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EDUCATION

- 2009–2014 Ph. D., Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. Marriage and the Family.
Major Professor: Dr. Ann Mullis. Certificate in Measurement & Statistics.
- Cooley, M. E. (2014). *Foster caregiver risk and protective factors, satisfaction, and intent to continue fostering*. Doctoral Dissertation, Florida State University.
- 2007–2009 Master's in Social Work, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. MSW.
- 2003–2007 B. A. Music, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. Certificate in Oboe Performance.

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2022 Pennsylvania State University, Implementation Science Institute
- 2013-present Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Qualified Supervisor, State of Florida,
License#: SW11536
- 2015-2018 Certified Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor
- 2015-2018 Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Tennessee, License#: 6323
- 2010 Certified in Family Impact Seminars, Policy Institute for Family Impact Seminars. University of Wisconsin Madison.
- 2010 Certified in Within My Reach (PREP, Inc.).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 05/2026-present *Associate Dean of Research and Academic Effectiveness – Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.* Responsible for leading and overseeing research strategy and operations of the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice by helping faculty secure grants, promote community partnerships, and support compliance with ethical guidelines of the University and external regulations.

- 01/2026-05/2026 Interim Associate Dean of Research and Academic Effectiveness – Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. Responsible for leading and overseeing research strategy and operations of the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice by helping faculty secure grants, promote community partnerships, and support compliance with ethical guidelines of the University and external regulations.
- 08/2021-present Associate Professor – Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. Responsible for undergraduate and graduate student education in the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work.
- 08/2018-07/2021 Assistant Professor – Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. Responsible for undergraduate and graduate student education in the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work.
- 08/2014-08/2018 Assistant Professor – University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Responsible for undergraduate and graduate student education in the Department of Social Work.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/NON-TEACHING

- 08/2016-07/2018 Licensed Clinical Social Worker – Private practice, In Focus Counseling, Chattanooga, TN. Responsible for providing individual, couple, and family therapy services and clinical social work licensure supervision on a part-time basis.
- 06/2011-08/2014 Clinical Social Worker – Neighborhood Medical Center, Tallahassee, Florida. Responsible for providing individual, couple, and family therapy services and onsite task supervision for master's level interns at a primary care medical clinic for underserved populations for 25-30 hours per week.
- 08/2009-05/2014 Family Therapist – Center for Couple and Family Therapy, Florida State University. Responsible for providing individual, couple, and family therapy services, including contracted services to families involved in the child welfare system for 5-10 hours per week.
- 05/2009-08/2009 Executive Program Support – Office of Adoption and Child Protection, Executive Office of the Governor, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida. Responsible for responding to citizen's correspondence, assisting with and participating in office initiatives, and general administrative duties.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

*Indicates data-based publications

†Indicates an undergraduate student co-author

«Indicates a graduate student co-author

- *64. Bañes, L. C., **Cooley, M. E.**, West, L., & Sajjad, S. A. (Accepted on 5/29/26). Lessons in empathy: Impacts and experiences of foster and adoptive caregivers who completed the National Training and Development Curriculum program. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.
- *63. Doolittle, A., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Crane, A. (Accepted with minor revisions on 4/16/26). A qualitative examination of social work students' perspectives of e-portfolios as a measure of educational and professional development. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*.
- *62. Stahnke, B., Farmer, P., **Cooley, M. E.**, Murray, J., & King, S. P. (Accepted on 3/26/26). The experience of suicidality in large families. *Family Sciences*, 2(2).
<https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.3390/famsci2020010>
- *61. **Cooley, M. E.**, «Asbury, K., «Stahnke, B., «Marcus Wheeler, R., Thompson, H., & Simpson, D. (Accepted and in press on 12/23/25). Vicarious trauma among mental health professionals: A mixed methods evaluation. *Social Work in Mental Health*.
- *60. Thompson, H. M., **Cooley, M. E.**, Backstrom, L., Colvin, M. L., & Cesar, G. T. (Accepted on 12/10/25). Guardian ad litem's perception of working with youth in the child welfare system. *Juvenile & Family Court Journal*.
- *59. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Jimenez Bean, R., Colvin, M. L., & Gillen, M. (Accepted on 10/10/25). Child welfare workers' perspectives of foster parent preservice training. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.
- *58. Colvin, M., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H., Howard, H., & Carr, J. (Accepted on 9/17/25). A photovoice study of self-advocacy among youth in residential foster care. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*.
- *57. Clark, S., Dowdy-Hazlett, T., **Cooley, M. E.**, Rogers, C., Chikwati, G., & Yancey, D. (Available online). Exploring social supports created and maintained by transition-age youth a thematic analysis. *Child Protection & Practice*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chipro.2025.100215>
56. Radlauer-Doerfler, J., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Jimenez-Bean, R., Best, A., & Randall, J. (In press on 6/25/25). A critical literature review of African American families' experiences with the behavioral health delivery system. *APSAC Advisor*.
- *55. Simpson, D., Adam, M., **Cooley, M. E.**, Stahnke, B., & Thompson, H. M. (Accepted on 6/18/25). A cross-sectional analysis exploring relationships among locus of control, coping and professional quality of life in therapeutic service providers. *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*.
- *54. Cruce, A., Osborn, K., Rauktis, M., **Cooley, M. E.**, Hartley, S. (2025). A balancing act: A qualitative examination of foster parent rights and well-being. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2025.2518371>
- *53. Stahnke, B., Davis, R., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Farmer, R. (Accepted on 5/31/25). Reflections of those who have Lived: Phenomenological perspectives from older adults from an Eriksonian

- lens. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics Plus*, 2(3), 100175.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aggp.2025.100175>
52. Radlauer-Doerfler, J., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Earp-Bowen, A., Caress, G., & Best, A. (Accepted on 4/17/25). A critical review on enhancing equity of mental health treatment of African American families through social support and social capital. *Journal of Justice-Informed Social Work Practice and Research*.
 51. *Stahnke, B., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Tuttle, B. (2025). Exploring locus of control and vicarious trauma in therapeutic service providers. *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice*, 40, 100755. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xjep.2025.100755>
 50. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Crichlow, V., Cesar, G., Colvin, M., Best, C., Smyth, K., & «Jimenez-Bean, R. (Accepted with minor revisions, 4/17/25). Evaluating the Authentic Family Engagement and Strengthening approach. *Journal of Justice-Informed Social Work Practice and Research*.
 49. *Thompson, H. M., Colvin, M. L., **Cooley, M. E.**, Dowdy-Hazlett, T., & Pasarariu, A. (2025). Foster parent inclusion and collaboration in case planning and implementation: Perspective of Florida foster parents and child welfare workers. *Child Protection and Practice*, 100148. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chipro.2025.100148>
 48. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Dowdy-Hazlett, T., Thompson, H. M., Markis, J., & Colvin, M. L. (Available online, 3/13/26). Florida foster parent and child welfare worker perceptions of child maltreatment investigations of foster parents. *Journal of Family Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10522158.2026.2637645>
 47. *Fowler, J., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Vanderwill, L., & Day, A. (2025). An evaluation of training fidelity and resource parent knowledge for the National Training and Development Curriculum. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-025-01013-1>
 46. **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M., Crichlow, V., Cesar, G., Best, C., & «Jimenez-Bean, R. (Available online, 2/13/25). Intersections for justice: Conceptualizing justice-centered child welfare practice. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2025.2463606>
 45. *Thompson, H. M., **Cooley, M. E.**, Cesar, G. T., Backstrom, L., & Colvin, M. (2025). Forming relationships with youth in foster care: Perspectives of Guardians ad Litem. *Journal Child & Family Social Studies*, 34, 68-82. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-024-02980-2>
 44. *Fowler, J., **Cooley, M. E.**, Vanderwill, L., & Day, A. (2025). An evaluation of self-assessed caregiver readiness to foster and adopt after participating in the National Training and Development Curriculum. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 22, 252-272. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2025.2456748>
 43. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Gillen, M., Thompson, H. M., & Colvin, M. L. (Available online, 10/19/24). Need for foster homes, foster parent recruitment, and licensure: Comparing foster parent and caseworker perspectives. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-024-00991-y>

42. Stahnke, B., **Cooley, M.**, & Blackstone, A. (2024). Life dissatisfaction in an older childless woman: A case study. *The Family Journal*, 32(2), 188-195.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10664807231212932>
41. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Gillen, M., Colvin, M. L. & «Jimenez-Bean, R. (2024). Preservice training perspectives among Florida foster parents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 166, 107957. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2024.107957>
40. *Dowdy-Hazlett, T., **Cooley, M. E.**, Clark, S. L., & Engelhardt, E. (2024). Associations between foster parent characteristics and professional quality of life. *Child Welfare*, 102, 87-108.
39. Vitolo, T., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Weissman, D. (2024). Licensed clinical social workers' perceptions of complementary and alternative interventions. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 34, 588-603. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315231195829>
38. *«Lopez, R., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Newquist, J. (2023). Parenting behaviors and parental stress among foster parents. *The Family Journal*, 31(1), 95-102.
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37. Stahnke, B., **Cooley, M. E.** & Blackstone, A. (2023). A systematic review of life satisfaction experiences among childfree adults. *The Family Journal*, 31(1), 60-68.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10664807221104795>
36. Stahnke, B., **Cooley, M. E.** & Blackstone, A. (2022). "I've lived my life to the fullest:" Life satisfaction among childfree older women. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 34(3-4), 296-312. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08952833.2022.2139078>
35. *«Mihalec-Adkins, B. P., Day, E., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Thompson, H. M. (2022). The emotional toll of juggling families: Adolescents' simultaneous relationships with biological parents and foster caregivers. *Child & Adolescent Social Work*, 39, 561-571.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-022-00835-7>
34. *«Garrison, S. T., Gillen, M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2022). Caregivers' perspectives of the Florida Guardianship Assistance Program and its impact on the children in their care. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 39(5), 641-650. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-022-00832-w>
33. *[†]Boshers, E. B., **Cooley, M. E.**, & «Stahnke, B. (2022). Examining no-show rates in a community health centre in the United States. *Journal of Health & Social Care*, 30(5), e2041-e2049. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13638>
32. «Stahnke, B., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2022). End-of-life case study: The use of narrative therapy on a holocaust survivor with lifelong depression. *Journal of Contemporary Psychotherapy*, 52(3), 191-198. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10879-022-09532-z>
31. *Thompson, H. M, Colvin, M. L., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Womack, B. (2022). Factors predicting service referrals for youth in the child welfare system. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 39(3), 261-277. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-021-00760-1>

30. *Best, C., **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M., & Crichlow, V. (2021). Authentic Family Engagement and Strengthening: A promising family-centered approach for advancing racial justice with families involved with the child protection system. *Child Welfare*, 99, 99-117.
29. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Wojciak, A. S., & «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P. (2021). Parental monitoring by foster parents, youth behaviors, and the youth-foster parent relationship. *Child & Family Social Work*, 26(4), 629-641. <http://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12844>
28. ***Cooley, M. E.**, «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P., Thompson, H. M., & †Mehrotra, A. (2021). Motivation to foster among single foster parents. *Child Welfare*, 99(2), 55-76.
27. *Miller, J., **Cooley, M.**, Niu, C., Fletcher, J., Bowman, K., Pachner, T. M. (2021). Assessing the impact of a virtual support group on adoptive parent stress and competence: Results from an urban/rural pilot study. *Child & Family Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12826>
26. Stahnke, B., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2021). A systematic review of the association between partnership and life satisfaction. *The Family Journal*, 29(2), 182-189. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1066480720977517>
25. *Miller, J., **Cooley, M. E.**, & «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P. (2020). Examining the impact of coronavirus on parental stress: A study of foster parents. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-020-00725-w>
24. ***Cooley, M. E.**, & «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P., & Womack, B. (2020). Relational risk and protective factors for school engagement among adolescents in foster care: Child behaviors, peer relationships, and relationship with foster parent. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1063426620945686>
23. *Colvin, M., Thompson, H. M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2020). The ‘cost’ of collaborating and other challenges in inter-organizational child welfare practice: A mixed-methods analysis. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2020.1778597>
22. *Newquist, J., Ladd, L. D., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2020). Processing the removal and managing the moves or removals of foster children: A qualitative exploration of foster parents’ experiences. *Child & Adolescent Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-020-00652-w>
21. ***Cooley, M. E.**, & Petren, R. E. (2020). A qualitative examination of coparenting among foster parent dyads. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 110, 104776. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.104776>
20. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Womack, B., †Rush, J., & «Slinsky, K. (2020). Adverse childhood experiences among foster parents: Prevalence and association with resilience, coping, satisfaction as a foster parent, and intent to continue fostering. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 109, 104679. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.104679>
19. *«Mihalec-Adkins, B. P., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2020). Individual-level risk and protective factors for school engagement among adolescents in foster care: Behaviors, self-esteem, and social skills. *Child & Family Social Work*, 25, 256-266. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12681>

18. **Cooley, M. E.**, Newquist, J., Thompson, H. M., & Colvin, M. L. (2019). A systematic review of foster parent preservice training. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 107, 104552. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2019.104552>
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16. *Miller, J., **Cooley, M.**, Segress, M., Niu, C., Bowman, K., Fletcher, J., & «Littrell, L. (2019). Support, information seeking, and homophily in a virtual support group for adoptive parents: Impact on perceived empathy. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 101, 151-156. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2019.03.047>
15. Thompson, H. M., Wojciak, A. S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2019). Family-based approach to the child welfare system: An integration of Bowen family theory concepts. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 3, 231-252. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10522158.2019.1584776>
14. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Colvin, M. L. (2019). A qualitative examination of recruitment methods and motivation to become a Guardian ad Litem. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 99, 115-124. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2019.01.031>
13. *Miller, J., **Cooley, M.**, Owens, L., Fletcher, J., & Moody, S. (2019). Self-care practices among foster parents: An exploratory study. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 98, 206-212. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2019.01.002>
12. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & [†]Newell, E. (2019). Examining the influence of social support on the relationship between child behavior problems and foster parent challenges. *Child & Youth Care Forum*, 48, 289-303. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10566-018-9478-6>
11. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & [†]Murray, H. (2018). Health outcomes of medically and economically vulnerable adults: A comparison of former foster youth and non-foster youth. *Family & Community Health*, 41, 159-167. <https://doi.org/10.1097/FCH.0000000000000190>
10. *Thompson, H. M., Wojciak, A. S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2018). The current state of independent living services for youth in care and those formerly in care. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 84, 17-25. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2017.11.012>
9. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Wojciak, A. S. (2017). Risk, resilience, and complexity: Experiences of foster parents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 76, 34-41. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2017.02.030>
8. *Wojciak, A. S., Thompson, H. M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017). The relationship between caregivers and youths in foster care: Examining the relationship for mediation and moderation effects on youths behaviors. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, 25, 96-106. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1063426616628816>

7. *Thompson, H. M., Wojciak, A. S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016). Self-esteem: A mediator between peer relationships and behaviors of adolescents in foster care. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 66, 109-116. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.05.003>
6. *Thompson, H. M., Wojciak, A. S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2015). Through their lens: Case Managers' experiences of the child welfare system. *Qualitative Social Work*, 16, 411-429. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1473325015619667>
5. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Farineau, H. M., & Mullis, A. K. (2015). Child behaviors as a moderator: Examining the relationship between foster parent supports, satisfaction, and intent to continue fostering. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 45, 46-56. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2015.05.007>
4. ***Cooley, M. E.**, Wojciak, A. S., Farineau, H. M., & Mullis, A. K. (2015). The association between perception of relationship with caregivers and behaviours of youth in foster care: A child and caregiver perspective. *Journal of Social Work Practice*, 29, 205-221. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02650533.2014.933405>
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Refereed Book Chapter

1. Stahnke, B., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Blackstone, A. (In press). Reasons, views, and values toward becoming a parent: A mixed method examination. In *The Retreat from Marriage and Parenthood*. Emerald Publishing.

Non-Refereed Articles & Reports

27. **Cooley, M. E.** (2025). *An overview of behavioral parent training for treatment foster caregivers*. Clinical report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
27. **Cooley, M. E.**, Lucci, D., & González, M. J. (2025). *Conduct disorder*. Clinical report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
26. **Cooley, M. E.**, Gurdak, K., Minnaker, S., & González, M. J. (2025). *Adjustment disorders*. Clinical report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
25. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Sandbrand, Y. (2025). *Living Skills in the Schools program impact brief*. Report completed for Living Skills in the Schools of Palm Beach County, FL.

24. Scott, N., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2025). *Navigating higher acuity developmental, mental, and behavioral health needs: Supporting youth and families impacted by the child welfare and foster care systems*. Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
23. Bañes, L. C., Fowler, J., Phan, V., **Cooley, M. E.**, Wollenhall, S., Day, A. (2024). *National Training and Development Curriculum for foster and adoptive parents*. Report for Spaulding for Children.
22. Lee, H., Mills, V., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Cruce, A. (2024). *SB 80: Supports for caregivers in strengthening protective factors for foster parenting*. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
21. **Cooley, M. E.** (2024). *Project Connect mini report*. Report completed for Living Skills in the Schools of Palm Beach County, FL.
20. Berry, K., Davison, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2024). *SB 204 evidence brief #1: Caregiver training and support & peer mentors*. Contract. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
19. Berry, K., Davison, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2024). *SB 204: Lived experience interviews and best practices framework for prevention*. Contract. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
18. **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M., Crichlow, V., Cesar, G., & Best, C. (2023). *Family engagement in child welfare: Perspectives of parents impacted by the child welfare system and professionals with child welfare experience*. Contract #2021-002RE. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
17. **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M., Crichlow, V., Cesar, G., & Best, C. (2023). *Understanding the need to address systemic racism in the child welfare system: Perspectives of parents and professionals with child welfare experience*. Contract #2021-002RE. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
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14. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Colvin, M. (2023). *Lake Worth Community High School: Community Partnership Schools needs assessment*. Report completed for Children's Home Society Community Partnership Schools.
13. Colvin, M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2023). *John F. Kennedy Middle School: Community Partnership Schools needs assessment*. Report completed for Children's Home Society Community Partnership Schools.
12. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Harrell, J. (2023). *Enhancing family engagement mini-report: Caregiver and service professional perceptions of the family box for substance use prevention*. Report completed for Living Skills in the Schools of Palm Beach County, FL.

11. Colvin, M., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompspon, H. M., & Howard, H. (2022). *A platform for social action: Engaging and supporting the voice of youth in foster care receiving independent living services*. Priority Research Award 2021. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. https://fiew.fsu.edu/assets/documents/FR_A-Platform-for-Social-Action_113022.pdf
10. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H., Colvin, M., Howard, H., & Jimenez-Bean, R. (2022). *A qualitative examination of comfort call implementation in Florida*. Translational Research Award 2021-2022. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. https://fiew.fsu.edu/assets/documents/Comfort%20Calls_1_19_23_FINAL.pdf
9. **Cooley, M.**, & Krysik, J. (2022). Foster caregiving and child outcomes in relative and non-relative foster families. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 39, 539–544
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-022-00871-3>
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4. **Cooley, M. E.**, & «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P. (2019). Family First Prevention Services Act: Intended and unintended consequences [Practitioner article]. *NCFR Report Spring*, F6-8.
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Book Reviews

- Cooley, M. E.** (2011). Effective marriage counseling: The his needs, her needs guide to helping couples [Book review]. *Journal of Couple & Relationship Therapy*, 10, 87-88.

PRESENTATIONS

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85. Gillen, M., Garrison, S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2026, April). *Financial preparedness and early economic outcomes of youth transitioning from foster care: Year 1 findings from a longitudinal study*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Council on Consumer Interests, Long Beach, CA.
84. Clark, S., Dowdy-Hazlett, T., **Cooley, M. E.**, Rogers, C., & Chikwati, G. (2026, January). *Exploring social supports created and maintained by transition-age youth: A thematic analysis*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.
83. Cupp, E., Simpson, D., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2025, November). *Fostering through challenges: The relationships between stress, resilience, and placement satisfaction*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
82. **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M., Cesar, G., Thompson, H., & Gillen, M. (2025, November). *Inclusion of impacted family members in evaluating training for child welfare workers*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
81. Gillen, M., Garrison, S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2025, November). *Developing a longitudinal study on foster youth transition: Methodological insights, recruitment strategies, and preliminary findings*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
80. Stahnke, B., Davis, R., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Farmer, R. (2025, October). *Reflections of those who have Lived: Phenomenological perspectives from older adults*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.
79. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. T., Colvin, M., Cesar, G., & Best, C. (2025, January). *Exploring parents' perspectives of their rights within the context of the child welfare system: A photovoice study*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
78. Colvin, M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2025, January). *Parent and allied service professional perspectives of family engagement in the child welfare system*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
77. Dowdy-Hazlett, T., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Engelhardt, E. (2025, January). *Placement instability: Placement characteristics and demographic factors associated with foster parents' intent to turnover and disrupt placement*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.

76. Dowdy-Hazlett, T., **Cooley, M. E.**, Clark, S. L., Engelhardt, E., & Barney, R. (2025, January). *Burnout and secondary traumatic stress among foster parents*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
75. Fowler, J., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Vanderwill, L., & Day, A. (2025, January). *Training fidelity and knowledge gain of resource parents: The National Training and Development Center curriculum*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
74. Engelhardt, E., Dowdy-Hazlett, T., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2025, January). *First placement impact on foster parent communication satisfaction*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
73. Lee, H., Mills, V., Cruce, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2025, January). *Navigating protective factors that improve parenting competence among caregivers of youth in foster care*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
72. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. T., Colvin, M., Cesar, G., & Best, C. (2024, November). *Fathers' rights: A photovoice study of parents impacted by the child welfare system*. Research symposium presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Bellevue, WA.
71. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. T., Gillen, M., Colvin, M., Mihalec-Adkins, B., Daniels, T., Guastaferrro, K., Bright, M. (2024, November). *A scoping review of factors related to sexual safety for youth in foster care*. Research symposium presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Bellevue, WA.
70. **Cooley, M. E.**, Lee, H., Mills, V., & Cruce, A. (2024, November). *A mixed method study of Florida foster parents' needs for training and support in caring for transition-age youth in foster care*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Bellevue, WA.
69. Gillen, M., Garrison, S. T., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2024, November). *Elevating youth voices: Development of a longitudinal study of youth transitioning from foster care in Florida*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Bellevue, WA.
68. Dowdy-Hazlett, T., **Cooley, M. E.**, Clark, S., Engelhardt, E., & Barney, R. (2024, October). *Foster Parent's Professional Quality of Life: Secondary traumatic stress, burnout, and compassion satisfaction*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Council on Social Work Education, Kansas City, MO.
69. **Cooley, M. E.**, Pasarariu, A., Thompson, H. M., Colvin, M., Almazan, R. (2024, June). *Trauma training for foster caregivers and child welfare workers in Florida*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.

68. **Cooley, M. E.**, Zweben, D., Thompson, H. M., & Colvin, M. (2024, June). *A mixed method examination of foster parent experiences with child behavior and their satisfaction, challenges, and intent to continue fostering*. Research presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
67. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Colvin, M. C., Howard, H. (2024, January). *Comfort call implementation in Florida: Perceptions of foster parents*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
66. Colvin, M., **Cooley, M.**, Howard, H., & Thompson, H.M. (2024, January). *A platform for social action: Self-advocacy of youth in foster care receiving independent living services*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
65. **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M., Thompson, H. M., & Howard, H. (2023, November). *The importance of connection: A photovoice study of youth in residential foster care*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
64. **Cooley, M. E.**, Newquist, J., Thompson, H. M., & Betances, A. (2023, November). *Child welfare workers' perspectives on successful placements for children in foster care*. Research symposium presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
63. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Colvin, M., & Howard, H. (2023, November). *Birth family roles and experiences in the context of adoption and foster care systems*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
62. Stahnke, B., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Blackstone, A. (2023, November). *A systematic review of the causal factors of decreasing marriage rates*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
61. Colvin, M., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Howard, H. (2023, May). *A photovoice study of youth in residential foster care: Youths' perceptions of self-determination*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Denver, CO.
60. **Cooley, M. E.**, Jimenez-Bean, R., Thompson, H. M., & Colvin, M. (2023, May). *Perceptions of posttraumatic growth among adults with lived experience in foster care*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Denver, CO.
59. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Colvin, M., & Howard, H. (2023, May). *Implementing policy related to shared parenting: Perspectives of child welfare administrators and frontline workers*. Research presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Denver, CO.
58. **Cooley, M. E.**, Gillen, M., & Garrison, S. (2023, January). *Child welfare administrators' perspectives of early implementation of the Florida Guardianship Assistance Program*.

Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

57. Vitolo, T., **Cooley, M. E.**, Sherman, D., & Weissman, D. (2023, January). *Beliefs, attitudes, and knowledge of complementary and alternative interventions among licensed clinical social work practitioners*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.
56. **Cooley, M. E.**, Newquist, J., Thompson, H. M., & Sharda, E. (2022, November). *A qualitative examination of foster parenting and adverse childhood experiences*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
55. **Cooley, M. E.**, Gillen, M., & «Garrison, S. (2022, June). *Florida Guardianship Assistance Program*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
54. **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M., Crichlow, V., & Best, C. (2022, June). *An evaluation of the Authentic Family Engagement and Strengthening approach for child welfare impacted families*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
53. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Colvin, M., Gillen, M., & [†]Jimenez Bean, R. (2022, June). *Foster parent preservice training: Perspectives of foster parents and child welfare workers in Florida*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
52. Gillen, M., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Garrison, S. (2022, January). *Child welfare workers' perspectives of early implementation of the Florida Guardianship Assistance Program*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.
51. **Cooley, M. E.**, «Mihalec-Adkins, Thompson, H. M., [†]Black, S., & [†]Jimenez Bean, R. (2021, November). *Examining the associations between foster caregiver well-being on youth behaviors*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, online conference.
50. Gillen, M., **Cooley, M. E.**, & «Garrison, S. (2021, November). *An evaluation of the implementation of Florida's Guardianship Assistance Program*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, online conference.
49. **Cooley, M. E.**, Petren, R. E., Richardson, E., & Futris, R. (2021, November). *An examination of foster parent coparenting and child behaviors among foster families*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, online conference.
48. **Cooley, M. E.**, «Collins, C., Scott, C., & Guastaferro, K. (2021, June). *Examining the evidence of kin and relative foster parent training*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, online conference.

47. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., McClellan, J., & «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P. (2021, January). *Single foster parenting: Reflecting on dichotomies and needs*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, online conference.
46. **Cooley, M. E.**, Backstrom, L., Colvin, M., & Thompson, H. M. (2021, January). *Foster parents' experiences and reflections on working with child advocates within the foster care system*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, online conference.
45. **Cooley, M. E.**, Wojciak, A. S., «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P., & Thompson, H. M. (2020, November). *Contouring negative spaces: Attending to underrepresented topics in research on foster and adoptive families*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, online conference.
44. Petren, R. E., **Cooley, M. E.**, Richardson, E., & Futris, T. (2020, November). *Stressors, coparenting, satisfaction, and intent to continue: The first five years of foster parenting*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, online conference.
43. **Cooley, M. E.**, Gillen, M., Thompson, H. M., & Colvin, M. (2020, November). *Multiple perspectives of need for foster homes, foster parent recruitment, and licensure of foster parents for children in foster care*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, online conference.
42. **Cooley, M. E.**, Backstrom, L., Thompson, H. M., & Colvin, M. (2020, November). *Child advocates' perspectives of working with foster parents*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, online conference.
41. «López, R., **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Newquist, J. (2020, November). *Parenting behaviors and parental stress among foster parents*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, online conference.
40. **Cooley, M. E.**, Miller, J. J., & «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P. (2020, January). *A qualitative examination of how single foster parents perceive their experiences with fostering*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.
39. Womack, B., **Cooley, M. E.**, & «Rush, J. (2020, January). *Adverse childhood experiences and resilience among foster parents*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.
38. «Boshers, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2020, January). *Improving no-show rates in a community health center*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.
37. «Marcus, R. W., «Tuttle, B. S., **Cooley, M. E.**, & «Asbury, K. (2020, January). *A mixed methods study of vicarious trauma among mental health professionals*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.

36. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., Backstrom, L., & Colvin, M. L. (2019, November). *The experiences of child advocates for youth in the foster care system*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Ft. Worth, TX.
35. **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M. L., & Thompson, H. M. (2019, November). *A quantitative examination of foster parent experiences and organizational culture*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Ft. Worth, TX.
34. «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Thompson, H. M. (2019, November). *How do adolescent foster youth juggle relationships with both biological and foster families - Now and into the future?* Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Ft. Worth, TX.
33. Mallette, J. K., **Cooley, M. E.**, Richardson, E. W., & Newquist, J. A (2019, November). *Scoping review of foster youth and family characteristics, relationships, and systemic outcomes*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Ft. Worth, TX.
32. Newquist, J., **Cooley, M. E.**, Mallette, J. K., & Richardson, E. W. (2019, November). *An examination of foster parent breaks from fostering*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Ft. Worth, TX.
31. Miller, J. J., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Segress, M. A. (2019, November). *Quantitative examination of stress and competency following participation in an online support group for adoptive parents*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Ft. Worth, TX.
30. **Cooley, M. E.**, Benesh, A., & «Mihalec-Adkins, B. P. (2019, June). *Association between foster youth-parent relationship, child behavior, and caregiver well-being and function*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Salt Lake City, UT.
29. Newquist, J., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2019, June). *A status update of the evidence on foster parent preservice training*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Salt Lake City, UT.
28. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Colvin, M. (2019, June). *Training Needs of volunteer and employed Guardians ad Litem*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Salt Lake City, UT.
27. Thompson, H. M., Colvin, M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2019, June). *Organizational culture and child welfare caseworkers: Perceptions of needed services for parents and youth*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Salt Lake City, UT.
26. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Petren, R. E. (2018, November). *A mixed methods examination of coparenting between foster parents*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, CA.

25. «Mihalec-Adkins, B., Thompson, H. M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2018, November). *Parental visitation and foster youth adjustment: A secondary data analysis*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, CA.
24. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Benesh, A. (2018, June). *Systemic risk and protective factors of longitudinal well-being of foster youth in a national sample*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
23. **Cooley, M. E.**, & «Mihalec Adkins, B. (2018, June). *Risk and protective factors of school engagement for youth in foster care*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
22. Benesh, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2018, June). *Using child well-being factors to predict future placement type for youth in foster care*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
21. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Wojciak, A. S. (2017, November). *Parental monitoring, child behaviors, and foster parent-child relationship*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
20. **Cooley, M. E.**, [†]Moreland, E., & [†]Lindsey, K. (2017, June). *Interactions, relationships, and roles of Guardian ad Litem within the foster care system*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Portland, ME.
19. Garland, T., «Bennett, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017, March). *Pipeline to prison: Attitudes and needs of practitioners working with foster youth*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, St. Louis, MO.
18. **Cooley, M. E.**, Wojciak, A. S., & Thompson, H. M. (2016, November). *Self-esteem mediates peer relations and behavior of youth in foster care*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
17. [†]Murray, H., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016, November). *A qualitative exploration of foster parent needs and experiences*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
16. [†]Newell, E., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Thompson, H. M. (2016, November). *Meeting the basic needs of foster parents: The importance of social support*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
15. **Cooley, M. E.**, Thompson, H. M., & Wojciak, A. S. (2016, June). *The mediating role of self-esteem for adolescents in foster care*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
14. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Benesh, A. (2016, June). *Foster child health, behaviors, and relationship with caregiver: Does child-caregiver relationship matter?* Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.

13. Benesh, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016, June). *A meta-analytic review of treatment foster care*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA.
12. Doolittle, A., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Crane, A. (2016, April). *Social work student e-portfolios: Best practices for beginners and beyond*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Baccalaureate Program Directors, Dallas, TX.
11. **Cooley, M. E.**, Farineau, H. M., & Mullis, A. K. (2015, November). *Examining resilience without forgetting risk: Protective factors of foster parents*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver BC, Canada.
10. **Cooley, M. E.** (2015, July). *Understanding risk and protective factors of foster parents: It's a family ordeal*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Boston, MA.
9. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Wojciak, A. S. (2015, July). *It takes more than a village to understand the child welfare system: Involving key players*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Boston, MA.
8. Wojciak, A. S., Farineau, H. M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2014, October). *Solutions from those in the foster care system*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Milwaukee, WI.
7. Farineau, H. M., Wojciak, A. S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2014, June). *Relational protective factors of youth aging out of foster care*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Family Therapy Academy, Athens, GA.
6. Wojciak, A. S., Farineau, H. M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2014, June). *Exploring the system: Multiple perspectives from within child welfare*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Family Therapy Academy, Athens, GA.
5. **Cooley, M. E.**, Farineau, H. M., Wojciak, A. S., & Mullis, A. K. (2013, November). *Foster adolescent behaviors and perception of relationship with caregiver*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX.
4. **Cooley, M. E.**, Wojciak, A. S., Farineau, H. M., & Mullis, A. K. (2013, November). *A systemic perspective on child welfare policy*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX.
3. **Cooley, M. E.**, Woods, S., Priest, J., Fish, J., & Denton, W. H. (2012, November). *Comparing health outcomes of former foster youth and non-foster adults*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ.
2. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Vedorale-Griffin, A. (2012, September). *Parent-child interaction therapy: A treatment outcome review*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Dallas, TX.

1. **Cooley, M. E.** (2010, November). *Short-term home visiting for parents*. Presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.

International

3. Cruce, A., Rautkis, M., Farmer, E., Breeden, K., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Hartley, S. (September, 2025). *A balancing act: A qualitative examination of foster parent rights and well-being in the United States*. Presentation at the annual conference of the European Scientific Association on Residential and Family Care for Children and Adolescents (EuSARF), Zagreb, Croatia.
2. Rogers, K. H., **Cooley, M. E.**, [†]Hayes, K., & [†]Hanson, A. (2018, July). *Who continues to foster?: Examining the role of personality and coping in foster parent satisfaction*. Presentation at the European Conference on Personality, Zadar, Croatia.
1. Wojciak, A. S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2012, February). *Hear our voices! Review of research and policy in the child welfare system*. Presentation at the annual conference of the International Family Therapy Association, Vancouver BC, Canada.

Invited Speaking Engagements/Symposia

2. **Cooley, M. E.**, McWey, L., & Radey, M. (2024, May). *A researchers' guide to collaborative, strengths-focused participatory research with parents and foster caregivers impacted by the child welfare system*. Invited Symposium at the Annual Summit for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Tallahassee, FL.
1. Best, C., **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M., & Crichlow, V. (2022, May). *Authentic family engagement and justice-centered child welfare practice*. Invited Symposium at the Annual Summit for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Tallahassee, FL.

State/Regional/Local

10. Mills, V., Lee, H., **Cooley, M. E.**, Cruce, A. (2024, July). Supports for caregivers in strengthening protective factors for foster parenting. Research presentation at the annual Florida Coalition for Children conference.
9. **Cooley, M. E.**, Lee, H., Mills, V., & Cruce, A. (2024, June). Foster parent supports and protective factors: Results from a recent survey of foster parents in Florida. Research presentation at the annual Florida Foster and Adoptive Parent Association conference.
8. **Cooley, M. E.**, & Lolley, C. (2024, June). The Academy preservice training for child welfare professionals. Symposium presentation at the annual Florida Foster and Adoptive Parent Association conference.
7. Colvin, M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2023, September). *I don't want my whole world to turn upside down today! Leading initiatives to avoid shelter*. Presentation at the annual Florida Children & Families Summit, Orlando, FL.
6. Best, C., **Cooley, M. E.**, Colvin, M. E., & Crichlow, V. (2022, September). *Justice-centered practice and family engagement in child welfare: An experiential workshop*. Presentation at the annual Florida Children & Families Summit, Orlando, FL.

5. **Cooley, M. E.**, Spencer, S., & Colvin, M. E. (2022, June). *Family-based substance abuse prevention and The Family Box for Substance Abuse Prevention*. Presentation at the annual conference for National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter, Orlando, FL.
4. McDougale, C., Abuzhrieh, K., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Groton, D. (2022, June). *Trauma screening, racial disparity, and adolescents impacted by juvenile justice services*. Presentation at the annual conference for National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter, Orlando, FL.
3. **Cooley, M. E.**, «Brown, D., & «Woods, M. (2019, December). *Foster care quality: What foster parents and case managers say about foster parent retention*. Presentation at the Florida Child Protection Summit, Orlando, FL.
2. Thompson, H., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Colvin, M. (2019, June). *Engaging mandated clients*. Invited workshop presented at annual conference for National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter, Orlando, FL.
1. **Cooley, M. E.** (2019, April). *Recruitment, experiences, and relationships between Guardians ad Litem and foster families*. Presentation at the Safe Children Coalition conference, Sarasota, FL.

GRANTS

External

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Mejia, M. (Principal Investigator), Sacca, L., Graves, B., & **Cooley, M. E.** (September 30, 2025-September 29, 2030). *Rising strong: Empowering youth for substance-free futures*. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. Amount received: \$3,000,000

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator), Dowdy-Hazlett, T., Thompson, H., Gillen, M., Colvin, M., Simpson, D., & Gonzalez, M. (Co-investigators). (August 15, 2025-June 30, 2028). *Early preparation and support of relative and non-relative foster caregivers*. Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Contract. Amount received: \$612,704

The primary purpose of this research is to develop and test initial acceptability and feasibility of preservice BPT for new relative and non-relative foster parents in the process of becoming licensed and trained to care for children in foster care (i.e., children removed from biological/primary parents due to maltreatment). The secondary purpose is to conduct program evaluation and exploratory research on the training and support needs of preservice and new foster parents to better understand statutory and ecological factors associated with foster parent recruitment and retention. This project will address multiple gaps in research and practice knowledge that could better support families and enhance the function of child welfare systems, and it will include the voices of relative and non-relative foster parents, child welfare professionals and administrators, adults with lived expertise, and allied service professionals.

Cooley, M. E., Koch, F., & Kunz-Lomelin, A. (August 21, 2025-June 30, 2026). *Enhancing child welfare research and translation through artificial intelligence*. VIP Catalytic Seed Funding Grant, Florida Atlantic University. Amount received: \$46,500

Child welfare agencies often deal with fragmented, incomplete data and high administrative burdens. Our project aims to augment—not replace—professional judgment by identifying ways to streamline workflows, prioritize high-risk cases, and improve decision quality. The purpose of this project is to develop a multidisciplinary platform where social work, engineering, and other public service-oriented students collaboratively design and deploy a generative AI application for child welfare analytics. The goal is to harness foundation models, retrieval augmented generation (RAG), and deep learning to improve how practitioners interact with complex, unstructured case data. We'll begin by exploring relevant literature and identifying critical challenges in child welfare analytics. Then we'll design AI pipelines for information extraction, build risk prediction models, and create explainability dashboards. We'll also work on bias mitigation and responsible deployment practices. The overarching goal is to reduce practitioner burnout, enhance outcomes for children and families, and promote equity in services.

Colvin, M. L. (Principal Investigator); Capone, R. & Fuentes, L. (Co-Principal Investigators); **Cooley, M. E.**, Kunz-Lomelin, A., Thompson, H. (Jan 25-Dec 25). *The use of realist evaluation and process mapping to enhance parental support and engagement: A collaborative community-university partnership*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. 2025 Community-University Partnership Award. Amount received: \$140,000.

This project is the culmination of extensive collaboration between FAU and the Palm Beach County (PBC) Community Alliance – a diverse group of public, non-profit, and for-profit organizations—together with parents and family members impacted by the child welfare system to develop a research-practice partnership. Project outcomes of this proposal include (1) advancing a community-university research partnership co-designed with families, (2) identifying the role of time and system timing factors on engagement from parental and professional perspectives, (3) generating actionable research-supported recommendations for local planning and decision-making, and (4) informing a valid time study design or measurement tool for understanding time as a factor of family engagement in ongoing stages of research.

Cooley, M. E. (Primary Investigator), Colvin, M. (Co-Primary Investigator), Clark, S., Thompson, H., Cesar, G., Gillen, M., Simpson, D., Cui, M., Steen, A., & Dario, L. (April 1, 2024-June 30, 2026). *The Academy: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Preservice Training for Child Welfare Workers in Florida*. Amount received: \$646,148.

The primary purpose of this research study is to develop and test the initial acceptability and feasibility of a novel preservice training for new child welfare professionals in the process of becoming certified child protective investigators (CPIs) and case managers (CMs). The secondary purpose is to conduct exploratory research on the training and support needs of new child welfare professionals to better understand the context and ecological factors associated with early child welfare worker preparation and support. This research utilizes phases and strategies of the Exploration, Preparation, Implementation, Sustainment (EPIS) framework and user-centered design to guide the design and trial of this training intervention for child welfare professionals.

Berry, K. (Principal Investigator), Davison, E. (Co-Investigator), & **Cooley, M. E.** (Expert Consultant). (2024). *SB 204: Exploring Current and Former Foster Youths' Perspectives on Children who go Missing from Out-of-Home Care*. Contract. Florida Institute for Child Welfare. Amount received: \$10,000.

The purpose of this project was to participate in the research and development of evidence briefs for a Florida Senate task for related to youth who go missing from foster care, as well as attend monthly task force meetings.

Cooley, M. E. (Primary Investigator). (Sept 1, 2023-Oct 31, 2023). *The Academy: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Preservice Training for Child Welfare Workers in Florida: Planning Period.*

Amount received: \$2,965.

The primary purpose of this planning period is to develop a longitudinal evaluation plan for the Academy preservice training for child welfare professionals in the state of Florida.

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator), Gillen, M., Thompson, H., & Colvin, M. (Co-investigators). (Sept 1, 2023-June 30, 2024). *Sexual Safety Programming and Evaluation for Youth and Foster Families in Florida.* Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Contract NOA 7-10-23. Amount received: \$149,998.

The purpose of this project is to examine evidence-based programming and strategies for promoting sexual safety among youth in foster care and evaluate the existence of current sexual safety programming for youth and foster families in the state of Florida.

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator), Thompson, H., Colvin, M., Cesar, G., & Skinner-Osei, P. (Co-investigators). (Sept 1, 2023-June 30, 2024). *Parent, Child, and Family Rights within the Florida Child Welfare System.* Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Photovoice Award 2024. Amount received: \$74,704.

The purpose of this participatory action research (PAR) research study is to examine the perceived rights and experiences of parents, adults who experienced child welfare during their youth, and kin caregivers who have experienced investigation, child welfare involvement, or foster care in Florida. Using photovoice methodology participants will explore how: (1) families perceive their human and constitutional rights when impacted by the child welfare system, (2) what their experiences have been in maintaining their rights and family integrity, and (3) their suggestions for supporting family rights or promoting family integrity.

Cooley, M. E. (Primary Investigator), Colvin, M., & Thompson, H. T. (Co-investigators). (Feb 1, 2023-June 30, 2023). *Community Partnership School Needs Assessment for Lake Worth Community High School.* Amount received: \$5,000.

Colvin, M., (Primary Investigator), **Cooley, M. E.**, & Thompson, H. T. (Co-investigators). (Feb 1, 2023-June 30, 2023). *Community Partnership School Needs Assessment for John F. Kennedy Middle School.* Amount received: \$5,000.

Gillen, M. (Principal Investigator), Garrison, S. (Co-Investigator), & **Cooley, M. E.** (Subawardee). (Jan 1, 2023-June 30, 2029). Florida Youth Experiences Study (FL YES). Florida Institute for Child Welfare. Amount received: \$30,000.

The purpose of this project is to design and implement a five-year longitudinal study to provide a comprehensive view of youth who are aging out of foster care in Florida as they transition to adulthood. This will be the first five-year longitudinal study of this population in Florida.

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator), Colvin, M., & Crichlow, V. (Co-investigators). (Jan 2022-June 2023). *A mixed methods evaluation of the Authentic Family Engagement and Strengthening*

Approach. Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Invited proposal, Contract #2021-002RE. Amount received: \$75,079.

The overarching purpose of this mixed methods research project is to examine child welfare workers' perceptions of: (a) the presence of systemic and racial discrimination in the child welfare system; (b) the presence of workers' racial justice values and the impact of these values on workers' interactions with families involved in child welfare services; and (c) the impact of racial justice and family engagement training on workers' interactions with families involved in child welfare services. The secondary purpose of this research is to examine the perceived effectiveness of targeted racial justice and authentic family engagement training and coaching with a small group of child welfare workers in (a) promoting self-reflection and awareness of racial discrimination and systemic racism, (b) reducing racial discrimination when working with families, (c) prioritizing relationships over services when working with families impacted by the child welfare system; and (d) empowering Black families who are involved in the child welfare system.

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator), Colvin, M., Thompson, H. M., & Howard, H. (Co-Investigators). (June 2021-Sept 2022). *A Mixed Methods Examination of Comfort Call Implementation in South Florida*. Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Translational Research Award 2021-2022. Amount received: \$9,999.

The purpose of this mixed methods research proposal is to examine the initial effectiveness and implementation of comfort calls in the Southeast region of Florida, as reported by birth parents, foster parent/kin/fictive kin caregivers, and child welfare professionals.

Colvin, M., **Cooley, M. E.** (Co-Principal Investigators), Thompson, H. M., & Howard, H. (Co-Investigators). (June 2021-August 2022). *A Platform for Social Action: Engaging and Supporting the Voice of Youth in Foster Care Receiving Independent Living Services*. Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Priority Research Award 2021-2022. Amount received: \$49,999.

This research project applies a participatory action research design utilizing photovoice methodology to explore the experiences and perceptions of youth receiving independent living services. The research questions place emphasis on understanding youths' (1) self-advocacy, (2) self-determination, and (3) connectedness to others.

Cooley, M. E. (Subcontractor). (Jan 2021-Sept 2021). *Florida Institute for Child Welfare Kinship Navigator Program Outcome Evaluation*, Florida Institute for Child Welfare. Amount received: \$5,803.

The outcome evaluation focuses on the effectiveness of the kinship navigator program using an experimental design. There were two components of the outcome evaluation: the evaluation with formal kinship caregivers and the evaluation with informal kinship caregivers. The evaluation with formal kinship caregivers utilized a randomized control trial with kinship caregivers in the formal system (i.e., those families that have gone through the dependency system) and the evaluation with informal kinship caregivers will also utilize a randomized control trial with kinship caregivers who have not gone through the dependency system. This project was overseen by PI Dr. Anna Yelick at Florida State University and assisted by subcontractor, Dr. Morgan Cooley.

Cooley, M. E. (Subcontractor). (May 2019-Dec 2021). *Florida Guardianship Assistance Program Implementation Evaluation*, Florida Institute for Child Welfare. Amount received: \$6,900.

The purpose of this project is to continue the evaluation of the implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program. The evaluation will determine the impact of the

implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program, identify barriers that may prevent eligible caregivers from participating in the program, and identify recommendations regarding enhancements to the state's system of supporting kinship caregivers. This project was overseen by PI Dr. Martie Gillen at the University of Florida and assisted by subcontractor, Dr. Morgan Cooley.

Colvin, M., Thompson, H. M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (Co-Investigator). (May 2019-Aug 2019). *Pilot implementation of a child welfare and behavioral health needs-based curriculum*, Florida Institute for Child Welfare. Amount received: \$29,357.

The purpose of this grant was to systematically review research materials to inform the potential development of two competency-based trainings for child welfare case managers and therapeutic service providers in the state of Florida. The potential trainings were intended to (a) improve mandated parent and child engagement in services and (b) strengthen coordination and collaborative capacity among frontline child welfare professionals. This project was overseen by PI Dr. Marianna Colvin, and Co-PIs Dr. Heather Thompson and Dr. Morgan Cooley.

O'Brien, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (Co-Principal Investigator). (Sept 2015-Aug 2016). *Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training*, Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga. Amount received: \$10,000

The purpose of this grant was to provide Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings to school professionals, service providers, and citizens of Chattanooga. The project was overseen by PI Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien and Co-PI Dr. Morgan Cooley. This training helped participants to (a) recognize signs and symptoms of mental health problems in youth and (b) learn how to respond appropriately in non-crisis and crisis situations.

Internal

- Funded

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator). (July 2025-June 2026). *Enhancing Child Welfare Research and Translation through AI*, Vertically Integrated Project Seed Grant, Florida Atlantic University. Amount received: \$46,500

Child welfare agencies face complex challenges with fragmented records, administrative overload, and incomplete case information. These issues place a heavy burden on practitioners and can affect the quality of decisions that shape children's lives. Our research explores how to apply generative intelligence to improve this process. We are building a multidisciplinary platform where social work and engineering students collaborate to design and deploy an AI assistant for child welfare analytics. The solution will take unstructured information from case notes, reports, and other records and turn it into clear insights that are easy to understand and act on. Practitioners will receive concise information and recommendations for key actions, helping them work more effectively, accurately, and with greater confidence.

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator). (Aug 2017-July 2018). *Enhancing supports to foster caregivers by linking personality assessment to coping*, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Ruth Holmberg Grant for Faculty Excellence. Amount received: \$2,980

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga offer multiple internal awards on an annual basis, and one of these is the Ruth Holmberg Grant for Faculty Excellence. This award is intended to help a faculty develop and initiate a research project related to their area of interest. Dr. Cooley was the PI of this project. The purpose of this grant was to assess personality and coping of foster parents as a means of identifying potential risk and protective factors related to foster parent and family well-being.

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator). (Aug 2016-Jan 2017). *Engaging undergraduates in research and conference presentations*, Faculty development grant funded by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Faculty Grants Committee. Amount received: \$1,500

Faculty development grants are offered three times each year in order to help faculty enhance their teaching, research, or service to the university. Dr. Cooley submitted a proposal for funding to attend a research conference with two of her undergraduate research assistants. The projects focused on social support and risk and protective factors of foster parents.

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator). (Jan 2015-April 2015). *Social work student e-portfolios: Best practices for beginners and beyond*, Faculty development grant funded by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Faculty Grants Committee. Amount received: \$750

Faculty development grants are offered three times each year in order to help faculty enhance their teaching, research, or service to the university. Dr. Cooley submitted a proposal for funding to attend a research conference to present research she had done with two other faculty members related to student e-portfolios.

- Not-funded

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator). (Proposed timeline: Aug 2016-July 2017). *Child welfare and beyond: Enhancing the relationships within and among interrelated systems*, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Faculty Pre-Tenure Enhancement Program. Amount requested: \$14,863.20

During the 2016-2017 academic school year, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga released up to \$15,000 of funding to assistant professors to design an extensive and innovative project to enhance their chances of receiving tenure. Dr. Cooley proposed a series of three research studies, including the collection of primary data and use of a secondary data set. Each study related to foster parents, foster parents and the youth in their care, and foster parents interactions with the larger child welfare system.

Cooley, M. E. (Co-Principal Investigator), Menchetti, B., & Wingate, K. (Proposed timeline: Aug 2016-July 2017). *Children with special needs involved in the child welfare system: A needs assessment and exploration of educational decision-making*, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga CRISP: Special Competition in Collaborative Research. Amount requested: \$7,994.50

A one-time award of up to \$8,000 was offered by the University of Chattanooga to stimulate interdisciplinary research. Dr. Cooley served as a co-PI with two other faculty members from Special Education to propose a community needs assessment of special education services for young children in foster care and examine educational decision-making of multiple stakeholders who work with these children.

Cooley, M. E. (Co-Principal Investigator), & Garland, T. (Proposed timeline: Aug 2016-July 2017). *Evaluating the effectiveness, strengths, and areas of need of the 11th Judicial District Mental Health Court*, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga CRISP: Special Competition in Collaborative Research. Amount requested: \$7,957.72

A one-time award of up to \$8,000 was offered by the University of Chattanooga to stimulate interdisciplinary research. Dr. Cooley served as a co-PI with one other faculty member from Criminal Justice, as well as a community partner from the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Mental Health Court to conduct a program evaluation.

Cooley, M. E. (Principal Investigator). (Proposed timeline: Aug 2015-July 2016). *Foster mothering, foster fathering, and coparenting among foster parent dyads: Links to foster parent outcomes and child well-being*, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Faculty Pre-Tenure Enhancement Program. Amount requested: \$4,875.50

During the 2015-2016 academic school year, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga released up to \$10,000 of funding to assistant professors to design an innovative project to enhance their chances of receiving tenure. Dr. Cooley proposed to assess coparenting, involvement, identity, and perception of child behavioral problems of foster parents as a means of identifying potential risk and protective factors related to foster parent and family well-being.

Cooley, M. E. (Co-Principal Investigator), & Cowan, K. (Proposed timeline: Aug 2015-July 2016). *Disseminating and enhancing active learning programming in Title I schools in Hamilton County*, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Arts, Innovation, & Activation program. Amount requested: \$8,000

During the 2015-2016 academic school year, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga released up to \$8,000 in funding to stimulate creative, community-engaged research projects. Dr. Cooley served as a co-PI with a professor from the Education department to conduct a systematic literature review on active learning among elementary aged children, a small primary data collection effort with elementary school educators, and a follow-up workshop of the findings from the review and research project.

Faculty Mentored Student Research Projects and Presentations (chronological)

2017-18

Alva, N., Diperi, S., George, M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Community awareness of domestic violence support services. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

Boshers, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Improving no-show rates at a community health center. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

Calderon, C., Doyle, S., Hook, J., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Awareness of human trafficking: perceptions of university students, faculty, and staff. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

Cameron, C., Worth, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Examining smoking cessation in public housing. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

Clavin, K., Hester, K., Tatum, M., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Womack, B. (2017-18). Foster care awareness of students, faculty, and staff. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

Cockrell, K., Millard, K., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Exploring perceptions of mental health stigma amongst stakeholders of a mental health court program. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

Dowdy, K., Shalongo, K., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Student achievement in relation to child, family, teacher, and school characteristics: A sample of Head Start children. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

- Duke, K., Kiger, M., Reaves, S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). LGBT+ and ally awareness survey. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Graves, C., Johnson, A., Johnson, M., Matthews, S., Reeves, M., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN. Experiences of low-income children and parents in a faith-based afterschool program.
- Hensley, K., Layman, C., Woods, J., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). The experiences, roles, and responsibilities of single foster parents. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Kirkpatrick, C., Spangler, K., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Examining the effectiveness of mental health court from the perspectives of participants. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Northcutt, K., & **Cooley, M.** (2017-18). Vicarious trauma in mental health professionals. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Pearson, A., Rico, J., Roan, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Exploring the reasons that foster parents take a break from fostering. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Rush, J., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Adverse childhood experiences, resilience, and coping of foster parents. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Taylor, T., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Foster parent perceptions of disciplinary strategies and child behavior. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Towery, D., Zellars, C., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2017-18). Exploring the experience, perspectives, and recommendations of field instructors within social work field education. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

2016-17

- Conklin, J., Marking, D., Wilga, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Mental well-being and motivation to pursue a career in social work: Experiences of social work students*. Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Baker, C., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Demographic predictors of drug use and treatment: Implications for policy, practice, and research*. Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Courtad, R., O'Shoney, C., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Exploring the strengths, challenges, and needed resources of a mental health court program*. Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Cross, E., Hunt, B., Trapp, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Demographic predictors of housing situation: A case review of public housing recipients*. Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Day, S., Maffett, V., Mosley, E., Ladner, K., Mallory, C., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Examining the cultural competence of college students*. Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Engel, T., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Exploring the relationship between socioeconomic status and health as it affects men and women*. Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

- Scott, V., & Smith, C., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Exploring the support and concern of students, faculty, and staff regarding the development of an on-campus food pantry: A qualitative study.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Durham, W., Loudenslager, A., & Precise, C., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Examining the strengths, challenges, and needs of comfort care homes for the indigent.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Goodman, E., Mason, R., & Tinker, C., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Barriers and motivators to self-sufficiency for residents of public housing.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Hill, B., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Parental views of the Internet and its effects on children.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Hurt, S., Sudbury, H., & Williams, P., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Predictors of well-being for grandparent caregivers.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Johnson, D., Lindsey, K., & Moreland, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *The experiences, relationships, and roles of guardian ad litem and court appointed child advocates.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Jordan, H., Love, T., & Winkler, S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *The health status of refugees: A case file review.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Miller, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Examining the needs of refugees and refugee service providers: A case file examination.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Miles, C., Milligan, H., & Whitaker, S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Foster parents' experiences working with guardian ad litem.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Rustom, J., Callicutt, H., Hailey, C., & Healey, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *The association between food insecurity and mental well-being of college students.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Triplett, A., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016-17). *Examining the preparation of social workers in the mental health field.* Poster presentation at the 2017 University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

2015-16

- Newell, E., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016). *Examining the influence of social support on the relationship between child behavior problems and foster parent challenges.*
- (February) Poster presentation at the Tennessee Posters at the Capital, Nashville, TN.
 - (April) Poster presentation at the Tennessee Posters at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Asheville, NC.
 - (April) Poster presentation at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Murray, H., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016, April). *Reviewing foster parent satisfaction: A qualitative study.*
- Poster presentation at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
 - Poster presentation at the Southern Regional Honors Conference, Orlando, FL.

- Morgan, A., Barriga, J., & Woods, K., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016, April). *Exploring foster parent characteristics and their experience fostering*. Poster presentation at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.
- Brewer, A., Williams, M., Conn, S., & **Cooley, M. E.** (2016, April). *Differences in health outcomes by race: Examining a population of vulnerable adults*. Poster presentation at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Dialogues, Chattanooga, TN.

2014-15

- Arceneaux, A., Vargas, A., & Pitner, Y. (2015, April). *Link between insurance and self-sufficiency among refugees*. Poster presentation at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Showcase, Chattanooga, TN. (Co-director Amy Doolittle).
- Belk, J., Beatrice, M. & Clark, B. (2015, April). *Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and adult mental health*. (Co-director Amy Doolittle).
- Poster presentation at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Showcase, Chattanooga, TN.
 - Paper presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA.
- Mayes, I. & Stafford, B. (2015, April). *Getting over it: What is the relationship between emotional recovery and well-being?* Poster presentation at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Showcase, Chattanooga, TN. (Co-director Amy Doolittle).
- Murray, H., **Cooley, M. E.**, & Rodriguez, J. (2015, April). *Comparing various health outcomes of vulnerable adults: Former foster youth and a non-foster sample*. Poster presentation at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Research Showcase, Chattanooga, TN.

Supervision of Graduate Students

- Manresa, E. (2022-2023), Doctoral Capstone Committee Chair, *Older adults' perception of relational empathy in their healthcare provider and its relationship to medication adherence*
- Hill-Thompson, K. (2020-2023), Doctoral Capstone Committee Chair, *Direct Service Providers' Perceptions of the role of spirituality among males impacted by the juvenile justice system*
- Mihalec-Adkins, B. (2020-2022), External Dissertation Committee Member, *Advancing empirical understanding of parents' experiences and well-being during and after state-mandated child protective interventions*
- Vitolo, T. (2020-2022), Doctoral Capstone Committee Chair, *Beliefs, attitudes, and knowledge about complementary and alternative interventions among licensed clinical social work practitioners*
- Schneiderman-Tuttle, B. (2019-2022), Doctoral Capstone Committee Chair, *Examining the correlation of self-compassion and compassion fatigue in social work interns*
- Kuzniar, K. (2019), Doctoral Capstone Committee Member
- McClellan, J. (2018-2020), Doctoral Capstone Committee Member, *Through the lens of resilience theory: Is level of functioning across behavioral, emotional, and academic domains predictive of long term foster care?*
- Mcnamee, E. (2018-2020), Doctoral Capstone Committee Member, *An exploration of barriers to using couple therapy to treat substance abuse disorder*.

Supervision of Undergraduate Students

- Rush, J. (2017-2018), Thesis Chair, *Foster parent adverse childhood experience, parent stress, and coping*.
- Taylor, T. (2017-2018), Thesis Chair, *Foster parent disciplinary strategies*.

Thomas, E. (2017-2018), Thesis Chair, *Improving no-show rates in a community health clinic.*
 Baker, C. (2016-2017), Thesis Chair, *Demographic predictors of drug use and treatment: Implications for policy, practice, and research.*
 Engel, T. (2016-2017), Thesis Chair, *Exploring the relationship between socioeconomic status and health as it affects men and women.*
 Hill, B. (2016-2017), Thesis Chair, *Parental views of the Internet and its effects on children.*
 Miller, A. (2016-2017), Thesis Chair, *Examining the needs of refugees and refugee service providers: A case file examination.*
 Triplett, A. (2016-2017), Thesis Chair, *Examining the preparation of social workers in the mental health field.*

TEACHING

08/2018-current Assistant Professor & Associate Professor – Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work; College for Design and Social Inquiry; Florida Atlantic University.

Courses Taught:

- Advanced Clinical Social Work Practicum (SOW 7940)
- Advanced Clinical Social Work Evidence-Based Practice with Families & Couples (SOW 7368)
- Advanced Clinical Social Work Seminar (SOW 7369)
- Psychopathology in Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice (SOW 7129)
- Advanced Theory & Social Work Practice with Children, Adolescents, & Families (SOW 6555)
- Behavioral Science Statistics (SOW 7417)
- Social Work Practice with Vulnerable Children (SOW 4654/6653)

05/2018-06/2018 Adjunct Instructor – Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work; College for Design and Social Inquiry; Florida Atlantic University.

Courses Taught:

- Behavioral Science Statistics (SOW 7417)

08/2014-08/2018 Assistant Professor – Social Work Program; College of Health, Education and Professional Studies; University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Social Policy & Programs (SOCW 2010)
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (SOCW 3120)
- Child Welfare I (SOCW 3230)
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (SOCW 3420)
- Introduction to Applied Research and Professional Writing (SOCW 3760)
- Social Work Practice III (SOCW 4070)
- Social Work Policy & Practice (SOCW 4100)
- Applied Research (SOCW 4170)
- Data Analysis (SOCW 4760)
- Senior Leadership Seminar (SOCW 4900)
- Departmental Honors Thesis (SOCW 4995)
- Crisis Intervention and Trauma Skills (SOCW 4999)
- Advanced Standing Seminar II (SOCW 5023)

- Theory and Practice I Lab (SOCW 5111)
- Theory and Practice I (SOCW 5113)
- Theory and Practice II Lab (SOCW 5121)
- Theory and Practice II (SOCW 5123)
- Social Work Research II (SOCW 5323)
- Advanced Practice with Aging Families I (SOCW 5133)
- Advanced Practice with Aging Families II (SOCW 5134)
- Social Policy (SOCW 5213)
- Crisis Counseling & Suicidology (COUN 5510)
- Family Counseling I (COUN 5530)

08/2009-08/2014 *Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor of Record – Department of Family and Child Sciences, College of Human Sciences, Florida State University.*

Courses Taught:

- Family and Child Public Policy (CHD 4615)
- Parenting (CHD 4537)
- Child Guidance (CHD 3472)

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, & DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Service to the Institution

-Department/School Service

2026	DSW Capstone Proposal Review Committee, Member
2025-2026	Search Committee Chair, Associate Director of Research, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice
2025-2026	Search Committee Chair, Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Social Work
2025	Ad hoc bylaws committee, Member, School of Social Work
2025	Annual evaluation review committee, Member, School of Social Work
2025	Ad hoc bylaws committee, Member, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice
2024-2025	Search Committee Chair, Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Social Work
2024-current	MSW Program Committee
2024-current	DSW Program Committee
2023	Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor Position, School of Social Work
2023-2025	Field Supervisor for students placed at Lake Worth Community High School & JFK Middle School
2021	School representative to learn about and pilot the FAU Ally Canvas software for increasing accessibility of content and course documents
2021-present	Promotion & Tenure Committee, School of Social Work
2021-present	Faculty lead and developer, Child Welfare Institute Virtual Research Lab, Sandler School of Social Work
2021	Mentor for two students applying for the CSWE Minority Fellowship Program
2020-2025	Steering Committee, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice, Vice Chair in 2021-2022, Chair in 2022-2024, Member in 2020-2021 and 2024-2025
2020-2023	College Bylaws Committee, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice
2019-2023	Field Visit Evaluator for BSW & MSW Students, Florida Atlantic University
2019	Peer Evaluator of Adjunct, Spring 2020, Florida Atlantic University
2020	Search Committee Member, Instructor Position, School of Social Work

2019-2021 Committee Member, College of Design and Social Inquiry Awards Committee, Chair (2020-2021)

2019 Peer Evaluator of Adjunct, Spring Section of Global Perspectives, Florida 2019-current Faculty Mentor for Adjunct, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020, SOW 4654/6653 Social Work Practice with Vulnerable Children and Families

2019-current Faculty Mentor for Adjunct, SOW 6655 Advanced Theory & Social Work Practice with Children, Adolescents, & Families, Florida Atlantic University

2019-current Faculty Mentor for Adjunct, SOW 4654/6653, Social Work Practice with Vulnerable Children, Florida Atlantic University

2019 Committee Member, MSW Induction Ceremony, Florida Atlantic University

2018 Representative, Explore FAU Recruitment Event, Florida Atlantic University

2018 Peer Evaluator of Adjunct, Fall Section of HBSE II, Florida Atlantic University

2018-present Affiliate, Child Welfare Institute, Florida Atlantic University

2018-2022 Committee Member, Child Welfare Certificate, Florida Atlantic University

2018-2022 Committee Member, Reaffirmation Committee, Florida Atlantic University

2017-2018 Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Social Work, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2017 Ad Hoc Committee Chair, BSW Program Application Process, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2016 Ad Hoc Committee Member, MSW Work Group, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2015-2018 Advisor, Social Work Club, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2014-2018 Committee Member, Social Work Curriculum Committee, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2015 Assisted in Development of Syllabi for the MSW Program, Social Work Program, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

-University Service

2024-2028 Member, University Faculty Senate Policies & Procedures Committee

2024-2026 Member, University Clinical Research Unit Advisory Committee

2023-2024 Ex Officio Member, University Faculty Senate

2023-2025 QEP Committee, Florida Atlantic University

2021-2024 Reviewer, Newell Dissertation Fellowship Committee and assisted in the development a new scoring rubric for future applications

2021 Committee Member, University Awards Committee

2021 Facilitator, Spring Interprofessional Education Series, Florida Atlantic University

2020-2021 QEP Topic Selection Committee, Florida Atlantic University

2020 Facilitator, Spring Interprofessional Education Series, Florida Atlantic University

2019 Spring Graduation Faculty Attendee, Florida Atlantic University

2019 Judge, Graduate Research Day, Florida Atlantic University

2019 Judge, Undergraduate Research Day, Florida Atlantic University

2018 Fall Graduation Marshal, Florida Atlantic University

2018 Facilitator, Fall Interprofessional Education Series, Florida Atlantic University

2018 Spring Graduation Marshal, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2018 Proposal Reviewer for the Ruth Holmberg Grant, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2017-2018 Ad Hoc Committee Member, Research Dialogues Advisory Council, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2016-2018	Committee Member, Institutional Review Board, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2016-2018	Committee Member, Faculty Senate, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2016-2018	Ad Hoc Committee Member, Research Advisory Council, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2017	Spring Graduation Marshal, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2016-2017	Committee Member, Graduate Council Appeals Committee, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2016-2017	Alternate Committee Member, Honor Court, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2016-2017	Committee Member, Food Pantry, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2016	Search Committee for Undergraduate Research Director, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2016	Spring Graduation Marshal, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2015-2017	Committee Member, Graduate Council, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2015- 2016	Committee Member, Departmental Honors Committee, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2015-2016	Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellow, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2015	Fall Graduation Marshal, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2015	Faculty Mentor of three Brock Scholar Student Research Assistants, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2015	Critical Thinking Assessment Test (CAT) Grader for the Spring and Fall Semesters, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2015	Spring Graduation Marshal, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2014-2015	Faculty Mentor, Riversville Scholarship, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2014	Fall Graduation Marshal, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Service to the Discipline/Profession

2026	Ad hoc reviewer, Action in Teacher Education
2026	Ad hoc reviewer, Child Abuse & Neglect
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Action in Teacher Education
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Child & Family Social Work
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Family Process
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Adoption Quarterly
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, British Journal of Social Work (2 in Spring)
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Public Child Welfare
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Child & Family Studies (2 in Spring)
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Critical Social Work
2025	Ad hoc reviewer, Marriage & Family Review
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, Family Process
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, Adoption Quarterly
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, British Journal of Social Work
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Public Child Welfare
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, Critical Social Work
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Child & Family Studies
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, Child Abuse & Neglect
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, Marriage & Family Review
2024	Ad hoc reviewer, Family Transitions (formerly Journal of Divorce and Remarriage)
2023	Wrote promotion letter for faculty member at Hope College

2023	Ad hoc reviewer, Child Abuse & Neglect
2023	Ad hoc reviewer, Child & Family Social Work
2023	Ad hoc reviewer, Clinical Sociology Review
2023	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2023	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2023	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations
2022	Ad hoc reviewer, Child & Family Social Work
2022	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Family Psychology
2022	Ad hoc reviewer, Family Process
2022	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Family Social Work
2022	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2022	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Child & Family Studies
2021	Participated in a Building a 21 st Child Welfare Research Agenda listening session sponsored by Casey Family Programs
2021-2022	Co-Editor, planned and implemented a special issue for the Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal on Foster Parenting/Kin Caregiver and Outcomes of Youth in Foster Care
2021	Reviewer, New Faculty Affiliates and Dissertation Fellowship Applicants, Florida Institute for Child Welfare
2021	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Public Child Welfare
2021	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Child & Family Social Work
2021	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Child & Family Psychology
2021	Ad hoc reviewer, Family Process
2021	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Child & Family Studies
2021	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Family Social Work
2021	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2021-2023	Past Chair, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2021	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2020	Annual Conference Discussant, National Council on Family Relations
2020	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2020	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations
2020	Ad hoc reviewer, Child Welfare
2020	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Child & Family Studies
2020	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Family Social Work
2020	Ad hoc review, National Council on Family Relations, Policy Brief
2020	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2019-2021	Chair (elected), Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2019	Annual Conference Discussant, National Council on Family Relations
2019	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2019	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations
2019	Ad hoc review, Journal of Family Issues
2019	Ad hoc reviewer, Child & Family Social Work

2019	Ad hoc reviewer, Child Welfare
2019	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Family Psychology
2019	Ad hoc reviewer, Disability and Rehabilitation
2019	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2019	Ad hoc reviewer, Family Process
2018-present	Affiliate, Florida Institute for Child Welfare
2018	Reviewer, Book proposal for New Edition of <i>Strengthening the DSM: Incorporating Resilience and Cultural Competence</i> (Petrovich & Garcia)
2018	Reviewer, Book proposal for New Edition of the <i>Practice of Generalist Social Work</i> (Birkenmaier & Berg-Weger)
2018	Ad hoc reviewer, Disability & Rehabilitation
2018	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Health Care for the Poor & Underserved
2018	Ad hoc reviewer, Child Welfare
2018	Ad hoc reviewer, Child & Family Social Work
2018	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2018	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2018	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations
2015-present	Editorial Board Member, Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal
2017-2019	Chair-elect (elected), Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2017	Ad hoc reviewer, Child & Family Social Work
2017	Ad hoc reviewer, Child Welfare
2017	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2017	Ad hoc reviewer, Child & Youth Care Forum
2017	Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Family Social Work
2017	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2017	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations
2015-2017	Secretary/Treasurer (elected), Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2016-2018	Co-Editor, Journal of Adolescent and Family Health
2016	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2016	Consultant, provided multiple grant consultations to the Hamilton County Mental Health Court as they consider developing a federal grant proposal
2016	Consultant, provided a three-hour grant consultation to the Tennessee Department of Children's Services as they develop a federal grant proposal
2016	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2016	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations
2015-2016	Consultant, Assisted in the development of a standardized measure evaluating child welfare caseworker competency assessed during their pre-service on-the-job training, Tennessee Department of Children's Services
2013-2015	Student/New Professional Representative (elected), Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2013-2015	Chair of the Feldman Award Committee, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations

2015	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2015	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations
2015	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2014	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2014	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2014	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations
2013	Ad hoc reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
2013	Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer, Research & Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations

Service to the Community/Public

2025-2026	Consultant and program evaluator, Living Skills in the Schools
2024-current	Consultant, Impacted Families Network, Florida Department of Children and Families
2024-current	Guest member, Statewide Community Alliance
2023-current	Consultant, All-Star Children's Foundation, Sarasota, FL
2025-2026	Chair, Palm Beach Community Partnership Schools for Lake Worth Community High School and JFK Middle School
2023-2025	Cabinet member, Palm Beach Community Partnership Schools for Lake Worth Community High School and JFK Middle School
2024-2025	Consultant, Academy Change Champions, Florida Department of Children and Families
2023	Consulted on how universities could support research and funding opportunities to organizations focused on youth mental health, BeWell Foundation
2023	Conducted focus groups for Living Skills in the Schools to evaluate the Vicarious Trauma Box for School Professionals
2023	Conducted focus groups for Living Skills in the Schools to evaluate the Family Substance Use Prevention Podcast
2022-2024	Consultant for research & grant writing with Collectively, Palm Beach County, FL
2021	Conducted parent focus groups for Living Skills in the Schools to evaluate the Family Box for Substance Abuse Prevention
2020-2021	Consulted & developed an unfunded proposal for Cross Country to evaluate a virtual mental health platform for under-served families to receive mental health services
2021-2024	Consultant, Palm Beach Community Alliance
2021	Subcommittee member, Florida Quality Parenting Initiative, Comfort Call subcommittee
2020-2021	Committee member, Florida Quality Parenting Initiative
2019-2020	Consultant, Broward Sheriff's Office, Child Protective Services, Family Engagement Project
2019-2020	Consultant, Friends of Foster Children, Program Evaluation to prepare for Family First Prevention Services Act
2018	Presenter, Provided a 30 minute presentation on mental well-being for youth ages 11-17, Chattanooga Girls Rock Camp
2018	Presenter, Provided one hour of in-service training on working with vulnerable youth for camp counselors, Chattanooga Girls Rock Camp

- 2018 Support Group Leader, Facilitated a monthly foster parent support group during January through May for Partnership for Children & Families, Chattanooga, TN
- 2018 Presenter, Provided one session of Ethical Leadership to the second annual Partnership for Children and Families Conference, Chattanooga, TN
- 2018 Trainer, Presented one eight-hour session of Youth Mental Health First Aid to local social service workers during the month of February, Chattanooga, TN
- 2017 Trainer, Presented one three-hour session of Ethical Considerations for Working with Diverse College Students to UTC Counseling Center therapists during the month of December, Chattanooga, TN
- 2017 Trainer, Presented one eight-hour session of Youth Mental Health First Aid to UTC Staff & Community Members during the month of November, Chattanooga, TN
- 2017 Trainer, Presented one eight-hour session of Youth Mental Health First Aid to UTC Resident Directors during the month of July, Chattanooga, TN
- 2017 Presenter, Provided one session of Ethical Considerations in Working with Diverse Families to the first annual Partnership for Children and Families Conference, Chattanooga, TN
- 2017 Trainer, Presented one eight-hour session of Youth Mental Health First Aid to Dalton School System School Counselors during the month of January, Dalton, GA
- 2017 Trainer, Presented one session of pre-service training on Compassion Fatigue, Boundaries, and Self-Care for domestic violence hotline workers at Partnership for Children and Families, Chattanooga, TN
- 2016 Presenter, Provided one session of Ethical Decision Making to the annual Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare, Chattanooga, TN
- 2016 Presenter, Provided one session of continuing education for foster parents on working with youth who have mental health problems or disorders, Youth Villages, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 2016 Trainer, Presented one sessions of pre-service training on Compassion Fatigue, Boundaries, and Self-Care for domestic violence hotline workers at Partnership for Children and Families, Chattanooga, TN
- 2016 Presenter, Provided one hour of in-service training on working with vulnerable youth for camp counselors, Tennessee Camp for Diabetic Children
- 2016 Trainer, Presented three eight-hour sessions of Youth Mental Health First Aid to community members, social work students, educators, Hamilton County Student Resources Officers, and members of the Hamilton County Hostage Negotiation Unit during the month of May
- 2015 Presenter, Provided one session of continuing education for foster parents on developing protective factors and personal supports, Youth Villages, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 2015-2016 Evaluation Team Task Force Member, 2014 Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, Tennessee Department of Children's Services
- 2015-2017 Training Development Team Task Force Member, 2014 Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, Tennessee Department of Children's Services
- 2015 Consultant, Provided one three-hour session on identifying potential funding sources for future projects, Science Zone, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 2015 Presenter, Provided one hour of in-service training on bullying prevention for camp counselors, Tennessee Camp for Diabetic Children.

Honors and Awards

2025	Research Category Winner, Child Welfare Professional Award, Florida Institute for Child Welfare
2023	Faculty Mentorship Development Award, Sandler School of Social Work, Florida Atlantic University
2022	Scholar of the Year at the Associate Professor level for Scholarly and Creative Activities, Florida Atlantic University
2022	Palm Beach Unit Social Work Educator of the Year
2021	<i>Journal of Public Child Welfare</i> Article of the Year Award for “The ‘Cost’ of Collaborating and Other Challenges in Inter-organizational Child Welfare Practice: A Community-Wide Perspective” (Colvin, Thomson, & Cooley, 2021)
2021	Child Intervention, Prevention & Services (CHIPS) Fellow, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (\$2,900 award)
2019	Emerging Mentor Award, Advancing Family Science Section, National Council on Family Relations
2018	Research Mentoring Award, Division of Research, Florida Atlantic University (\$2,000 award)
2017	First Place, Social & Behavioral Sciences Division, Faculty Elevator Speech Contest, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (\$1,500 award)
2016	Junior Faculty Outstanding Research/Scholarship Award, College of Heath, Education & Professional Studies; University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2013	Feldman Travel Award, Family Policy Section, National Council on Family Relations
2013-2014	Cora Evans Ross Scholarship, Florida State University
2013	First Place, Poster presentation, College of Human Sciences Research and Creativity Day, Florida State University
2012-2013	Florence Smith McAllister Endowed Fellowship, Florida State University
2012	First Place, Oral presentation, College of Human Sciences Research and Creativity Day, Florida State University
2011	Glenn Society, Florida State University
2011	Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society
2009	Phi Alpha Honor Society, Alpha Chapter, Florida State University

Membership in Professional Organizations

Society for Social Work and Research (2018-current)

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (2018-current)

National Association of Social Workers (2010-current)

National Council on Family Relations (2010-current)