPH**
- 2019 **Public Health of the Rockies, 2nd Place for Student Poster**
Awarded to Emily Bergling, DrPh student, whom I mentor; I was senior author on the poster
- 2019, 2020 COWP, the Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP), and Text2LiveHealthy (T2LH) programs (Puma, Principal Investigator) were accepted as evidence-based interventions into the **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) toolkit**, based on the review and scoring of three experts, which makes the programs more broadly available to the 140 SNAP-Ed implementing agencies in all 50 states and two territories
- 2020 **Delta Omega National Honorary Society in Public Health** as a Faculty Member
- 2021 **Faculty Excellence in Advising and Mentoring Award**, Community and Behavioral Health Department
- 2022 **Faculty Excellence in Research Award**, Community and Behavioral Health Department
- 2023 Text2LiveHealthy was featured as a **success story in the USDA SNAP-Ed Connection**, an official website of the US government

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2002-2008 Society for Research in Child Development
2003-2005 American Educational Research Association
2003-2005 American Psychological Association
2007-2008 American Evaluation Association
2010-Present American Public Health Association

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Departmental

2015-Present	Member, Admissions Committee, Masters of Public Health, Community and Behavioral Health
2015-2016	Member, Admissions Committee, Masters of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health
2018	Reviewer, Work in Progress (WIP) Committee, Community and Behavioral Health
2020-2021	Member, Admissions Committee, Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)
2020-2022	Anti-Racism and Equity (ARE) Committee, Community and Behavioral Health
2021	“Meet the CBH Faculty” Panel Presentation and Discussion with Students

School

2013-2016	Faculty Senator, Colorado School of Public Health
2014-2016	Member, Space Committee, Colorado School of Public Health
2018-2019	Co-Chair, Research Workgroup, Strategic Planning Committee, Colorado School of Public Health
2018-Present	Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (RMPRC) Associate Director, Colorado School of Public Health
2019-Present	RMPRC, Surveillance and Evaluation Core Director
2021-2023	Chair, Scholarship Committee, Colorado School of Public Health
2021-2023	Faculty Recruitment and Retention Committee Member, Colorado School of Public Health
2021	Assistant Professor Development Series: “Prepping for Promotion: Reflections from Recently Promoted Faculty”, Presented as part of a panel of 3 faculty members
2023	Faculty Senate President Elect, Colorado School of Public Health
2024	Faculty Senate President, Colorado School of Public Health
2024	Annual Report Editorial Board, Colorado School of Public Health

University

2010-2011	Chair, Refugee Health Research Committee, University of Colorado Denver
2010-2012	Member, Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Health Data and Monitoring Committee, University of Colorado Denver
2016-2017	Member, Population Health Committee, University of Colorado Denver

Local

2016	Member, Denver Food Vision, City and County of Denver
2017-2019	Member, Improving Health by Engaging Refugees in Denver (I-HEaRD) Advisory Committee, Denver and Aurora

2019-2020	Member, Serve Kids Better Denver Coalition, Denver
2022-Present	Healthy Food for Denver's Kids (HFDK) Grantee Network
State	
2008-2009	Member, Colorado Youth Development Team (organized by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment)
2012-Present	Member, Early Childhood Obesity Prevention in Early Care and Education Setting External Advisory Committee (organized by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment)
2012-2014	Member, Healthy Child Care Colorado Partnership Committee (organized by Qualistar)
2013-2014	Member, Chronic Disease State Leadership Team (organized by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment)
2016-2024	Member, State Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) (organized by the Colorado Department of Human Services)
2024-Present	Member, Data Subcommittee, Early Childhood Leadership Commission
Regional	
2014-2017	Member, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed) Regional Research and Evaluation Committee, Mountain Plains Region
2016-2017	Member, SNAP-Ed Regional Evaluation Meeting Planning Committee, Mountain Plains Region
National	
2001-2012	Member, National Early Head Start (EHS) Research and Evaluation Consortium
2004-2010	Member and Co-Chair (2005-2008), Risk and Protective Work Group, National EHS Research and Evaluation Consortium
2007-2010	Co-Chair, School/Classroom Work Group, National EHS Research and Evaluation Consortium
2010-2011	Member, Disabilities Work Group, National EHS Research and Evaluation Consortium
2014-Present	Member, Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Evaluation Committee
2016-2017	Member, SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework Workgroup
2017-Present	Member and Lead (2019), ASNNA Census Project Committee
2020-Present	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Prevention Research Center Evaluation Workgroup
2021-Present	Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN) Early Childhood Education (ECE) Working Group
2021-Present	NOPREN ECE SNAP-Ed Work Group
2021-Present	NOPREN ECE Workforce Well-Being Work Group

REVIEWER

Journals

2012-2013, 2016	Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior
2013	Public Health Nutrition
2017, 2021	American Journal of Preventive Medicine
2018	International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
2018	Public Health Reports
2018	Translational Behavioral Medicine
2019	BMJ Open Journal
2019	Emerging Themes in Epidemiology
2020-2022	Prevention Science
2021	Health Promotion International
2021	Adversity and Resilience
2022	Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2022	Evaluation and Program Planning
2022-Current	Frontiers in Digital Health, Review Editor
2022-Current	Journal Adversity and Resilience Science, Consulting Editor
2024	Early Childhood Research Quarterly
2024	Childhood Obesity
2025	Health Education and Behavior

Grant Proposals

2008	Society for Research in Child Development Conference Submissions
2010	Prevention Research Center Conference Submissions
2021	Preventing Childhood Obesity (PCO) Community Grant Program, Nebraska Children's Hospital and Medical Center
2023	Secondary Analyses of Head Start Data (#HHS-2023-ACF-OPRE-YR-0247) for Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE)

Policies

2019	Health Note: Expand Child Nutrition School Lunch Protection Act (HB19-1171) Peer Reviewer
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INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS & MEDIA PIECES

Local

2012	"Culture of Wellness in Preschools" presented at the Denver Early Childhood Council Roundtable meeting on early childhood obesity prevention, Denver, CO
2012	"A Community-Based Participatory Research Approach to Collecting Health Data with the Faith-Based African American Community: The

- ‘Data Blast’” presented at the Qualitative Research Methods Showcase, Aurora, CO
- 2013 Invited moderator of the “Weight of the Nation Screening” at University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO
- 2014 “Culture of Wellness in Preschools” presented at the Denver Early Childhood Council’s Denver Early Learning and Health Institute, Denver, CO.
- 2015 “San Luis Valley Producer Survey” presented at the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition, Alamosa, CO.
- 2015 “Community-Based Research and Evaluation” presented with Dr. Scott Harpin, for Public Health Week, Anschutz campus, Aurora, CO.
- 2015 “Culture of Wellness in Preschools: A Comprehensive Approach to Early Childhood Obesity Prevention” presented as a Community in Behavioral Health Seminar, Anschutz campus, Aurora, CO.
- 2017 Panel on “Early Childhood” presented to the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center Community Advisory Board and the Cultural Immersion Training (CIT) members, Alamosa, CO.
- 2018 Panel on “Systems Work in Communities, Patient Care, and Schools”, DrPH Advanced Seminar, graduate class, Anschutz campus, Aurora, CO.
- 2018 “Creating a Culture of Wellness on Preschools” presented at the Community and Behavioral Health Research and Practice Innovative Exchange, Anschutz campus, Aurora, CO.
- 2019 Panel Discussion “Nurturing Young Minds: Nutrition and Early Childhood” presented at a private event hosted by Constellation Philanthropy, Denver, CO.
- 2019 “Culture of Wellness on Preschools (COWP) Program: Dissemination and Implementation Framework” presented at the Community and Behavioral Health Research and Practice Innovation Exchange, Anschutz campus, Aurora, CO.
- 2021 “Getting Foundation Funding for Your Research and Public Health Practice Work” presented as part of the Community and Behavioral Health Department Professional Development Series, virtual presentation (25 attendees).
- 2021 “Engaging Community to Address Health Equity in Early Childhood” presented as part of the 2021 Research and Practice Innovation Exchange, Community and Behavioral Health Department (~40 attendees).
- 2022 “Program Sustainability: Culture of Wellness on Preschools (COWP)” presented as part of a panel discussion at the Community and Behavioral Health Department 5th Annual Research and Practice Innovation Exchange, Anschutz campus, Aurora, CO.
- 2022 “CU Anschutz Medical Campus Mental and Behavioral Health Landscape Panel” presented as part of a panel discussion at the University of Colorado Foundation Trustees Meeting.

State

- 2009 “Mixed Methods and Community-Based Research” presented at the request of Paul Stein, Director of Colorado Refugee Services Program, Colorado Department of Human Services, to an international audience of refugee service administrators and workers, Denver, CO
- 2012 “Measuring the Built Environment for Physical Activity in Rural Colorado: The San Luis Valley Community Health Project” presented at the Culture of Data Conference, Arvada, CO
- 2012 “A Community-Based Participatory Research Approach to Collecting Health Data with the Faith-Based African American Community: The ‘Data Blast’” presented at the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Data Ethics Conference, Aurora, CO
- 2013 “Culture of Wellness in Preschools” presented at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Early Childhood Obesity Prevention in Early Care and Education Setting External Advisory Committee meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2014 “Assess, Identify, Make it Happen For Preschools (AIM-P): A Strategic Planning Process to make Environment and Policy Changes focused on increasing healthy eating and physical activity in Early Child Care Settings” presented during a Livewell webinar entitled “Increasing Fresh, Healthy Options in Early Childhood Settings”, Denver, CO.
- 2015 “Culture of Wellness in Preschools” presented at the Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Stakeholders state meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2015 “Increasing the Impact of Direct Education through Policy, Systems and Environment Changes”. 2015 Cooking Matters Colorado Statewide Conference, Denver, CO.
- 2016 “Healthy Practices for Preschools to Prevent Childhood Obesity”, a webinar sponsored by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, CO.
- 2016 “Study Finds Refugees in Denver are Integrating to a Better Life” featured on CBS News (<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2016/03/15/study-refugees-denver-integration/>) about the Refugee Integration Survey and Evaluation (RISE) study
- 2016 “CDHS Study: Refugees Integrate Well in Colorado” featured on Colorado Public Radio (CPR) about the Refugee Integration Survey and Evaluation (RISE) Study
- 2017 “2017 Best Places to Raise a Family in Colorado” Wallet Hub. Invited quote as an expert (<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-places-to-raise-a-family-in-colorado/38264/#elaine-s-belansky-and-jini-puma>)
- 2019 Panel Discussion “Family Engagement and Health Equity” Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Annual Stakeholder Meeting, Denver, CO.

- 2019 “Helping Kids by Texting Their Parents? Here’s What the Experts Say”, an article featured in the Chalkbeat (<https://www.chalkbeat.org/posts/co/2019/12/17/helping-kids-by-texting-their-parents-heres-what-experts-say-about-this-exploding-strategy/>), features the Text2LiveHealthy program used in the Culture of Wellness in Preschools Program (COWP).
- 2021 Quoted in “How to stay safe while trick-or-treating on Halloween during the pandemic” by Jessica Seaman (<https://www.denverpost.com/2021/10/20/safe-trick-or-treating-halloween-colorado-covid/>).
- 2022 “CO School of Public Health COVID-19 Modeling Group: Epidemic Modeling Website: Epidemic Modeling, Website, and COVID-19 Vaccine Research” presented with Jonathan Samet and Tatiane Santos to County Commissioners and Colorado Human Services Directors Association.
- 2023 “The Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (RMPRC): Overview of our ECE Workforce Well-Being Program” presented with Emily Maiurro to leaders at the Colorado Department of Early Childhood.
- 2023 “Well-Being of the ECE Workforce in Low-Resourced Locations”, presented on a “Mental Health in Low-Resourced Locations” panel at the Colorado School of Public Health Research Exchange.
- 2023 “Community-Based Programs Work with Local Refugees to Improve Health”. Community and Practice News on the Colorado School of Public Health website (<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/news-and-events/newsroom/practice-news/public-health-main-site-news/coloradosph-community-based-programs-work-with-local-refugees-to-improve-health>)

Regional

- 2015 “Mountain Regional Plains Survey 2015” presented at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Mountain Regional Plains SNAP-Ed Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2016 “Mountain Regional Plains Regional Evaluation Work: Past, Present and Future” presented with Max Young, Christine Hradek, and Star Morrison at the USDA, Mountain Regional Plains SNAP-Ed Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2017 “Culture of Wellness in Preschools: A Comprehensive Approach to Early Childhood Obesity” presented as part of the “2017 Webinar Series: The National Prevention Strategy: Health Across the Life Span, Active Living”, Sponsored by Region VIII Federal Partners, Denver, CO.
- 2019 “Culture of Wellness in Preschools: SNAP-Ed in Action” presented as part of a USDA, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), all-staff meeting for the Mountain Plains Region, Denver, CO.
- 2021 “Conducting Community-Engaged Research to Improve the Lives of Marginalized Communities in Urban and Rural Colorado”, Invited presentation to the University of New Mexico Prevention Research Center (~20 attendees).

- 2022 Invited as an expert to the “Western Region Early Childhood Nutrition Convening”, sponsored by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Center for Public Health Innovation at CI International, Denver, CO.
- 2023 “Designing for Dissemination and Sustainability to Promote Health Equity for Young Children and Their Caregivers”, Invited presentation to the University of New Mexico Prevention Research Center (~20 attendees).

National

- 2016 “A Win-Win-Win: Increasing Children’s Physical Activity and Healthy Eating during the School Day through University, Local Public Health, and School Partnerships” presented with Dr. Elaine Belansky at the Redstone Symposium, Milken Institute Public Health Summit, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “Culture of Wellness in Preschools (COWP): A Comprehensive Approach to Obesity Prevention”, part of a panel entitled “Providers and Parents Preventing Childhood”, 9th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference, San Diego, CA.
- 2018 “Predicting Refugee Integration from RISE Longitudinal Data: New Insights, New Narratives”, presented with Dr. Gary Lichtenstein at the Global Refugee and Migration in the 21st Century, Policies and Narratives of Inclusion, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 “ASNNA 2019 Census of Intervention, Evaluation, and Reporting Activities” presented at the 2019 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference, Arlington, VA.
- 2019 “Conceptualizing and Measuring Refugee Integration: New Insights and a New Model” presented at the 2019 Great Lakes Conference on Refugee Resilience and Integration: Promising Practices, Emerging Trends, Cleveland, OH.
- 2020 “Engaging Harder to Reach Audiences” keynote presentation at the 2019 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference, Arlington, VA.
- 2021 “Development of a Dissemination and Implementation Framework for an Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Program” presented to the Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN) Early Childhood Education (ECE) Working Group Meeting, Virtual Meeting.
- 2021 “Moving Forward by Looking Back: National Results from the SNAP-Ed Census of Intervention, Evaluation and Reporting Activities, 2017 – 2021”, Keynote presentation presented at 2021 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA), Virtual Conference (400 attendees).
- 2021 “The Role of Prevention Research Centers: The Story of the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (RMPRC)”, Keynote presentation

- presented at the 2021 Prevention Research Center Virtual Meeting (~500 attendees).
- 2021 “Pivoting Research in the COVID Context: The Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (RMPRC)”, Concurrent session presented at the 2021 Prevention Research Center Virtual Meeting (50 attendees).
- 2022 “Keeping the SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework on the Leading Edge – How ASNNA Practitioners Can influence Excellence in SNAP-Ed Planning”. Invited Plenary Panel Session presented at the presented at 2022 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA), Virtual Conference (~400 attendees).
- 2023 Invited to attend the inaugural two-day *Early Childhood Education Workforce Wellbeing Research to Policy Convening* at Yale University’s Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy
- 2023 “Well-Being of the ECE Workforce in Low-Resourced Locations”, presented to the Nutrition and Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN): Early Childhood Education Workforce Well-Being Workgroup Meeting, Virtual Meeting (~20 attendees).
- 2024 “Total Worker Health and PRC Collaborations”, panel presentation presented at a Prevention Research Center Network meeting (~100 attendees).
- 2024 “Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center: Engaging and Evaluating Our Community Advisory Board”, presented at the CDC Prevention Research Network Evaluation Workgroup meeting

TEACHING RECORD

Courses Developed and Taught

- Spring 2005, 2006 **QRM 4950: Multivariate Analysis** (Graduate Course, 15-20 students), Sole Instructor, University of Denver
- Spring 2007 **QRM 4903: Empirical Research Methods** (Graduate Course, 20 students), Sole Instructor, University of Denver
- Fall 2007 **QRM 4920: Structural Foundations for Research in the Social Sciences** (Graduate Course, 20 students), Sole Instructor, University of Denver
- Fall 2011, 2012, 2013 **PBHL 2000: Introduction to Public Health**
Spring 2012, 2014 (Undergraduate Course, 80-100 students), Course Co-Developer & Co-Instructor, University of Colorado Denver
- Fall 2014, Summer 2015 **CBHS 6612: Research and Evaluation Methods** (On-Line Graduate Course, 30-35 students), Adapted Course for On-Line & Sole Instructor, University of Colorado Denver
- Spring 2017 **CBHS 6612: Research and Evaluation Methods** (In-Person Graduate Course, 35 students), Sole Instructor, University of Colorado Denver
- Spring 2018, 2019, 2020, **CBHS 6637: Applied Quantitative Analysis for**

2021, 2022, 2023 **Community Health Sciences** (In-Person Graduate Course, 12-21 students), Course Developer and Sole Instructor, University of Colorado Denver

Guest Lectures

2013, 2014, “Culture of Wellness in Preschools” presented to Dr. Jenn
2015 Leiferman’s Maternal and Child Health graduate class, Anschutz
 campus, Aurora, CO.
2015 “Culture of Wellness in Preschools” presented to Dr. Ashley
 Brooks-Russell’s Introduction to Public Health undergraduate
 course, University of Colorado Denver downtown campus,
 Denver, CO.
2016 “Mixed Methods Design” presented to Dr. Betsy Risendal and Dr.
 Penny Bennett’s Research and Evaluation Methods graduate class,
 Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO.
2021 “Working with the San Luis Valley to Identify Priority Issues for
 Intervention” presented to Dr. Betsy Risendal’s Program Planning
 and Implementation graduate class, virtual presentation
2024 “Multi-Level Interventions” presented to Dr. Ashley Brooks-
 Russell’s Community and Behavioral Health Advanced Seminar
 graduate class, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

Advising

University of Colorado Denver

MPH Academic Advisor:

Leah Elsmore (2013-2015)
Nicole Harty (2013-2015)
Emily Steen (2013-2015)
Nicole Miller (2015-2017)
Ashley Wilson (2015-2017)
Mary Casey (2016-2018)
Linnea Miller (2016-2018)
Kallista Hammer (2016-2018)
Jennifer Huynh (2016-2018)
Ariel Alonzo (2017-2019)
Nina Jagtiani (2017-2020)
Issah Younossi (2018)
Amelia Iglesias (2018-2020)
William Lenahan (2018-2021)
Kyla Munoz (2018-2020)
Araia Desta Tsehay (2018-2020)
Rhiannon Streight (2018-2020)
Kyla Knock (2018-2019)
Rebecca Rodriguez (2018-2020)

Courtney Spoutz (2019-2021)
Mia Carlotta (2020-2024)
Beth Watts (2020-2021)
Ryley Donohoe (2020-2021)
Lauren Phillips (2020-2021)
Meghan Bellamy (2020-2021)
Ethan Tietze (2020-2022)
Ashley Hussein (2021-2023)
Emma Kett (2021-Present)
Anna Lippman (2021-2023)
Brenda Mendoza-Ortega (2021-Present)
Yadiel Tesfaye (2021-2023)
Nancy Fitzgerald (2022-2023)
Nikki Flint (2022-Present)
Claire Winslow (2022-2023)
Suhaila Obaidalla (2022-Present)
Mackenzie Flaharty (2023-Present)
Niles Gilmore (2023-Present)
Alyssa McMahon (2024)
Saeideh Dadras (2024-Present)
Joshua Miller (2024-Present)
Kayla Rockwell (2024-Present)
Ella Abramonte (2024-Present)
Sarah Gibeau-Cole (2024-Present)

MPH Practicum/Capstone Preceptor:

Sarah Hernandez (2013)
Rachel Levine (2013-2014)
Carrie Pearse (2016)
Max Young (2016-2017)
Kathy Whitlow (2018)
Amanda Martinez (2021, 2022)
Kristen Young (2021, 2022)
Alicia Privett (2022)
Priyanka Shreedar (2023)
Madalyn Godby (2023)

MS/MA Thesis Committee Member:

Julie Rodriguez (2015)

DrPH Academic Advisor:

Kate Boyd (2018-2021)
Emily Bergling (2018 – 2021)

David LaRocca (2018 – 2024)
Julie Webb (2019 – Present)
Elshimaa Basha (2020 – Present)
Fatima Fagbenro (2022 – Present)
Julia Pangalangan (2022 – Present)
Molloy Sheehan (2023 – Present)
Ola Kukoyi (2023 – Present)

PhD/DrPH Dissertation Committee Member:

Ernesto Moralez (2012-2015)
Cynthia Hazel (2016-2018)
Charlotte Farewell (2016-2019)
Sarah Brewer (2018-2019)
Kate Boyd (2018-2021)
Emily Bergling (2019-2021)
David LaRocca (2020-2024)
Julie Webb (2021-Present)
Elshimaa Basha (2023-Present) (Chair)
Julia Pangalangan (2024-Present)
Makala Carrington (2024-Present)

Other Teaching Activities:

BA/BS Internship Supervision:

AnnsLee Merlo (2012-2013)
Josselyn Perez (2012-2013)
Odelia Yarshari (2012-2013)
Adam Pittman (2014)
Ruth Berhanu (2018)

MA/MPH Internship Supervision:

Adriana Jimenez (2012)
Julie Rodriguez (2014)

MA Independent study:

Martha (Mattie) Curry (2019-Present)

PhD Independent Study:

Sarah Brewer (2017)
David LaRocca (2020)

University of Denver

MS/MA Thesis Advisor:

Kayla Frazier (2013-2014)

PhD/DrPH Dissertation Committee Member:

Amber Kim (2010-2012)

Other Teaching Activities:

MA/MPH Internship Supervision:

Sara Gathright (2011-2012)

MA Practicum Advisor:

Kayla Frazier (2012-2013)

MA Independent study:

Jennifer Arzberger (2009-2010)

Amber Smith (2009-2010)

PhD Internship Supervision:

Yenchen Chang (2012)

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Active Grants and Contracts

Well-being of the ECE Workforce in Low-Resourced Locations (WELL) (9/30/21 – 9/29/26) (Total Direct: \$1,626,714, Indirect: \$422,946)

90YR0129

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) (Puma & Farewell, Co-PIs)

The overarching goal of the WELL study is to investigate individual-, interpersonal-, and systems-level factors that are most associated with worker well-being in Head Start settings and then to implement the WELL intervention, a multi-level, multi-strategy intervention, via partnerships with five large Head Start agencies in Colorado and assess the WELL intervention's implementation and effectiveness to improve worker well-being.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (COWP) (8/1/22 – 7/31/25) (Total: \$759,081)

ENVHL-202263836-00

Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (Puma, PI)

The goal is to implement and evaluate the Culture of Wellness in Preschools (COWP) program in the 4 largest Denver Public Schools (DPS) early childhood education (ECE) centers and to adapt the program to uniquely meet the needs of family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) childcare providers throughout the City and County of Denver serving the majority of children who live in poverty during the 2022-23, 23-24, and 24-25 school years.

Role: Principal Investigator

Ambassadors for Literacy and Resiliency (1/1/23-1/1/26) (Total Amount: \$951,925)

Ambassadors for Literacy (Puma, PI)

This funding supports efforts to further focus on promoting language and literacy development of young children in Colorado, as well as expanding the Ambassadors for Literacy program to promote the healthy development of resiliency, coping skills, and social-emotional development of these young children through partnerships with ambassadors of the program.

Role: Principal Investigator

Fostering Resilience in Early Educators (FREE): Southeast Colorado (05/01/24-04/30/25) (Total Direct Cost: \$27,088; Indirect: \$2,709)

Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation (Puma & Farewell, Co-PIs)

The FREE program is an early childhood education intervention focused on bolstering supports for formal caregivers to improve their mental health and well-being, in turn promoting high quality relationships with the children in their care and fostering resilience.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/24-6/30/25) (Total Direct: \$67,296; Indirect: \$6,558)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supports the implementation and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Rocky Mountain School Wellness Program (10/1/24-9/30/25) (Total Direct: \$3,203,059; Indirect: \$565,246)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant will allow us to implement and study the effectiveness of the School and Community Wellness Program (SCWP) in counties throughout Colorado. Programming aims to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools, schools and communities.

Role: Principal Investigator

Substance Use Program Evaluation Including ACEs and Recovery (SPEAR) (10/1/24-9/1/27) (Total Direct: \$406,626; Indirect: \$185,666)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Leiferman & Puma, MPIs)

This study uses a community-based approach to identify the social determinants of health (SDOH) and substance use disorder (SUD)-related needs of a rural, largely Latino community in Colorado as part of an established partnership working to address substance use and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The specific aims are to: 1) engage San Luis Valley community stakeholders in order to develop a SPEAR Coalition, which will aid in the identification of community-level programs that are needed for SUDs, overdose, and related SDOH; and 2) identify SDOH needs among patients in substance use and

overdose treatment programs in the rural areas of Colorado, and explore other SDOH needs in terms of how they might vary by ethnicity.

Role: Multiple Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools for Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers (COWP: FFN) (12/1/24-11/30/25) (Total Direct: \$223,581; Indirect: \$22,358)

Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (Puma, PI)

This public health practice grant will provide healthy eating and physical activity for Spanish-speaking Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) providers and the children in their care in the City of Aurora and Weld and Jefferson Counties.

Role: Principal Investigator

Completed Grants and Contracts

Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (10/1/2019-9/29/2025) (Total Direct: \$3,006,798, Indirect: 718,364)

DP006399-01

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (Leiferman, PI)

One of 25 CDC-funded prevention research centers nationwide housed at UCD and partnering with the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado to promote health and well-being in rural communities. This grant will support Center operations and the conduct of a core research project, entitled STANCE (Linking Systems To address ACEs iN Childhood Early on).

Role: Co-Principal Investigator of Core Research Project

Rocky Mountain School Wellness Program (10/1/23-9/30/24) (Total Direct: \$3,172,573; Indirect: \$471,228)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant will allow us to implement and study the effectiveness of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program and the Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) in counties throughout Colorado. Both programs aim to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Fostering Resilience in Early Educators (FREE): Southeast Colorado (05/01/23-04/30/24) - Total Cost: \$75,000

Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation (Puma & Farewell, Co-PIs)

The FREE program is an early childhood education intervention focused on bolstering supports for formal caregivers to improve their mental health and well-being, in turn promoting high quality relationships with the children in their care and fostering resilience.

Role: Co-PI

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/23-6/30/24) (Total Direct: \$71,901; Indirect: \$7,989)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supports the implementation and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Rocky Mountain School Wellness Program (10/1/22-9/30/23) (Total Direct: \$2,449,234; Indirect: \$363,426)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant will allow us to implement and study the effectiveness of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program and the Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) in counties throughout Colorado. Both programs aim to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/22-6/30/23) (Total Direct: \$71,901; Indirect: \$7,989)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supports the implementation and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Fostering Resilience in Early Education (FREE) (3/1/22 – 4/30/23) (Total Amount: \$75,000)

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Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation (Puma & Farewell, Co-PIs)

The over-arching goal is to expand the FREE program, a multi-strategy, multi-generational intervention aimed at increasing the mental health and well-being of the early childhood education workforce, to 80 additional formal and informal early child care providers in the San Luis Valley, a rural region of Colorado.

Role: Co-PI

Fostering Resilience in Early Education (FREE) (1/1/22-12/30/22) (Total Amount: \$75,000)

Caring for Colorado (Puma & Farewell, Co-PIs)

The over-arching goal is to expand the FREE program, a multi-strategy, multi-generational intervention aimed at increasing the mental health and well-being of the early childhood education workforce, to 50 additional formal and informal early child care providers in the San Luis Valley, a rural region of Colorado.

Fostering Resilience in Early Education (FREE): Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) (12/1/21-11/30/22) (Total Amount: \$74,885)

Caring for Colorado (Puma & Farewell, Co-PIs)

The over-arching goal is to expand the FREE program, a multi-strategy, multi-generational intervention aimed at increasing the mental health and well-being of the early childhood education workforce, to 30 additional informal early child care providers in the San Luis Valley, a rural region of Colorado.

Role: Co-PI

Fostering Resilience in Early Education (FREE) (12/1/21-11/30/22) (Total Amount: \$125,000)

Constellation Philanthropy (Puma & Farewell, Co-PIs)

The over-arching goal is to expand the FREE program, a multi-strategy, multi-generational intervention aimed at increasing the mental health and well-being of the early childhood education workforce, to 50 additional formal and informal early child care providers in the San Luis Valley, a rural region of Colorado.

Role: Co-PI

Rocky Mountain School Wellness Program (10/1/21-9/30/22) (Total Direct: \$2,079,004; Indirect: \$309,510)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant will allow us to implement and study the effectiveness of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program and the Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) in counties throughout Colorado. Both programs aim to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/21-6/30/22) (Total Direct: \$56,532; Indirect: \$5,653)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supports the implementation and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Fostering Resilience in Early Educators (FREE): Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregivers (06/01/20-05/31/22) (Direct Cost: \$208,959; Indirect Cost: \$27,500)

The Colorado Health Foundation (Puma, Co-PI)

The FREE program is a two-generation, two-component early childhood education (ECE) *home-based* intervention focused on integrating mindfulness practices into *informal* caregiver settings to increase the uptake of self-care strategies among FFN caregivers. The primary outcomes of FREE are to improve the mental health and well-being of caregivers, in turn promoting high quality relationships with the children in their care and fostering resilience.

Role on Grant: Co-Principal Investigator

COVID-19 Supplement Grant (05/11/21-05/10/22) (Direct Cost: \$367,983; Indirect Cost: \$132,017)

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Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (Leiferman & Puma, Co-PIs)

The supplement grant is to support the implementation of CDC's COVID-19 vaccine confidence strategy by funding the Connecting Behavioral Science to COVID-19 Vaccine Demand (CBS-CVD) Network, to identify key behavioral insights that will inform effective solutions to increase confidence in Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines, and ultimately uptake.

Fostering Resilience in Early Educators (FREE): Southeast Colorado (05/01/20-04/30/22) (Total Cost: \$150,000)

Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation (Puma, Co-PI)

The FREE program is a two-generation, two-component early childhood education (ECE) *center-based* intervention focused on integrating mindfulness practices into *formal* caregiver settings to increase the uptake of self-care strategies among ECE caregivers. The primary outcomes of FREE are to improve the mental health and well-being of caregivers, in turn promoting high quality relationships with the children in their care and fostering resilience.

Role on Grant: Co-Principal Investigator

Fostering Resilience in Early Educators (FREE): Colorado Springs (05/01/20-04/30/22) (Total Direct: \$208,959; Indirect: \$23,218)

Colorado Springs Health Foundation (Puma, Co-PI)

The FREE program is a two-generation, two-component early childhood education (ECE) *center-based* intervention focused on integrating mindfulness practices into *formal* caregiver settings to increase the uptake of self-care strategies among ECE caregivers. The primary outcomes of FREE are to improve the mental health and well-being of caregivers, in turn promoting high quality relationships with the children in their care and fostering resilience.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Role in Grant Writing: Co-wrote grant

BREATHE-Q: Adaptation of a Mindfulness-Based Intervention for LGBTQ+ Adolescents (2/1/2021-1/31/22) (Total Direct: 29,912)

Community and Behavioral Health Department – Interinstitutional Pilot Funding (Quirk, PI)

The long-term goal of this grant is to address the gap in LGBTQ-focused adolescent interventions by implementing tailored, evidence-based mindfulness-based interventions (MBI) that reduce mental and physical health disparities. The project has the following specific aims: 1. Develop an adapted MBI group program (*BREATHE-Q*), tailored to the

unique stressors and needs of LGBTQ+ adolescents. 2. Refine *BREATHE-Q* and assess feasibility, acceptability, and safety.

Role: Significant Contributor/Advisor

Culture of Wellness in Schools (COWIS) (10/1/20-9/30/21) (Total Direct: \$2,179,076; Indirect: \$324,521)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant will allow us to implement and study the effectiveness of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program and the Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) in counties throughout Colorado. Both programs aim to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/20-6/30/21) (Total Direct: \$50,532; Indirect: \$5,053)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supports the implementation and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Schools (COWIS) (10/1/19-9/30/20) (Total Direct: \$2,096,330; Indirect: \$311,570)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant will allow us to implement and study the effectiveness of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program and the Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) in counties throughout Colorado. Both programs aim to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/19-6/30/20) (Total Direct: \$35,585; Indirect: \$3,559)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supports the implementation and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

**Culture of Wellness in Preschools: Whole Child (2/15/18-2/14/2020) – (Total Direct: \$786,162; Indirect: \$78,242)
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The Colorado Health Foundation (Puma, PI)

Goal: Develop and evaluate adaptation of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools (COWP) program's existing focus on positive physical development to include positive cognitive,

language and social-emotional development to for preschool-aged children in four Colorado counties.

Role: Principal Investigator

Understanding Facilitators and Barriers to the Implementation and Sustainability of Health-Promoting Policy, System and Environment Changes in Early Childcare Education Settings (1/1/19 – 12/31/19) (Total Direct: \$59,692; Indirect: \$5,969)

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Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation (Puma, Co-PI)

This grant will allow us to conduct a secondary data analysis to understand facilitators and barriers to the implementing and sustaining health-promoting policy, system and environmental changes in rural and urban early childhood education centers in 13 Colorado counties.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator, with doctoral student, C. Farewell

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (1/1/19-12/31/19) (Total Direct: \$25,000; Indirect: \$0)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supports the implementation and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Schools (COWIS) (10/1/18-9/30/19) (Total Direct: \$2,298,395; Indirect: \$339,357)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant will allow us to implement and study the effectiveness of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program and the Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) in counties throughout Colorado. Both programs aim to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/18-6/30/19) (Total Direct: \$32,350; Indirect: \$3,235)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supports the implementation and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools: Healthy Environment Project (5/15/2018 – 5/14/19) (Total Direct: \$69,579; Indirect: \$6,958)

Colorado Springs Health Foundation (Puma, PI)

This funding will allow us to adapt one component of the COWP program, the strategic planning process, to make health-promoting center environment and policy changes in three rural counties (El Paso, Teller and Park) and study the implementation and dissemination of this adapted model.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools. Lead. Learn. Play. (1/1/18-12/31/18) (Total Direct: \$70,062; Indirect: \$7,006)

Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation (Puma, PI)

The grant allowed us to adapt one component, the strategic planning process to make health-promoting policy, system and environment changes, of the Culture of Wellness in preschools program and study the implementation and dissemination of the adapted model with early childhood education providers in El Paso and Park counties.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Schools (COWIS) (10/1/17-9/30/18) (Total Direct: \$2,176,520; Indirect: \$271,194)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant allowed for the implementation and study of the COWP and INEP programs in preschools and elementary schools across Colorado.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/18-6/30/18) (Total Direct: \$32,350; Indirect: \$3,235)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This grant funded the maintenance and the study of the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Integrated Nutrition Education Program (12/1/16-11/30/17) (Total Direct: \$7,432; Indirect: \$0)

Anschutz Family Foundation (Puma, PI)

This funding allowed INEP to mitigate barriers to parent engagement in nutrition education courses at low-income schools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (10/1/16-9/30/17) (Total Direct: \$1,412,790; Indirect: \$209,453)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant allowed for the implementation and study of the implementation of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program in 11 counties throughout Colorado. The COWP program aims to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Integrated Nutrition Education Program (10/1/16-9/30/17) (Total Direct: \$1,232,945 Direct; Indirect: \$167,920)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) is an elementary school-based nutrition education intervention. The specific aim was to increase fruit and vegetable intake in children and their families.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/16-6/30/17) (Total Direct: \$35,350; Indirect: \$3,235)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supported the sustainability of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools in 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (2/15/15-2/14/2017) (Total Direct: \$1,249,135; Indirect: \$122,839)

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The Colorado Health Foundation (Puma, PI)

The grant allowed for the expansion and study of the dissemination of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program to 20 low-income preschools serving 5,340 children in 7 Colorado counties. The COWP program aimed to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (6/1/16-5/31/17) (Total Direct: \$90,909; Indirect: \$9,091)

Colorado Springs Health Foundation (Puma, PI)

This grant allowed for the expansion of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools (COWP) programming to preschools serving economically disadvantaged children in El Paso County. The COWP program aimed to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (10/1/15-9/30/16) (Total Direct: \$867,612; Indirect: \$224,663)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The grant allowed for the implementation and study of the implementation of the Culture of Wellness in Preschools program in 11 counties throughout Colorado. The COWP program aims to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Integrated Nutrition Education Program (10/1/15-9/30/16) (Total Direct: \$1,306,935; Indirect: \$319,433)

Colorado Department of Human Services (Puma, PI)

The Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) is an elementary school-based nutrition education intervention. The specific aim was to increase fruit and vegetable intake in children and their families.

Role: Principal Investigator

Promoting Healthy Practice Changes to Prevent Childhood Obesity in A Preschool Setting (6/1/16-6/29/16) (Total Direct: \$1,405; Indirect: \$0)

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Puma, PI)

Funding to create a 2-hour webinar training that promotes healthy practice change around healthy eating, active living to prevent childhood obesity in preschool centers around the state. The intended audience was primarily staff from local public health agencies in Colorado.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (8/1/15-6/30/16) (Total Direct: \$86,364; Indirect: \$8,636)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supported 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools. Lead. Learn. Play. (5/1/15-4/30/16) (Total Direct: \$102,315; Indirect: \$10,231)

Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation (Puma, PI)

The grant allowed us to expand one component, the child-focused physical activity component, of the Culture of Wellness in preschools program in Jefferson, Denver and Gilpin counties. The COWP program aimed to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies in preschools.

Role: Principal Investigator

Refugee Integration and Evaluation Survey (RISE) Study (1/1/11 – 12/31/15) (Total Direct: \$308,328; Indirect: \$0)

Office of Refugee Resettlement, Wilson-Fish Program (Lichtenstein, PI)

This study followed a cohort of newly-arrived refugees over the course of 4 years to understand different integration domains and integration overall. It is the only known longitudinal study of refugee integration in the U.S.

Role: Advisory, Co-PI

San Luis Valley Women, Infant and Children (WIC) (9/30/12 – 9/30/15)

US Department of Agriculture (USDA) (Krebs, Hambidge – Co-PIs)

This project aims to improve the maternal health for post-partum women who participation in the WIC program in the San Luis Valley

Role: Lead Evaluator/Statistician

Integrated Nutrition Education Program (8/1/12-7/31/15) – Total Cost: \$1,222,069 (10/01/13 – 11/30/14)

SNAP-ED, State of Colorado (Hambidge, PI (8/1/12-6/30/14), Puma, PI (after 7/1/14))

The Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) is an elementary school-based nutrition education intervention. The specific aim is to increase fruit and vegetable intake in children and their families.

Role: Lead Evaluator/Statistician; Principal Investigator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (7/1/14-6/30/15) (Total Direct: \$52,683.33; Indirect: 5,268)

City and County of Denver (Puma, PI)

This project supported 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Healthy Childcare Makes a Healthy Start (8/1/14-5/31/15) - Total Cost: \$150,000

Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Association (Puma, PI on sub-contract for ~\$30,000)

This project supported 6 early childcare settings (2 center and 4 home) to make environment and policy changes to promote healthy eating and physical activity. Additionally, all early childcare health inspectors were trained in healthy eating, activity living strategies to use with early childcare providers throughout Denver.

Role: Trainer and Evaluator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools (12/15/11-12/14/14) (Total Direct: \$981,442; Indirect: \$69,716) 4452

The Colorado Health Foundation (Puma, PI)

This project supported 26 Head Start preschools serving 4,185 children in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating and strengthen overall wellness policies.

Role: Principal Investigator

Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (10/1/2009-9/30/2014) 5U48DP001938

CDC (Marshall, PI)

One of 33 CDC-funded prevention research centers nationwide housed at UCD and partnering with six counties in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado to promote healthy lifestyles in rural communities. Activities include community-based prevention research, education and training, communication and dissemination and policy research in

the areas of physical activity and nutrition in school-age children, their intergenerational families and communities.

Role: Research Associate

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) (9/1/2012 – 8/31/14)

ONE Step Second Hand Smoke Initiative (Kirby, PI)

The Children's Hospital ONE Step Second Hand Smoke (SHS) Initiative is an evidence-based, provider-led, sustainable system for addressing SHS exposure that can be adapted and implemented throughout a spectrum of pediatric healthcare settings. This study evaluated the impact of the ONE Step Second Hand Smoke Initiative on the Child Health Clinic, NICU and various community health clinics.

Role: Lead Evaluator/Statistician

**School Nutrition Plus: Partners and Parents (7/1/2009 – 6/30/2012)
PN200809-314_YR02**

The Colorado Health Foundation (Johnson, PI)

The Integrated Nutrition Education Program (INEP) is an elementary school-based nutrition education intervention, the specific aim of which was to increase fruit and vegetable intake in children and their families.

Role: Lead Evaluator/Statistician

Health Education and Health Policy in Early Childhood Care Environment (7/1/2011 – 12/31/2012)

The Colorado Health Foundation (Dormer, PI)

The project aimed to increase the number of young children who have healthy meals at preschool or child care in a two-part project that includes: 1) a continuing education conference for child care providers on practices and policies that support children's healthy preferences and behaviors; and 2) follow-up policy workshops designed to amplify the impact of the educational conference by helping child care providers further delineate written policies and procedures for their businesses that are consistent with best practices and the state plan for preventing childhood obesity.

Role: Statistician

**Colorado Clinical Translational Sciences Institute (UL1) (9/24/09-9/23/11)
3UL1RR025780-02S1**

NIH/NCRR Administrative Supplement (Sokol, PI)

Project Title: A community-based participatory research approach to collecting health and built environment data

This project worked with two of the CCTSI pilot communities to produce comprehensive and accurate community health profile data that could be used for setting research and intervention priorities. Two community health surveys were conducted using a community-based participatory research approach.

Role: Research Associate/Project Coordinator

Culture of Wellness in Preschools Planning Grant (12/15/10-6/15/11) - Total Cost: \$18,856; Direct Cost: \$17,142

3775

The Colorado Health Foundation (Puma, PI)

This project developed a plan for 26 Head Start preschools in Denver to increase physical activity and healthy eating for up to 2,300 low income children and adults.

Role: Principal Investigator

Bridge Institute – Children’s Hospital (7/1/2009 – 6/30/2010)

ONE Step Second Hand Smoke Initiative (Bunick, PI)

The Children’s Hospital ONE Step Second Hand Smoke (SHS) Initiative is an evidence-based, provider-led, sustainable system for addressing SHS exposure that can be adapted and implemented throughout a spectrum of pediatric healthcare settings. This study evaluated the impact of the ONE Step Second Hand Smoke Initiative.

Role: Lead Evaluator

Colorado Clinical Sciences Center Institute (4/1/2009 – 3/31/2010) – Total Cost for Pilot Grant: \$22,576; Direct Cost for Pilot Grant: \$22,576)

5UL1RR025780

NIH/NCRR (Sokol, PI on Parent Grant; Puma, PI on Pilot Grant)

Pilot Project: What Gets Lost in the Translation? Why Refugees with Abnormal Health Conditions Fail to Seek Follow-up Medical Care

The primary objective of this project was to better understand what the barriers and facilitators were to accessing health care by newly arrived refugees classified as having an abnormal health condition. A concomitant objective was to learn about the barriers and facilitators for health care professionals serving the refugee population.

Role: Principal Investigator

Colorado Spit Tobacco Collaborative Initiative (9/1/2007-8/31/2009)

PN:0704-170

American Legacy Foundation (Byers, PI)

The goal of this community-based participatory research project was to create a statewide, web-based surveillance tool designed to capture spit tobacco use trends, social and cultural norms that support use, product marketing and sales practices, tobacco industry sponsorship of local events, prevention and cessation resources, and policies and practices.

Role: Lead Evaluator

Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (9/30/2004-9/29/2009)

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CDC (Marshall, PI)

One of 33 CDC-funded prevention research centers nationwide housed at UCD and partnering with six counties in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado to promote healthy lifestyles in rural communities. Activities include community-based prevention

research, education and training, communication and dissemination and policy research in the areas of physical activity and nutrition in school-age children, their intergenerational families and communities.

Role: Lead Evaluator on INPAP Student Follow-up Project

**Colorado Tobacco Education & Prevention Partnership (7/1/2007-12/30/2008)
G06928**

CDPHE CCPD (Cavanaugh, PI)

The Children's Hospital ONE Step Second Hand Smoke (SHS) Initiative was an evidence-based, provider-led, sustainable system for addressing SHS exposure that can be adapted and implemented throughout a spectrum of pediatric healthcare settings. This study evaluated the impact of the ONE Step Second Hand Smoke Initiative.

Role: Lead Evaluator

Denver Public Schools' (DPS) Wellness Evaluation Tool Development (8/15/2008-10/31/2008)

LiveWell Colorado (Belansky, PI)

The intent of this project was to develop a school-level tool and process that align assessment and evaluation measures with the DPS wellness policy. The ultimate goal was to develop a common tool that LiveWell Colorado communities could use to measure progress of school wellness.

Role: Evaluator

Early Head Start Grade 5 Follow-up (10/1/2007 – 6/7/2008)

Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) (Mathematic Policy Research)

In the original study, 3,001 children and their mothers were randomly assigned to the Early Head Start intervention group or control group. The children were in 5th grade last year, so the goal of this study was to evaluate children's cognitive and social emotional development, as well as their school achievement in order to examine what impacts from the Early Head Start intervention persisted.

Role: Research Assistant at local Denver site

Pending

Family-Oriented Understanding of Resilience for Improved Maternal and Child Health (FLOURISH) (7/01/2025-6/30/2030) (Total Direct: \$1,685,811; Indirect: \$944,054)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) – R01 (Lieferman, Puma, Farewell MPIs)

The proposed study investigates how family relationships and overall functioning influence postpartum depression and to what extent family functioning impacts whether mothers reach out for help when needed specifically among socioeconomically disadvantaged and underserved rural populations.

Pathways Associated with Total Health of the ECE Workforce: Longitudinal Exploration of Job Demands, Resources, and Health Disparities in Head Start Settings (PATH) Study (9/01/2025-8/31/2030) (Total Direct: \$2,687,365; Indirect: \$790,916)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) – R01 (Farewell, Puma, Schwatka, MPIS)

The PATH study proposes to use a community-engaged approach to conduct a prospective longitudinal study to investigate changes in demands and resources over time, and associations with health disparities and then derive multi-level solutions to meet the unique needs of the Head Start (HS) early childhood education (ECE) workforce.

Well-being of the ECE Workforce in Low-Resourced Locations: A Total Worker Health Approach to Mitigate Health Disparities (9/01/2025-8/31/2030) (Total Direct: \$2,221,909; Indirect: \$1,244,268)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) – R01 (Puma, Farewell, MPIS)

The WELL study aims to address significant work-related health disparities in the early childhood education (ECE) workforce by implementing and evaluating a community-engaged, multi-level, multi-strategy Total Worker Health (TWH) intervention. The systematic translation and widescale dissemination of the study's findings seek to improve the health of this essential workforce and the quality of care provided to children, thereby mitigating the inter-generational transmission of health disparities.

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2. Young, M., Chavez, C., Atwood, J., Beckstrom, L., **Puma, J.** & and Wilson, A. (2011). School Nutrition Plus: Partners and Parents. Preliminary Lessons Learned from a Multi-Strategy Nutrition Education Intervention. *Journal for Nutrition Education and Behavior*. 43(4S1).

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2. Everhart, K., Emde, R. N., Kisker, E., Bloomenthal, A., & **Puma, J.** (June 2004). *Community Violence and Toddler Social-Emotional Competence*. Poster presented at Head Start's 7th National Research Conference: Promoting Positive Development in Young Children. Washington, D.C.
3. Everhart, K., Emde, R. N., & **Puma, J.** (June 2004). *Longitudinal Effects of Neighborhood Unemployment on Parenting Practices and Child Behavior Regulation*. Poster presented at Head Start's 7th National Research Conference: Promoting Positive Development in Young Children. Washington, D.C.
4. Diaz, L., Watt, N., **Puma, J.**, & LeBoeuf, W. (June 2004). *Academic Achievement in Low-Income, Ethnic Minority Children: The Importance of Peer Influence*. Poster presented at Head Start's 7th National Research Conference: Promoting Positive Development in Young Children. Washington, D.C.
5. McCallough, Watt, N., **Puma, J.**, & LeBoeuf, W. (June 2004). *Parental Contributions to Academic Achievement in Low-Income Children*. Poster presented at Head Start's 7th National Research Conference: Promoting Positive Development in Young Children. Washington, D.C.
6. Ayoub, C., Rappolt-Schichtmann, G., O'Connor, E., & **Puma, J.** (June 2004). *Cognition in Early Childhood: Relationship to Risk and the Impact of Early Head Start*. Poster presented at Head Start's 7th National Research Conference: Promoting Positive Development in Young Children. Washington, D.C.
7. **Puma, J.**, Watt, N., & LeBoeuf, W. (June 2004). *Relationship among Mothers, 'Peers,' and Teachers' Educational Aspirations and Children's Scholastic Achievement and Aspirations*. Poster presented at Head Start's 7th National Research Conference: Promoting Positive Development in Young Children. Washington, D.C.
8. LeBoeuf, W., **Puma, J.**, Carta, J. Spellmann, M., Rodriguez, E., Watt, N.F., & Selig, J. (June 2006). *Optimizing the Power of Prediction: Second Generation of Research on Cumulative Risk and Early Childhood Outcomes*. Poster presented at the Head Start 8th National Research Conference. Washington, DC.

9. **Puma, J.**, & Carta, J. (June 2006). *Early Head Start Risk Poster Symposium: Studies Examining Risk and Protective Factors Affecting Children and Families in EHS*. Panel Discussion at Head Start's 9th National Research Conference. Washington, DC.
10. Raikes, H., Kisker, E., Cohen, R., Carta, J., **Puma, J.**, LeBoeuf, W., & Ayoub, C. (June 2006). *Children and Families at Highest Risk in Early Head Start: Program Impacts at Age 3, Early Childhood Experiences from 3-5 and Outcomes at Age 5*. Oral presentation at Head Start's 8th National Research Conference. Washington, DC.
11. Kisker, E. E., Raikes, H. H., Chazan-Cohon, R., Carta, J., Ayoub, C., & **Puma, J.** (March 2007). *Outcomes for children in families at highest risk at ages 3 and 5*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting. Boston, MA.
12. **Puma, J.**, LeBoeuf, W. A., Carta, J., Spellmann, M. E., Rodriguez, E. T., Watt, N. F., & Selig, J. P. (March 2007). *Cumulative risk and early childhood outcomes: A comparison of the predictive ability of cumulative risk indices across domains*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting. Boston, MA.
13. Kisker, E. E., Raikes, H. H., Chazan-Cohon, R., Carta, J., Ayoub, C., & **Puma, J.** (June 2008). *What have we learned from twelve years of Early Head Start research?: Investigating the role of risk factors in the lives of EHS children and families: Two studies – Study 1: Outcomes for children in families at highest risk at ages 3 and 5*. Poster presented at Head Start's 9th National Research Conference. Washington, DC.
14. **Puma, J.**, LeBoeuf, W.A., Rodriguez, E. T., Carta, J. J. Watt, N. F., & Spellmann, M. E. (June 2008). *What have we learned from twelve years of Early Head Start research?: Investigating the role of risk factors in the lives of EHS children and families: Two studies – Study 2: Optimizing the power of predication of a cumulative risk index*. Poster presented at Head Start's 9th National Research Conference. Washington, DC.
15. Kisker, E. E., Raikes, H. H., Chazan-Cohon, R., Carta, J., Ayoub, C., & **Puma, J.** (April 2009). *Assessing Program Impacts on the Highest Risk Families in Early Head Start*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting. Denver, CO.
16. Litchenstein, G., **Puma, J.**, McCormick, A., & Sheppard, S. (April 2009). *Retention is not the problem: A national study of academic persistence and engagement of undergraduate engineers compared to other majors*. Poster presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference. San Diego, CA.
17. Center for African American Health (Jones, G., Kennedy, R., Johnson, L., Hocker, M.) and Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (Belansky, E.S., **Puma, J.**, Main, D., Marshall, J.) (February 2010). *ImPACTing Health through Community/Academic Partnerships*. Poster presented at the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute PACT Open House. Aurora, CO.
18. **Puma J.E.**, Belansky, E.S., Jones, G., Garcia, R., Kennedy, R., Swart, M., Hocker, M., Johnson, L., Marshall, J.A. (September 2010). *Community-Based Participatory Approach to Collecting Community Health Data*, Oral presentation at the SNOCAP Engaging Communities in Education and Research Conference. Vail, CO.

19. Belansky, E., Jones, G., **Puma, J.**, Kennedy, R., Hocker, M., Main, D., Johnson, L., & Marshall, J. (November 2010). *Partnering with the Faith-Based African American Community to Collect Health Data*. Oral presentation at American Public Health Association Conference. Denver, CO.
20. Bunik, M., Cavanaugh, K., Herrick, D., Mehner, L., Venugopalakrishnan, J., Crane, L., & **Puma, J.** (April 2010). *The 'ONE Step Second Hand Smoke Initiative' to Reduce Caregiver Smoking in a Pediatric Teaching Clinic*. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Vancouver, Canada.
21. Puma, J.E., Belansky, E.S., Jones, G., Garcia, R., Kennedy, R., Swart, M., Hocker, M., Johnson, L., Marshall, J.A. (February 2011). *Community-Based Participatory Approach to Collecting Community Health Data*. Oral presentation at CCTSI NIH Meeting in Denver, CO.
22. Farewell, C. & **Puma, J.** (November 2014). *Assess, Identify, Make it Happen for Preschools (AIM-P): A Strategic Planning Process to Make Environment and Policy Changes to Increase Physical Activity and Healthy Eating in Preschool Settings*. Poster presentation at American Public Health Association Conference. New Orleans, LA
23. Dormer, C. & **Puma, J.** (June 2015). *Childcare Providers Perspectives on Suggested Policies on the Let's Move Childcare Checklist Recommendations*. Poster presented at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition & Physical Activity. Edinburgh, Germany.
24. Dormer, C. & **Puma, J.** (June 2015). *Resource Needs of Caregivers Interested in the Let's Move Child Care Recommendations*. Poster presented at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition & Physical Activity. Edinburgh, Germany.
25. Shimomura, M., Straight, L., Mason, M., & **Puma, J.** (September 2015). *Beyond Inspections: Partnering for Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) in Child Care Centers and Homes*. Poster presented at Public Health of the Rockies. Vail, CO.
26. Farewell, C., & **Puma, J.** (January 2016). *Assess, Identify and Make It Happen for Preschools (AIM-P): A Strategic Planning Process to Increase Physical Activity and Healthy Eating among Children and Staff in Preschool Settings*. Poster presented at the Active Living Research Conference 2016. Clearwater, FL.
27. Farewell, C., **Puma, J.**, Peirce, P., Mason, M., Shimamura, M. (September 2016). *Healthy Childcare Makes a Healthy Start. Public Health in the Rockies*. Poster presented at the Public Health of the Rockies. Vail, CO.
28. **Puma, J.**, Richardson, G., LaFlamme, D., Farewell, C., & Doig, T. (September 2016). *Culture of Wellness in Preschools: A Comprehensive Approach to Early Childhood Obesity Prevention*. Oral presentation at the Public Health in the Rockies. Vail, CO.
29. Farewell, C. & **Puma, J.** (September 2016). *The Sustainability of Policy, System and Environment Changes AIMed at Increasing Healthy Eating and Physical Activity in Low-Income Preschools*. Poster presented at the Public Health in the Rockies. Vail, CO.
30. Smith, K., **Puma, J.**, Atwood, J., Miller, C., & Morrison, S. (September 2016). *Colorado Two-Generation SNAP-Ed Strategic Plan: Promoting Health via Partnerships with Schools*. Oral presentation at the Public Health in the Rockies. Vail, CO.

31. Yager, S. & **Puma, J.** (September 2016). *Collaborative Partnership at Work to Implement an Evidence-Based Strategic Planning Process in Early Care and Education (ECE) Centers*. Oral presentation at the Public Health in the Rockies. Vail, CO.
32. Young, M., Atwood, J., Owen, H., Scarbro, S., & **Puma, J.** (September 2016). *Classroom Plate-waste Findings Demonstrate Impacts from School-based Intervention*. Poster presented at the Public Health in the Rockies. Vail, CO.
33. Farewell, C., & **Puma, J.** (October 2016). *Assess, Identify, Make it Happen for Preschools (AIM-P): Sustainability of Environment and Policy Changes Related to Healthy Eating and Active Living in Preschool Settings*. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
34. Belansky, E., Ingman, B., **Puma, J.**, & Loecke, C. (October 2016). *A Partnership among Local Public Health Departments, Schools, and a University to Increase Children's Physical Activity and Healthy Eating*. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
35. Young, M., Atwood, J., Owen, H., Scarbro, S., & **Puma, J.** (October 2016). *Classroom Plate-waste Findings Demonstrate Impacts from School-based Intervention*. Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
36. **Puma, J.**, Richardson, G., LaFlamme, D., Farewell, C., & Doig, T. (October 2016). *Culture of Wellness in Preschools: A Comprehensive Approach to Early Childhood Obesity Prevention*. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
37. Young, M., **Puma, J.**, Foerester, S., & Morrison, S. (November 2017). *2017 SNAP-Ed Census: The First Nationwide Profile of SNAP-Ed Intervention and Evaluation Activities*. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
38. Melnick, E., Thomas, K., & **Puma, J.** (September 2018). *A Nutrition Education Program in Preschool Settings Increases Children's Willingness to Try Fruits and Vegetables*. Oral presentation at the Public Health in the Rockies annual conference, Copper, CO.
39. **Puma, J.** (February 2019). *Innovative Technological Strategies to Engage SNAP-Ed Parents in CO*. Oral presentation at the 2019 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference, Arlington, VA.
40. **Puma, J.** & C. Farewell (February 2019). *A School-Based PSE Change-Making Strategy that Works: How to Implement and Evaluate It*. Oral presentation at Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference, Arlington, VA.
41. Bergling, E., Leiferman, J., Garcia, R., & **Puma, J.** (August 2019). *Self-Reported and Medical Professional Diagnosed Depression in the Rural Colorado: Findings from the San Luis Valley Community Health Survey*. Poster presented at the Public Health in the Rockies conference. Keystone, CO.
42. Farewell, C., **Puma, J.**, Leiferman, J. (November 2019). *Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing in Early Childhood: The role of community-based interventions. A Population Mental Health Roundtable: Lessons from Creating a Healthy Nation from*

- the Lancet Report on Global Mental Health and Sustainable Development*. Roundtable presentation at the American Public Health Association meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
43. Bergling E, Farewell C, **Puma J.** (Aug. 11, 2020). *Development of a Dissemination and Implementation Framework for an Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Program*. Colorado Pragmatic Research in Health. Virtual Conference.
 44. Maiurro, E., Farewell, C., **Puma, J.** (October, 2020). *Fostering Resilience in Early Education (FREE) Program Overview. Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN) Early Childhood Education (ECE) Workforce Wellness Working Group Meeting*. Virtual Meeting.
 45. Farewell, C., Quinlan, J., Powers, J., Melnick, E., & **Puma, J.** (November, 2020). *Quality of Workplace, Mental Health and Wellbeing Among the Early Childcare Workforce Serving High Need Populations*. Poster presented at the annual meeting for the American Public Health Association. Virtual Conference.
 46. Melnick, E.*, Maiurro, E., Farewell, C., Quinlan, J., & **Puma, J.** (August, 2020). *Fostering Resilience in Early Education: Promoting the Quality of Worklife and Wellbeing of Early Childhood Education Providers in Colorado*. Oral Presentation at the Public Health in the Rockies annual conference. Virtual Conference.
 47. Bergling, E. Farewell, C., **Puma, J.** (February, 2021). *Using Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) Science Frameworks to Better Evaluate SNAP-Ed Interventions and Better Promote Equity*. Oral presentation at the 2021 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference. Virtual Conference.
 48. Bergling, E., Mendoza, B., & **Puma, J.** (February, 2021). *Utilization of a Texting Platform to Connect SNAP-Eligible Families to Health-Related Information and Resources during the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Poster presentation at the 2021 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference. Virtual Conference.
 49. Coleman, J., Kellerman, M., Brogden, D., Leedom, K., LaFlamme, D., Ortega, B., & **Puma, J.** (February, 2021). *Adapting In-Person Evidence-Based Adult Education for Virtual Learning*. Oral presentation at the 2021 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference. Virtual Conference.
 50. Maiurro, E., Gonzales, L., Farewell, C., & **Puma, J.** (March, 2021). *Fostering Resilience in Early Education*. Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference. Virtual Conference.
 51. Farewell, C., Quinlan, J., & **Puma, J.** (April, 2021). *Job Demands and Resources experienced by the Early Childhood Education Workforce*. Presented as part of a Paper Symposium entitled *COVID-19 and the Early Childhood Workforce: Analysis of Risk, Wellbeing, Resilience, and Modified Teaching Modalities*. Society for Research in Childhood Development Virtual Bi-Annual Meeting.
 52. Farewell, C.V., Quinlan, J., & **Puma, J.** (April 2021). *The impacts of COVID-19 on the mental health and job-related demands and resources of the Early Childhood Workforce*. Center for Health, Work, and Environment Research Day Symposium 2021. Virtual Meeting.
 53. Grose, R., Quirk, K., Cook, M., Farewell, C.V., **Puma, J.**, Shomaker, L., & Brittain, D. (October 2021) *Adaptation of a mindfulness-based intervention for LGBTQ+*

- adolescents: Focus group and steering committee insights. APHA 2021 Annual Meeting. Virtual Presentation.
54. Farewell, C.V., & **Puma, J.** (October 2021). 4236.0 Multi-Level Approaches to Promoting Well-Being in the Workplace – Invited Session: Well-being of the early care and education (ECE) workforce: COVID-19 and silver linings. APHA 2021 Annual Meeting. Virtual Presentation.
55. **Puma, J.**, LaRocca, D.*, Pendleton, D., & Leiferman, J. (October 2021). Leveraging Funding and Social Connections During the COVID-19 Pandemic to Meet the Health Needs of Low-Income, Rural Residents in Colorado. Presented as part of the “Getting Creative with Data, Policies, Budgets, and Social Connections to Promote Health: Food and Nutrition” Session. APHA 2021 Annual Meeting. In-Person Presentation.
56. Tietze, E. & **Puma, J.** (February 2022). *Working with a Community Partner to Culturally Adapt Text2LiveHealthy to Meet the Needs of Refugees in Colorado*. Oral speed talk presentation at the 2022 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference. Virtual Conference.
57. **Puma, J.**, Mendoza Ortega, B., & LaFlamme, D. (February 2022). *Collaborating with a State Agency to Culturally Adapt Text2LiveHealthy to Meet the Needs of Older Adults*. Oral presentation at the 2022 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference. Virtual Conference.
58. Lessard, L., Garro, N., Farewell, C.V., **Puma, J.** et al. (June 2022). *Understanding and Improving the Well-Being of the Early Childhood Workforce: Innovative Research and Practice*. Symposium presentation presented at The Administration for Children and Families National Research Conference on Early Childhood (NRCEC). Virtual Conference.
59. Kwon, K.A., Jeon, L. **Puma, J.**, Farewell, C.V. et al. (June 2022). *Head Start University Partnership Research: Conceptualizing and Supporting the Well-Being of the Early Childhood Education Workforce*. Symposium presentation presented at The Administration for Children and Families National Research Conference on Early Childhood (NRCEC). Virtual Conference.
60. Lacy, R., **Puma, J.**, LaRocca, D., Martinez, M., Scarbro, S., Leiferman, J., (September, 2022). *Enhancing COVID-19 vaccine uptake through community centered research and outreach*. Oral presentation at Public Health in the Rockies (PHIR) Conference. Keystone, CO.
61. Farewell, C.V., Maiurro, E., Brogden, D., & **Puma, J.** (September 2022). *A Head-Start University partnership model to promote the health and wellbeing of the early care and education workforce in low-resourced locations*. Oral presentation at Public Health in the Rockies conference. Keystone, Colorado.
62. **Puma, J.**, Maiurro, E., Brogden, D., & Farewell, C.V. (October 2022). *Using the Total Worker Health Approach to Advance Teacher and Care Giver Well-Being: WELL (Well-being of the ECE workforce in Low-Resourced Locations)*. Oral Presentation at the 3rd International Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health. Bethesda, MD.
63. **Puma, J.**, Keller, K., Quinlan, J., Foerster, S., Bruno, P., Frank, K., Draper, C. (February 2023). 7-Year Analysis of Nationwide Trends in Use of the SNAP-Ed

- Evaluation Framework. Oral presentation at the 2023 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference. Alexandria, VA.
64. Powers, J., **Puma, J.**, Gelinas, S., Risendal, B., Martinez, M., Hsu M., Cisneros, V., Leiferman, J. (August 13, 2023). *Assessing the Implementation of a Community-based Intervention Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in Early Childhood within the San Luis Valley of Colorado* [Poster Presentation]. Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) CU-CSU Summit, Denver, CO.
 65. **Puma, J.** & Farewell, C. (August 2023). *Multi-Level Predictors of Burnout and Turnover among the Early Care and Education Workforce Serving Low-Resourced Families*. 17th International Congress of Behavioral Medicine. Vancouver, Canada.
 66. Powers, J., **Puma, J.**, Gelinas, S., Risendal, Martinez, M., Hsu, M., Cisneros, V., Leiferman, J., PhD. (November 2023). *Assessing the implementation of a community-based intervention addressing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in early childhood within the San Luis Valley of Colorado* [Poster presentation]. APHA 2023 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
 67. Perez Jolles, M., **Puma, J.**, Jacobs, G., & Leiferman, J. (December 2023). *Implementation of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) screenings in clinical and school settings while promoting equity*. Oral panel presentation at the 16th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Arlington, VA.
 68. Pangalangan, J.*, Maiurro, E., **Puma, J.**, & Farewell, C. (March, 2024). The dissemination and implementation of a worker well-being program for Head Start staff. 2024 Research Day Symposium, University of Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, CO.
 69. Leiferman, J., Brogden, D., Carton, B., **Puma, J.**, & Farewell, C.V. (May 2024). *Building Resilience: Strategies to Support Thriving in the Workplace*. Shared Risk and Protective Factors Conference, Keystone, Colorado.
 70. Gonzales, L., Maiurro, E., **Puma, J.**, & Farewell, C.V. (May 2024). *The Role of Community Based Participatory Research in the Implementation of a Well-being Intervention in Rural Colorado*. Shared Risk and Protective Factors Conference, Keystone, Colorado.
 71. Farewell, C.V., Oh, Y., & **Puma, J.**, et, al. (June 2024). *Enhancing Workforce Well-Being in Head Start: Preliminary Findings from Head Start-University Partnership Research*. National Research Conference on Early Childhood (NRCEC). Arlington, Virginia.
 72. **Puma, J.**, Bergling, E., & Farewell, C.V. (July 2024). *Development of a Dissemination and Implementation Framework for an Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Program*. Oral panel presentation at the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB) International Conference. Knoxville, Tennessee.
 73. Pangalangan, J., **Puma, J.**, & Farewell, C. (September, 2024). *Well-being of the early childhood workforce in Colorado: Urban-rural differences*. Public Health in the Rockies – Keystone, CO.
 74. **Puma, J.**, Tietze, E., Shealey, L., Chavez Bernal, L., Watts, E., Wilson Begay, K. (September, 2024). *Innovative Academic-Community Partnerships to Implement*

- SNAP-Ed-Funded Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Programming Throughout Colorado session has been scheduled for Innovative Academic-Community Partnerships to Implement SNAP-Ed-Funded Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Programming Throughout Colorado. Public Health in the Rockies. Keystone, CO.
75. Powers, J., **Puma, J.**, Gelinas, S., Martinez, M., Hsu, M., & Leiferman, J. (September, 2024). Supporting Trauma Awareness and Nurturing Children's Environments (STANCE) Project: Addressing ACEs and Promoting BCEs in Early Childhood Education Centers. Public Health in the Rockies. Keystone, CO.
 76. Maiurro, E., Farewell, C., **Puma, J.**, Brogden, D., Carton, B. (September, 2024). Mixed-Methods Feasibility Study of a Holistic Well-Being Promotion Program for Early Childhood Educators in Head Start Settings. Public Health in the Rockies. Keystone, CO.
 77. Brogden, D., Carton, B., Maiurro, E., Farewell, C. V., **Puma, J. E** (October 2024). *Building Positive Coping Skills to Support Well-Being*. University of Colorado Colorado Springs Social Justice Summit, Colorado Springs, CO.
 78. Pangalangan, J., **Puma, J.**, & Farewell, C. (October, 2024). Sense of Purpose and Wellbeing in the Early Childhood Workforce. Third Annual Colorado School of Public Health Research Exchange Day, University of Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO.
 79. Pangalangan, J.M.L., **Puma, J.E.**, Tollefson, M., Frates, E. (October, 2024). Development and Psychometric Evaluation of the Lifestyle Medicine Health Behavior Scale. American College of Lifestyle Medicine Conference - Orlando, Florida.
 80. **Puma, J.**, Keller, K., Quinlan, J., Foerster, S., Bruno, P., Frank, K., Draper, C. (February 4, 2025). Practitioners Uptake of the SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework: A 9-year Analysis of the Nation's Only Multi-Level Framework to Guide Program Implementation. Oral presentation at the 2023 Association for SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) Conference. Las Vegas, NV.