

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida Major: Applied Behavior Analysis Advisor: Kimberly Crosland, Ph.D., BCBA-D	2021 – Present
M.A.	Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida Major: Applied Behavior Analysis and Clinical Sciences Advisor: Kara L. Wunderlich, Ph.D., BCBA-D	2016 – 2020
B.S.	University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida Major: Psychology	2011 – 2013
A.A.	Valencia College, Orlando, Florida Major: Psychology	2009 – 2011

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS/CREDENTIALS

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), #1-20-43132	2020 – Present
Online Instructor Certification	2022
Guardian ad Litem Child Advocate	2012 – 2022
Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)	2019 – 2021
Registered Behavior Technician	2018 – 2019
Child Welfare Case Manager (CWCM)	2013 – 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Undergraduate:

Instructor	
• Behavioral Assessment and Intervention Planning in ABA	Spring 2022
• Behavioral Assessment and Intervention Planning in ABA	Summer 2022
Graduate Teaching Assistant / Co-Instructor	
• Behavioral Assessment and Intervention Planning in ABA	Fall 2021

Graduate:

Instructor	
• Directed Research in Behavioral and Social Sciences I	Fall 2022
• Directed Research in Behavioral and Social Sciences II	Spring 2023
• Independent Research Study	Spring 2023
• ABA in Complex Community Environments	Fall 2023
• Independent Research Study	Fall 2023
• Ethics in ABA	Spring 2024
Graduate Teaching Assistant	
• Single Case Experimental Design	Fall 2021

January 2024

- Experimental Analysis of Behavior I

Fall 2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS

ABA within the Child Welfare System to improve the quality of life of children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected.

Preventing placement disruption and decreasing runaway behavior for youth in the foster care system

ABA within the Department of Juvenile Justice to prevent/reduce recidivism.

Assessment and treatment strategies for human trafficking victimization

Assessment and treatment of problem behaviors maintained by automatic reinforcement

PUBLICATIONS

Garcia, A., Wunderlich, K. L., Pelfrey, C., & Sheppard, C. M. (2023). Experimental analysis of voice volume for children with autism spectrum disorder. *Behavioral Interventions*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bin.1984>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Garcia, A., Crosland, K., Reyes, C., Del Vecchio, M. & Pannone, C. Prevention and intervention strategies for the sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation of children who run away from foster care: A scoping review. (*Submitted to Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Fuller, A., Crosland, K., **Garcia, A.**, & Dubois, G. A systematic review of delay discounting and alcohol use interventions in humans.

Garcia, A., Crosland, K., Pannone, C. & Babb, A. Propensity to victimization: Form and function of commonly used lures.

Grossman, Z., Crosland, K., & **Garcia, A.** Music as an instructional modality to increase attending behavior of elementary students.

Scarff, M. N., Crosland, K., Miltenberger, R., & **Garcia, A.** Functional analysis and treatment of bruxism in children with autism spectrum disorder.

Sheppard, C., Wunderlich, K. L., & **Garcia, A.** Validity analysis of a modified Questions About Behavioral Function (QABF) assessment: A preliminary analysis.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Cernosek, K., Crosland, K., & **Garcia, A.** Evaluating the use of behavior skills training and tactile prompts to increase positive staff interactions in residential care.

Crosland, K., Fuller, A., & **Garcia, A.** Training case managers to use the FAIR and create function-based interventions to address runaway behavior.

Crosland, K., Fuller, A., **Garcia, A.**, & Ester, R. Evaluating an online training to teach case managers to utilize the FAIR and create interventions to address runaway behavior.

Del Vecchio, M., Crosland, K., & **Garcia, A.** A systematic literature review of trauma-informed behavioral approaches and interventions.

Hernandez-Bautista, M., Crosland, K., & **Garcia, A.** Evaluating the use of text message prompts to increase staff behavior-specific praise in adult residential care

Wagers, S., **Garcia, A.**, & Del Vecchio, M. Fighting Human Trafficking Housing: Program evaluation.

PRESENTATIONSConferences

- Garcia, A.,** Crosland, K., Pannone, C., & Babb, A. (2024, May). Scoping review of commonly used lures in human trafficking. [Symposium]. *Presenting Author*. To be presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International.
- Garcia, A.,** & Crosland, K. (2024, March). Propensity to victimization: Form and Function of commonly used lures. [Symposium]. *Presenting Author*. To be presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 61st Annual Meeting.
- Garcia, A.,** Crosland, K., Reyes, C., Del Vecchio, M., & Pannone, C. (2023, November). Prevention and intervention strategies for the commercial sexual exploitation of children, and future directions. [Symposium]. *Presenting Author*. 78th American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.
- Garcia, A.,** Crosland, K., Reyes, C., Del Vecchio, M., & Pannone, C. (2023, September). Intersection of sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation of children in foster care. [Symposium]. *Author*. 43rd Annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis Conference.
- Garcia, A.,** & Crosland, K. (2023, September). Propensity to victimization: Form and function of commonly used lures. [Symposium]. *Presenting Author*. 43rd Annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis Conference.
- Grossman, Z., Crosland, K., Del Vecchio, M., & **Garcia, A.** (2023, September). Music as an instructional modality to increase attending behavior of elementary students. [Symposium]. *Co-Author*. 43rd Annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis Conference.
- Fuller, A., Crosland, K., **Garcia, A.**, & Estes, R. (2023, May). Addressing runaway behavior: Evaluating virtual training to teach case managers to use the FAIR and create individualized interventions. [Symposium]. *Co-Author*. 43rd Annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis Conference.
- Garcia, A.** & Crosland, K. (2023, May). Review of prevention and intervention strategies for juvenile sex trafficking, and future directions. [Symposium]. *Presenting Author*. 49th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International.
- Fuller, A., Crosland, K., Estes, R., & **Garcia, A.** (2023, May). Evaluating virtual training and consultation to teach case managers to use the FAIR and create interventions to address runaway behavior. [Symposium]. *Co-Author*. 49th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International.
- Garcia, A.** & Crosland, K. (2023, March). Behavioral strategies for prevention and intervention in human trafficking. [Symposium]. *Presenting Author*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 60th Annual Meeting.
- Garcia, A.** & Crosland, K. (2022, September). Review of prevention and intervention strategies for juvenile sex trafficking, and future directions. [Symposium]. *Presenting Author*. 42nd Annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis Conference.
- Garcia, A.,** Stipes, P., & Crosland, K. (2022, May). Using Brain Breaks ® to increase on-task behavior in classroom setting. [Symposium]. *Presenter*. 48th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International.
- Garcia, A.,** & Wunderlich, K. L. (2020, May). An experimental analysis of voice volume for

children with autism spectrum disorder. [Symposium]. *Presenting Author*. 46th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International. Virtual

Invited Presentations & Workshops

- Garcia, A., & Del Vecchio, M.** (2024, January). *Fighting Human Trafficking Housing Program Evaluation*. Invited lecture in a graduate seminar. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.
- Garcia, A.** (2024, January). *A closer look at exploitation: Understanding human trafficking through behavior analysis*. Invited speaker at Pints of Science Lecture Series. Tampa, FL.
- Garcia, A.** (2023, March). *Interdisciplinary Clinical Practices: Behavior Analysis in Residential Programs and Foster Care Group Homes*. Invited distance lecture in a graduate seminar. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.
- Garcia, A.** (2022, November). Graduate student discussion panel on the use of punishment in an undergraduate course, *Ethics, Supervision, and Management in ABA*. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.
- Garcia, A.** (2022, March). *Interdisciplinary Clinical Practices: Behavior Analysis in Residential Programs and Foster Care Group Homes*. Invited lecture in an undergraduate course. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.
- Garcia, A.** (2021, July). *Interdisciplinary Clinical Practices: Behavior Analysis in Residential Programs and Foster Care Group Homes*. Invited distance lecture in a graduate seminar. Rollins College. Winter Park, FL.
- Garcia, A.** (2020, July). *Behavior analysis in Juvenile Detention Centers and Residential Programs*. Invited distance lecture in a graduate seminar. Rollins College. Winter Park, FL.
- Garcia, A.** (2019, August). *ABA tools for your classroom: Good-Behavior Game*. Invited workshop at Hume House Child Development & Student Research Center for Rollins College. Winter Park, FL.
- Garcia, A.** (2016, December). *What is ABA? Behavior analysis for children within the Child Welfare System*. Invited workshop at the Osceola County Courthouse for the Guardian ad Litem Program. Kissimmee, FL.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Society of Criminology	2023 – Present
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	2022 – Present
Association of Behavior Analysis International	2019 – Present
Association of Professional Behavior Analysts	2016 – 2022
Florida Association for Behavior Analysis	2017 – Present
Latino Association for Behavior Analysis	2023 - Present

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Latino Behavioral Health Association (NLBHA)	
Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) Scholarship	2023 – 2024
Awarded: \$2,000.00	

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Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) Scholarship Awarded: \$4,000.00	2022 – 2023
National Latino Behavioral Health Association (NLBHA) Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) Scholarship Awarded: \$2,000.00	2021 – 2022
University of South Florida, College of Behavioral & Community Sciences 2023 Student Employee of the Year Award	2023

GRANT SUBMITTED (FUNDED)Graduate Student Research Collaboration Award

Title: Fighting Human Trafficking Housing Program Evaluation
Role on Grant: Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)
Others on Grant: Marissa Del Vecchio (Co-PI), Shelly Wagers (Faculty Advisor)
Funding Agency: University of South Florida, Internal Grant Program, St. Petersburg Campus
Amount Awarded: \$22,000.00
Project Dates: Aug. 2023 – Jul. 2025

GRANT SUBMITTED (UNFUNDED)NIJ FY23 Graduate Research Fellowship

Title: FAIR-TiP: Assessment tool for identifying runaway victims of commercial sexual exploitation
Role on Grant: Principal Investigator (PI)
Others on Grant: Kimberly Crosland (Dissertation Committee Chair)
Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
Amount of Requested Funding: \$166,500.00
Date Submitted: May 2023

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Amazing Gains Behavior Therapy Services, LLC, Orlando, FL
Lead Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and Student Analyst Coordinator 2020 – 2022
 Develop Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP) to teach appropriate behaviors and reduce maladaptive behaviors. Overseeing training, developing, and implementing teaching protocols, and supervising student analysts.

Adapt & Transform Behavior, LLC, Saint Petersburg, FL
Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) 2019 – 2020
 Develop individualized Behavior Analysis Service Plans (BASP) to target specific behavioral excesses and deficits for youth in secure residential treatment facilities. Develop and analyze facility-wide data on staff performance.

Behavior Blossoms, LLC, Longwood, FL
Clinical Assistant (BCaBA) 2019 – 2020
 Provided direct 1:1 applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy, clinical help with RBT

training and supervision, and parent/caregiver training. Provided clinical assistance with data, data collection sheets, behavior interventions, skills assessments, and BIP design.

Clinical Technician (RBT) 2018 – 2019

Assisted with developing and implementing behavior programming. Collected data on problem behaviors and skill acquisition for children and adolescents.

Opportunity, Community, Ability (OCA), Orlando, FL

Behavior Assistant 2017 – 2018

Provided direct ABA therapy, completed documentation required for each client, and collected data for target behaviors.

Guardian ad Litem Program, Osceola County, FL

Child Advocacy Manager 2014 – 2017

Personally, or oversee the work of volunteers as they attended court hearings, depositions, case plan conferences, dependency mediations, staffing, and meetings with the Department of Children and Families, community-based care lead agencies, and other state, local, and private social service agencies.

The Centers, Inc. (Kids Central, Inc.), Citrus County, FL

Family Care Manager/Trainee, 2013 – 2014

Worked to maintain a safe and nourishing environment for children and families involved with the Dependency Court who have been victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Completed assessments with member/caregiver/provider to obtain information regarding client status, support system, and need for services for care plan development.

SERVICE

University Service and Leadership Positions

University of South Florida

Search Committee

Elected Student Representative, Department of Criminology 2023

Reviewer

Community Applications of Behavior Analysis (CABA) Conference 2022, 2023

Graduate Student Research Symposium 2023

Undergraduate Student Poster Symposium 2023

Applied Behavior Analysis Program

Masters Students Research Mentor 2022 – Present

Beta Chi – Bulls Organization for Behavior Analysis, Student Organization

President (2023-2024)

Founding Executive Member & Vice President (2022-2023)

Community Involvement

Guardian ad Litem, Osceola County, FL 2012 – 2022

Volunteer Child Advocate

Court-appointed to objectively and solely advocate for the best interest of children who are involved in dependency court proceedings, which may have been the victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Identify resources and services for the child as needed, compile relevant facts, interview witnesses, give testimonials, make recommendations regarding issues of custody, and ensure all parties comply with court orders.

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Child & Family Behavior Therapy	2023
Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis	2023
Journal of Educators Online	2023

Reviewer / Discussant

Association for Behavior Analysis International, Denver, CO. <i>Poster Session Chair & Discussant</i>	2023
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