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### **Employment**

University of South Florida Department of Child and Family Studies Tampa, FL  
OPS Assistant → Research Support Specialist → Social and Behavioral Researcher Jan '18-Present

### **Education**

University of South Florida (Tampa, FL) May '18  
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BSW) & Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (BA) GPA: 3.87

### **Research Experience**

#### **[SJR H-Index] Peer-Reviewed Articles**

1. [21] Lodi Lipien, Flandra Ismajli & Jennifer Wolgemuth (2022) Impact of COVID-19 on the educational experiences of youth in foster care: caseworker perspectives, *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2022.2061101>
2. [55] Abella, A.D., Landers, M., **Ismajli, F.** et al. Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementing a Police-Mental Health Collaborative to Improve Pathways to Treatment. *J Behav Health Serv Res* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11414-021-09782-0>
3. [75] Lipien, L., **Ismajli, F.**, & Rigg, K. K. (2021). Psychometric properties of the LifeSkills Training middle school health survey. *Psychology in the Schools*, 58(12), 2374–2391. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pits.22598>
4. [54] Davidson Abella, A., **Ismajli, F.**, & Callejas, L. M. (2021). Exploring the potential benefits of virtual child welfare services. In R. Adams (Ed.), *Child Welfare League of America Essay Collection, COVID-19 and Child Welfare: Challenges and Responses*. Washington, DC: CWLA Press. <https://www.cwla.org/essay-collection-covid-19-and-child-welfare-challenges-and-responses/>
5. [51] Callejas, L., Abella, A. D., & **Ismajli, F.** (2020). Rapid Ethnographic Assessment of pandemic restrictions in child welfare: Lessons from parent and provider experiences. *Human Organization*, 79 (4). <https://doi.org/10.17730/1938-3525-79.4.304>

### **Technical Reports**

1. Callejas, L.M., Yampolskaya, S., Abella, A.D., & **Ismajli, F.** (2021). *Parent Partners for Families of Miami-Dade County*. (semi-annual local evaluation report). Funded by the Citrus Family Care Network. Tampa, FL: Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida.
2. Landers, M., Cruz, A., Abella, A., Dollard, N., **Ismajli, F.**, & Carmona, Y. (2019-2021). *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5)*. (submitted annually). Funded by the Children's Bureau and Family Support Services of North Florida. Tampa, FL: Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida.
3. Abella, A., Landers, M., **Ismajli, F.**, & Carmona, Y. (2019-2021). *Final report: Evaluation of The Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) Outcomes and Implementation*. Funded by the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network. Tampa, FL: Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida.
4. Lipien, L. & **Ismajli, F.** (2018-2021). *Final report: Partnerships for Success Evaluation Report*. Funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families. Tampa, FL: Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida.

5. Lipien, L., van Zyl, R., Littlewood, K., **Ismajli, F.**, & Combrink, A. (2020). *Final report: Research Summary for The Workforce Retention Task Force*. Funded by Heartland for Children. Tampa, FL: School of Social Work, University of South Florida.
6. Rohrer, L., McNeish, R., **Ismajli, F.**, Tran, Q., Combrink, A., & Delva, J. (2020). *Final report: An Examination of Racial Disparities in the Experiences and Outcomes of Crossover Youth*. Funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. Tampa, FL: Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida.
7. Rohrer, L. & **Ismajli, F.** (2018-2019). *Final report: State Targeted Response Semi-Annual Evaluation Report*. Funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families. Tampa, FL: Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida.
8. Rohrer, L., **Ismajli, F.**, Johnson, M., Robst, J., & James, Sophie. (2019). *Final report: Evaluation of Specialized Treatment Programs for Dually Served Youth*. Funded by the Department of Children and Families. Tampa, FL: Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida.
9. Rohrer, L., Johnson, M., Robst, J., **Ismajli, F.**, & James, S. (2019). *Final report: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program Evaluation*. Funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida.

#### Conference and Webinar Presentations

1. Lipien, L., **Ismajli, F.**, & Wolgemuth, J. Educational Experiences of Youth in Foster Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Caseworker Perspectives. Video presentation to be delivered at the American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, San Diego/Remote, April 22, 2022.
2. Abella, A., **Ismajli, F.**, & Callejas, L. *Exploring the potential benefits of virtual child welfare services*. Video presentation delivered at the Child Welfare League of America Webinar, Remote, April 28, 2021.
3. Lipien, L., **Ismajli, F.**, & Wolgemuth, J. *An application of parallel-serial memoing for inductive thematic analysis*. Video presentation to be delivered at the University of South Florida Interdisciplinary Symposium for Qualitative Methodologies, Remote, April 23, 2021.
4. Callejas, L., Abella, A., & **Ismajli, F.** "I feel like COVID was just an excuse...I'm doing everything but it's always something": *Applying anthropology to understand the implications of COVID-19 restrictions on Miami-Dade's child welfare system*. Video presentation to be delivered at the Society for Applied Anthropology, Remote, March 24, 2021.
5. Lipien, L., **Ismajli, F.** & Wolgemuth, J. *Facilitating the educational experiences of youth in the child welfare system during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Video presentation delivered at the Florida Education Research Association, St. Petersburg, FL, November 11, 2020.
6. Rohrer, L., Johnson, M., & **Ismajli, F.** *Evaluation of specialized treatment programs for crossover youth*. Workshop presentation delivered at the Florida Department of Children and Families Child Protection Summit, Orlando, FL, December 18, 2019.
7. **Ismajli, F.** & Rohrer, L. "How to function in that chaos": *Engagement among caregivers of crossover youth*. Poster presentation delivered at the Florida National Association of Social Workers Conference, Orlando, FL, June 13, 2019.
8. **Ismajli, F.**, Rohrer, L., Johnson, M., & James, S. *Engagement strategies among agency workers in voluntary prevention programs in child welfare services*. Poster presentation to be delivered at the University of South Florida Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL, March 5, 2019.
9. **Ismajli, F.** & Rohrer, L. *The implementation of the Botvin LifeSkills Training Curriculum in rural schools in Florida*. Oral presentation delivered at the Florida Educational Research Association Conference, St. Petersburg, FL, November 15, 2018.

10. **Ismajli, F.** *The use of Visual Thinking Strategies to enhance psychological well-being.* Poster presentation delivered at the University of South Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, Tampa, FL, March 23, 2018.

### **Professional Affiliations**

Society for Applied Anthropology Aug '20-Aug '21

### **Professional Awards**

Nomination (3)—Professional and Staff Award Recognition Program Apr '21

Nomination (1)—Professional and Staff Award Recognition Program Apr '20

### **Mentorships**

Digital Mentorship Program (Out in Tech) Sep '19- Nov '19

Summer Research Institute (Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute) May '17- Aug '17

### **Internships**

Case Management Intern (The Graham at Gracepoint) Aug '18- Dec '18

### **Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards** ([\\$] Cash Reward) (Research\*)

[ ] USF Golden Bull Award Mar '18

[\\$] USF Outstanding Senior in Sociology Scholarship Nov '17

[ ] Outstanding Research Scholar Award (Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute)\* Aug '17

[\\$] Katharine V. Byers BSW Scholarship (Influencing Social Policy) Jun '17

[\\$] USF Richard J. Wallace Scholarship Mar '17

[\\$] USF LGBT Special Collections Research Award\* Dec '16