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Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC EDUCATION AND DEGREES

Ph.D.	Behavioral and Community Sciences; University of South Florida; Fall 2021 Concentration: Adolescent Behavioral Health Advisor: Dr. Roger Boothroyd
M.S.W.	Social Work; University of South Florida; Spring 2013 Concentration: Clinical Social Work
M.A.	Criminology; University of South Florida; Spring 2011 Concentration: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
B.A.	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences; University of South Florida; Fall 2008

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

May 2016- Present	Senior Social and Behavioral Researcher Department of Child & Family Studies; University of South Florida
May 2014- May 2016	Social and Behavioral Researcher Department of Child & Family Studies; University of South Florida
May 2013- May 2014	Research Assistant Department of Mental Health, Law, and Policy; University of South Florida
Summers of 2012-2015	Program Assistant Summer Research Institute; Florida Mental Health Institute
August 2012- May 2013	Research Assistant Department of Mental Health, Law, and Policy; University of South Florida
August 2011- May 2012	Research Assistant School of Social Work; University of South Florida

RESEARCH FOCUS

Child well-being; the intersection of mental health and juvenile justice; multi-system response for dually-involved and dually-adjudicated youth; systems of care; commercial sexual exploitation of children; and the impact of trauma on youth's emotional and behavioral health

SCHOLARSHIP

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Abella, A.D., **Landers, M.**, Ismajli, F., Carmona, Y. (2022). Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementing a Police-Mental Health Collaborative to Improve Pathways to Treatment. *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11414-021-09782-0>
- Landers, M.**, Johnson, M. H., Armstrong, M. I., McGrath, K., & Dollard, N. (2020). Exploring relationships as mediators of treatment outcomes among commercially sexually exploited youth. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 100, 104095.
- Armstrong, M. I., Johnson, M. H., Robst, J., Cruz, A., **Landers, M.**, & Vargo, A. (2019). Services Received vs Services Needed by Families in Child Welfare Systems. *International Journal on Child Maltreatment: Research, Policy and Practice*, 2(3), 165-181. doi: [10.1007/s42448-019-00019-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s42448-019-00019-4)
- Mitchell, O., **Landers, M.**, & Morales, M. (2017). The contingent effects of fatherhood on offending. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 43(3), 603-626. doi: [10.1007/s12103-017-9418-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-017-9418-2)
- Landers, M.**, McGrath, K., Johnson, M. H., Armstrong, M. I., & Dollard, N. (2017). Baseline characteristics of dependent youth who have been commercially sexually exploited: Findings from a specialized treatment program. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 26(6), 692-709. doi: [10.1080/10538712.2017.1323814](https://doi.org/10.1080/10538712.2017.1323814)
- Landers, M.**, Mitchell, O., & Coates, E. (2014). Teenage fatherhood as a potential turning point in the lives of delinquent youth. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 24(6), 1685-1696. doi: [10.1007/s10826-014-9971-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-014-9971-y)
- Yegidis, B. L., Lee, B. S., Park, N.S., **Landers, M. D.**, Kennedy, M. M. (2014). Job-seeking behavior in young adults: Do unemployment insurance benefits hurt job search efforts? *Journal of Social Service Research*, 41(1), 133-140. doi: [10.1080/01488376.2014.964900](https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2014.964900)

Technical Reports

- Landers, M.**, Abella, A., Cruz, A., Ismajli, F., & Martin, J. (2021, November). Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC): Year 3 Annual Evaluation Report. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.
- Abella, A., **Landers, M.**, Ismajli, F. (2021, April). Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA): Evaluation Report. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.

Abella, A., Dollard, N., Armstrong, M., Robst, J., **Landers, M.**, Cruz, A., Shockley, C., Anderson, R., Murrin, M., & Tapanes, M. (2019). Sarasota County child and youth mental health environmental scan: Final report. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.

Armstrong, M., Johnson, M., **Landers, M.**, Dollard, N. & Anderson, R. (2018). Citrus helping adolescents negatively impacted by commercial exploitation (CHANCE): Progress report. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.

Armstrong, M., Johnson, M., Anderson, R., **Landers, M.**, & Dollard, N. (2017). Citrus helping adolescents negatively impacted by commercial exploitation (CHANCE): Progress report. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.

Boothroyd, R., Armstrong, M., & **Landers, M.** (2014). Identification and tracking of children's interagency projects and initiatives. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.

Vargo, A., Sowell, C., **Landers, M.**, Roggenbaum, S., Shockley, C. (2014). An examination of evidence-based practice utilization within Florida's child welfare prepaid mental health plan (CW PMHP). Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.

Rohrer, L., Armstrong, M. I., Dollard, N., Anderson, R., Batsche, C., Haynes, D., **Landers, M.**, Sharrock, P., Reader, S., Reyes, F., & Robst, J. (2012). Sub-study 2: Family involvement in statewide inpatient psychiatric programs. In M. I. Armstrong & N. Dollard (Eds.), Evaluation of Medicaid-funded out-of-home alternatives for FY 11-12. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida.

Policy Resolutions

Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice. (2021, June). Resolution on inclusion of youth who identify as TGD in sports. *Principally drafted by **Landers, M.*** Global Alliance Resolutions, Position Statements, Policy Briefs, and Letters of Support <https://www.bhjustice.org/assets/Policy/Resolution%20on%20inclusion%20of%20youth%20who%20identify%20as%20TGD%20in%20sport%20Final%20June%202021.pdf>

Presentations and Colloquia (Invited)

Johnson, R., **Landers, M.**, Cruz, A., Abella, A., Cruz, C. (2020, July). Addressing the Needs of Families Affected by Substance Abuse through FAST—A Voluntary Non-Judicial Program. Presented virtually for Administration of Children and Families.

Presentations and Colloquia (National and International)

Johnson, R., **Landers, M.**, Cruz, C., & Abella, A., (2021, August). Adapting to the era of the clearinghouse: An evaluative approach to preserving families. Presented at the Behavioral Health Conference, Orlando, FL.

Abella, A., **Landers, M.** (2020, November). Preliminary evaluation findings from a police mental health collaborative model. Presented at the 16th Annual TCOM Conference, Virtual.

Abella, A., **Landers, M.** (2020, October). Data in the dark: The limitations of capturing the full story in human services evaluation. Presented at the annual American Evaluation Association Conference (Eval2020), Virtual.

McGrath, K., **Landers, M.**, Johnson, M., James, S., Farrell, A. (2019, March). Addressing the needs of commercially sexually exploited children: Lessons learned in research and practice. Presented at the 30th Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.

McGrath, K., **Landers, M.**, & Johnson, M. (2018, August). Meeting the needs of commercially sexually exploited children: Connecting research to practice. Presented at the Behavioral Health Conference, Orlando, FL.

McGrath, K., & **Landers, M.** (2018, June). Meeting the needs of commercially sexually exploited children: Connecting research to practice. Presented at the Annual Foster Family-based Treatment Association, Atlanta, GA.

Landers, M., & Mitchell, O. (2017, November). The Contingent Effects of Fatherhood on Offending. Paper presented at The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Landers, M. (2017, October). Youth strengths as mediators in the relationship between ACEs and youth outcomes. Paper presented at the 13th Annual TCOM Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Landers, M. (2017, November). Adverse childhood experiences predicting youth outcomes of commercially sexually exploited youth. Poster presented at the 33rd Annual International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Conference, Chicago, IL.

Landers, M., McGrath, K. (2017, April). Addressing the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in the child welfare system: An example of a collaborative community response in Miami-Dade County, FL. Presented at the Child Welfare League of America National Conference, Washington, DC.

Landers, M., McGrath, K., & Dollard, N. (2017, March). Adverse childhood experiences of commercially sexually exploited youth. Presented at the 30th Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.

McGrath, K., & **Landers, M.** (2017, March). Meeting the needs of commercially sexually exploited youth. Presented at the 30th Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.

McGrath, K., & **Landers, M.** (2016, July). Providing a continuum of comprehensive services to meet the needs of commercially sexually exploited youth in child welfare: Two year findings on program implementation and youth outcomes. Presented at the 30th Annual Foster Family-based Treatment Association, New Orleans, LA.

McGrath, K., & **Landers, M.** (2016, March). Meeting the needs of commercially sexually exploited youth. Presented at the 29th Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.

Landers, M., & Severson, R. (2015, November). Assessing the use of person-first language in criminology: A journal content analysis. Poster presented at The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Johnson, M. H., & **Landers, M.** (2015, October). Use of the CANS-CSE in evaluating a comprehensive treatment program for commercially sexually exploited youth in child welfare. Presented at the 11th Annual TCOM/CANS Conference, Seattle, WA.

Landers, M. (2012, November). Teenage fatherhood as a potential turning point in the lives of delinquent youth. Paper presented at The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Robst, J., Armstrong, M. I., Batsche, C., Dollard, N., Reader, S., Reyes, F., Rohrer, L., Sharrock, P., & **Landers, M.** (2012, March). Family involvement in statewide inpatient psychiatric programs. Paper presented paper at Children's Mental Health Conference, Tampa, FL.

Landers, M. (2010, November). Juvenile involvement in the killing of their offspring: An empirical analysis of 32 years of U.S. arrest data. Paper presented at The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Presentations and Colloquia (Local and Regional)

Landers, M. (2019, February). Exploring relationships as mediators of treatment outcomes among justice-involved CSEC youth. Poster Presented at the We Love Research Poster Session, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Landers, M. (2018, March). Treatment outcomes of justice-involved CSEC victims: Youth strengths as mediators. Poster Presented at The Graduate Student Research Symposium, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

McGrath, K., & **Landers, M.** (2015, September). Providing a continuum of comprehensive services to meet the needs of CSE youth in child welfare: One-year findings. Presented at the Child Protection Summit, Orlando, FL.

FUNDED RESEARCH

Grants Awarded or Pending

- Principle Investigator- Preserving Families Protecting Children: A Regional Partnership Grant to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse;
Children's Bureau, Administration for Children & Families
Direct Contract- Evaluation
Contracted with Family Support Services of North Florida;
Awarded October 2018 to present
\$649,890

Grant Submitted (not awarded)

- Principle Investigator- Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons; Funded by National Institutes of Justice; submitted April 2020
- Principle Investigator- National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative – Category III (NCTSI-III); contracted by Directions for Living through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); submitted December 2019
- Principle Investigator- Strengthening and Healing Transgenerational Families: A Regional Partnership Grant to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children and Families Affected by Opioids and Other Substance Abuse; contracted by Family Support Services of North Florida; submitted August 2019
- Principle Investigator- Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families; contracted by Family Support Services of North Florida; submitted July 2019
- Principle Investigator- Evaluation of the ACF Program: A Regional Partnership Grant to Increase the Well-Being of, and to improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse; contracted by Eckerd Youth Alternative, Inc.; submitted August 2018
- Principle Investigator- Eckerd Fostering Education Initiative; submitted July 2016
- Co-Principle Investigator- Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP) Design Study of Dual System Youth; submitted May 2015

TEACHING

Graduate-level Courses (Lead Instructor)

Health, Illness, and Disability. SOW6126, Spring 2022.

Department of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.

Foundations of Social Work Research and Statistics. SOW6405, Spring 2022

Department of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.

Evaluation of Clinical Practice. SOW6438, Fall 2021

Department of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.

Health, Illness, and Disability. SOW6126, Spring 2021

Department of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.

Evaluation of Clinical Practice. SOW6438, Fall 2020

Department of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.

Undergraduate-level Courses (Lead Instructor)

Data Management. SOW4414, Spring 2022

Department of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.

Data Management. SOW4414, Fall 2021

Department of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.

Data Management. SOW4414, Spring 2020

Department of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.

SERVICE

Journal Peer-Review

- Crime, Law, and Social Change; 2022

- Journal of Child Sexual Abuse; 2020
- Journal of Child Sexual Abuse; 2019
- Health and Social Care in the Community; 2019
- Children and Youth Services Review, and Child & Youth Care Forum; 2018

Conference/Panel Review & Organization

- Co-chair of the Scientific Committee for the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice; 2021-2022
Peer reviewer of conference proposal abstracts
- Co-chair of the Scientific Committee for the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice; reviewing conference proposal abstracts; 2019-2020
Peer reviewer of conference proposal abstracts

Community Service, Leadership, & Non-Profit Boards

- Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice- 2nd term elected Board Member
- Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice- 1st term elected Board Member
- American Society for Criminology- Member
- Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition- Member
- Florida Mental Health Institute- Affiliate Member
- Guardian ad Litem volunteer- 13th Judicial Circuit; August 2011- September 2014

University Service

- Governance Council; elected member; August 2021 to Present
- Facilitated workshops for graduate students and staff on quantitative data analysis using SPSS; June 2018 and October 2018
- Volunteer facilitator at the Undergraduate Research Colloquium; March 2015, March 2017, March 2018, March 2019

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Student Research Award; University of South Florida; 2018

Outstanding Criminology Ambassador; University of South Florida; 2015