

WHITNEY HARPER

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EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS

- Ph.D.** 2015 - Human Development Family Studies, Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, Michigan State University. (Dissertation Chair: Hiram E. Fitzgerald).
Harper, W. (2015). Examining onset and risk factors for alcohol use in African American and Caucasian middle school students: A survival analysis. Michigan State University, ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2015. 3738405.
- M.S.W.** 1998 - Social Work, Phi Alpha Honor Society, Grand Valley State University
B.S. 1993 – Psychology, Grand Valley State University

Certified Foster Care Coach, 2015-Current- Fostering Success Michigan
Certified Family Life Educator, 2009-Current- National Council on Family Relations
Social Work Certification, 2001- Current, Academy of Certified Social Workers
Licensed Clinical and Macro Social Worker, 2000 - Current, State of Michigan
Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist, 1998 – Current, National Acupuncture Detoxification Association
Certified Advanced Addictions Counselor, 1996 – Current, Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Western Kentucky University**, *Assistant Professor*, BSW Program, Regional Campus-Owensboro, KY, and Main Campus-Bowling Green, KY. 2015-Current
- Fall Semester 2015: SWRK: 345 Research Methods, SWRK: 395 Social Work Policy, SWRK 378 Groups Practice
 - Spring Semester 2016: SWRK: 345 Research Methods, SWRK 480/481 Field Seminar
 - Summer Semester 2016: SWRK 482/483 Field Seminar at Elizabethtown and Owensboro campuses
 - Fall Semester 2016: SWRK 345, 395, 378
 - Spring Semester 2017: SWRK 480/481, 395, 345
 - Summer Semester 2017: SWRK 101, 482/483
 - Fall Semester 2017: SWRK 345, 395, 378
 - Winter Semester 2018: SWRK 101
 - Spring Semester 2018: SWRK 379, 345, 480/481
 - Summer Semester 2018: SWRK 101, 205, 482/483, and SWRK 490: Opioid Epidemic
- Grand Rapids Community College**, *Associate Professor*, Grand Rapids, MI 2008-2015
- Tenure track faculty/Program Director of Student Support Services
 - Write and manage federal TRIO grant, King-Chavez-Parks Initiative grant
 - Maintain dataset on student metrics for TRiO grant objectives
 - Supervise advising staff, design and facilitate staff development programs

- Managed 2 mil budget, active BOC; participate in college-wide service: committees and functions
- Provide academic advising, assessment and case management to low income, first generation college students

Grand Rapids Community College, Adjunct Psychology Instructor, Grand Rapids, MI 2003-2015

- Three courses every fall, winter, and summer semesters; PY 232: Human Development, PY 233: Child Development, PY 234: Adolescent Development, PY 231: Abnormal Psychology and CLS 100: First Year Experience.
- Receive 4.8-5 out of 5 every semester from student evaluations
- 50-65% of students within classes take advantage of office hours; utilize blackboard for assignments, discussion boards and grades; access Service Learning Department for courses
- Utilize Early Alert for students who miss classes, assignments and are performing poorly
- Create instruction to facilitate learning for all learning styles and insure equity in the classroom

Michigan State University, Instructor on Record, Lansing, MI 2011-2012

- Developed curriculum for HDFS 345 Principles of Family Study, facilitated the course fall and spring semesters.

Grand Valley State University, Field Instructor, Grand Rapids, MI 2005-2008

- Faculty Instructor for the BSW and MSW programs at GVSU, fall, spring, and summer semesters

Grand Valley State University, Adjunct Instructor, Allendale, MI 2005

- Taught SW 340: Human Behavior in Social Environment course for BSW program
- Received 5 out of 5 from student evaluations at end of semester.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St. John's Home, Operations Consultant, Grand Rapids, MI 2008-2010

- Observe, report and implement changes in leadership structure, policy and programming for innovative Child Welfare pilot program (Academy Program); develop foster family intervention/training programs, report to SJH Board of Directors on progress; developed measures of success for database
- Provide team building events, train counseling staff, develop applications for the Academy model
- Implement policy for new hires, annual training, development evaluation tools

St. John's Home, Director of Discovery Program, Grand Rapids, MI 2005-2008

- Managed day-to-day operations, implement programming, market and develop annual business plans for adolescent and family day-treatment substance abuse program
- Nominated for *Business Review* "Innovative Business Award" (2006) for program development
- Program success in achieving 98% sobriety days and improving GPAs from 0.98 to 2.15 average
- Increased revenue by 35% in first year and in second year 70%; decreased deficit by 25% and increased fund development by 30%, negotiated contracts with area high schools, juvenile court and district court
- Created website with organic search engine optimization and database to track statistical measurements for definition of program success, developed and facilitated Community Advisory Board; obtained HIPAA compliance for billing insurances, and coordinated provider status with insurance companies

AOS of Arbor Circle, Lead Therapist/Director of Kentwood Program 2000-2005

- Developed Safe Schools, Healthy Students grant at local high school
- Acted as primary therapist for adolescent and family services with substance abuse and mental health concerns; facilitated individual, family sessions, developed and facilitated family programs, relapse prevention and intensive outpatient groups.
- Managed \$75,000 grant and implemented programming within all schools in Kentwood School District in last year of employment, implemented programming in school district, advised students.

Longford Care Unit, Adolescent and Family Lead Therapist 1998-2000

- Developed and implemented Intensive Outpatient Program for adolescent substance abusers.
- Developed and implemented Family Program for those with co-dependency issues, and a school program at Orion Sr/Jr High School to advise, educate and provide group therapy for substance abusing students and their parents
- Managed insurance authorizations, trained therapists, and provided clinical guidance

RESEARCH AWARDS/HONORS

National Substance Abuse Taskforce member for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), 2018-2019.

Reviewer for the Traumatology Journal, beginning 2018.

Article of the Year for 2017 from the Journal of Public Child Welfare. Article:

- Murphy, A., L., **Harper, W.**, Griffiths, A. G., & Joffrion, C. (2017). Family reunification: A systematic review of interventions designed to address co-occurring issues of child maltreatment and substance use. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 11(4-5), 413-432.

Reviewer for Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Annual Program Meeting Conference, 2017, 2018.

Research Poster Judge, Western Kentucky University-Student Research Conference, 2018, 2019.

INTERVIEWS

- Johnson, Whitney. (2007, February). *What parents can do when their teen uses drugs*. Invited as expert, GRTV *Focus on Issues*, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Nowinski, Joseph. (2007, October). Used and personally assisted in developing Discovery Program discussed throughout entire book. *The Identity Trap*.
- Simpson, Mark. (2007, May). Discovery program was showcased in “Discovery Phase” article. *Journal Inquirer*.
- Peck, Nathan. (2006, March). Interviewed for *Families not alone when dealing with teen addicts* (p. 5). Grand Rapids Advance.
- Johnson, Whitney. (2006, May). *Teen substance abuse*. Invited as expert, GRTV *Focus on Issues*, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Johnson, Whitney. (2003, May). *College binge drinking*. Invited as expert to discuss topic and answer viewer’s questions. *WGVU Family Health Matters*, Allendale, MI.
- Johnson, Whitney. (2002, April). *Alcoholism*. Invited as expert to discuss topic and answer questions. *WGVU Family Health Matters*, Allendale, MI.

- Johnson, Whitney. (2002, October). *Addiction and treatment options*. Interviewed by the Director of Adolescent Psychiatric Services at Pine Rest, GVSU Radio (Allendale, MI).
- Finch Hamilton, Terri. (2001, December). Interviewed for question and answer section on signs of adolescent drug use. *Drug Use Not Just Part of Growing Up* (Front Page, Section J). Grand Rapids Press.

TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

- Harper, Whitney (2017). *SBIRT: Training for Applied Health Education*.
- Harper, Whitney, Sullivan, Dana (2016-2017). *SBIRT: Training for BSW and nursing students*. Presenter at Western Kentucky University, College of Health and Human Sciences.
- Harper, Whitney (2014). *Successful Peer Mentor Programs on College Campuses*. Presenter at Michigan Community College Student Services Association Fall Conference at Bay Harbor Inn.
- Harper, Whitney (2014). *Retention and Persistence*. Presenter at Michigan College Access Programs and Personnel Annual Conference at Boyne Highlands.
- Harper, Whitney (2013). *Alcohol and Marijuana Use on Campuses*. Campus presentation at Grand Rapids Community College.
- Harper, Whitney (2013). *Transfer Shock*. Campus presentation at Grand Rapids Community College.
- Harper, Whitney (2012). *Outcomes of TRIO/Student Support Services*. Learning Day at Grand Rapids Community College.]
- Harper, Whitney (2011). *Successful Partnerships with 4 year institutions*. Equity in the Classroom 21st Annual conference at Michigan Technological University.
- Harper, Whitney (2010). *Transfer Shock*. Campus presentation at Grand Rapids Community College.
- Harper, Whitney (2010). *Retention and Persistence*. Department meeting at Grand Rapids Community College.
- Johnson, Whitney. (2008, May). *Talking to parents with struggling teens; signs and symptoms of substance abuse and treatment options*. Presented to hospital staff and therapists, Forest View Hospital, Grand Rapids, MI. Peer Reviewed
- Johnson, Whitney. (2007, December). *Discovery Program for substance abusing teens and signs of use*. Presented to student assessment team, Northview High School, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Johnson, Whitney. (2007, November). *Helping parents understand teen drug use*. Present at parent's night, Catholic Central High School, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Johnson, Whitney. (2006, October). *Signs and symptoms of teen drug abuse*. Presented to 50-100 principles, teachers, counselors, and coaches, Kent Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids, MI.

PEER REVIEWED PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Harper, W., Murphy, A. L., & Griffiths, A. G. (2017). Family reunification: A systematic review of interventions designed to address co-occurring issues of child maltreatment and substance use. *Annual Program Meeting National Conference*, Dallas, TX.

Murphy, A. L., Griffiths, A. G., & **Harper, W.** (2017). Child sexual abuse and the impact of rurality on foster care outcomes. *Annual Program Meeting National Conference*, Dallas, TX.

Harper, W., & Funge, S. P. (2017). Social work education at branch campuses: The faculty experience. *Ethnography and Qualitative Research National Conference*, Las Vegas, NV.

Harper, W., & Sullivan, D. J. (2017). Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment: Collaboration to Implement Evidence-Based Practice. *The Association of Baccalaureate*

Program Directors National Conference, New Orleans, LA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Harper, W. (2018). Social work education at branch campuses: The faculty experience. *National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) National Conference*, San Diego, CA.

Adkins, C & **Harper, W.** (2018). Success of Public Child Welfare Certification Program. *The 2018 NASW National Conference*, Washington DC.

Harper, W. (2014). Alcohol Use Differences Among African American and White Middle School Students: Survival Analysis in identifying multiple risk factors for alcohol use. *Michigan State University Graduate School National Conference*, Lansing, MI.

Harper, W. (2011). Ecological Perspective on Adolescent Substance Use and Racial Differences, *National Council on Family Relations*, Phoenix, AZ.

Harper, W. (2011). Commitment Motivation in Couples. *Ethnographic Qualitative Research Conference*, Cedarville. OH.

Harper, W. (2009). Maximizing Educational Opportunities for Youth in Care (MEOYC). *Michigan State University Graduate School National Conference*, Lansing, MI.

FACULTY SUPPORTED STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Gregory, J., Coker, R., Pedigo, H., Miller, S., & **Harper, W.** (2019). Amending HB 40 to Remove Barriers for the Restoration of Rights of Felons. *Western Kentucky University Student Research Conference*. Bowling Green, KY.

Adkins, C. & **Harper, W.** (2018). Success of Public Child Welfare Certification Program. *Western Kentucky University Student Research Conference*. Bowling Green, KY.

Adkins, C., Treon, J., & **Harper, W.** (2017). Effects on Foster Care Independent Living Programs for Aging Out Youth. *Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators Annual Conference*, Lexington, KY.

Bowman, S., & Minto, K., & **Harper, W.** (2017). Summer Feeding Programs: An Approach to Decrease Childhood Food Insecurity. *Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators Annual Conference*, Lexington, KY.

Granzow, B., Gomez, J., & **Harper, W.** (2017). Hate Crimes Against Sexual Orientation. *Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators Annual Conference*, Lexington, KY.

Hudson, K. & **Harper, W.** (2017). Interfamilial Sexual Abuse: Effects on Social Functioning. *Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators Annual Conference*, Lexington, KY.

Moore, L. & **Harper, W.** (2017). Standing in the Way: Criminalizing Homelessness. *Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators Annual Conference*, Lexington, KY.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- Griffiths, A., Murphy, A., & **Harper, W.** (2017). Child sexual abuse and the impact of rurality on foster care outcomes: An exploratory analysis. *Child Welfare*, 95(1), 57-76.
- Murphy, A., L., **Harper, W.**, Griffiths, A. G., & Joffrion, C. (2017). Family reunification: A systematic review of interventions designed to address co-occurring issues of child maltreatment and substance use. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 11(4-5), 413-432.
- Funge, S. P., Owens, L. W., Sullivan, D. J., & **Harper, W.** (2017). Branch campuses: Extending the reach of social work education. *Journal of Social Work Education. IN PRESS*
- Harper, W.**, Owens, L. W., Sullivan, D. J., & Funge, S. P. (2017). Social work education at branch campuses: The faculty experience. *National Association of Branch Campus Administrators*, 3 (1), 1-15.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- Griffiths, A., Murphy, A., Desrosiers, P., Harper, W., & Royse, D. (Revise and resubmit). *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.
- Griffiths, A., **Harper, W.**, Desrosiers, P., Murphy, A., & Royse, D. (Revise and resubmit). The Stress is Indescribable: Self-Reported Health Implications from Child Welfare Supervisors. *The Clinical Supervisor*.
- Sullivan, D., and **Harper, W.** (Under review). An Inter-Disciplinary Approach to Preparing Social Work Practitioners to Utilize SBIRT. *Journal of Social Work Practice in Addictions*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Adkins, C. & **Harper, W.** (2018). Success of Public Child Welfare Certification Program. Western Kentucky University.
- Griffiths, A., Murphy, A., & **Harper, W.** (2018). Health detriments of front line social workers in protection and permanency.
- Sullivan, D., and **Harper, W.** (2017). Preparing undergraduate social work students to assess for alcohol and drug abuse risk using SBIRT.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Harper, W.** (2018). Quick Turn-Around Grant. \$1000. *Western Kentucky University*.
- Harper, W.** (2017). Success of Public Child Welfare Certification Program. *Faculty Undergraduate Student Research*, \$3000. Western Kentucky University.

SERVICE GRANTS

Student Support Services Federal TRiO Grant, Grand Rapids Community College 2008-2015

- Primary researcher and re-writer. Conducted surveys, analyzed survey data, set benchmarks and developed budget for this \$2 million funding/5 year cycle.

Grant Proposals, *St. John's Home* 2005-2008

- Assisted with researching and writing grant proposals, which resulted in \$10,000 in 2006, 2007, and 2008 from Baldwin Foundation (2006-2008); \$15,000 in 2006, \$8,000 in 2007, and \$5,000 in 2008 from Grand Rapids Community Foundation; \$18,000 in 2006 and 2007 from GRCF Social Ventures; \$25,000 in 2006 and \$50,000 in 2007 from Hanley Foundation; \$10,000 in 2006 and 2007 from Steelcase Foundation; and \$15,000 in 2007 from Wege Foundation

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

MSW Assistant Professor Search Chair	2017-2018
WKU Student Research Conference, Judge	2016-2018
CHHS Homecoming Committee	2017-Current
CHHS Strategic Planning: Interdisciplinary Faculty Collaborations	2016-Current
Faculty Welfare Regional Campus Representative	2016-2017
Admissions Committee for BSW Program	2015-Current
Strategic Planning Committee-Owensboro	2015-Current
CHHS Banquet Committee	2015-Current
Recruiter at Owensboro Community and Technical College	2015-Current
Social Work Student Union, <i>Advisor</i>, WKU-Owensboro, KY	2015-Current

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

St. Benedicts Shelter, <i>SWSU organized collected supplies needed at the shelter.</i>	2016- Current
Social Work Lobby Day, <i>Organized and accompanied WKU-O students to Frankfort</i>	2016-Current
Habitat for Humanity, <i>Organized presentation for Social Work Student Union (SWSU)</i>	2016-Current
Audubon Refugee Program, <i>Organized presentation for SWSU</i>	2015-Current
Pitino Shelter, <i>Organized presentation for SWSU</i>	2015-Current
New Beginnings, <i>Organized/facilitated all fundraisers.</i>	2015-Current

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Owensboro Community and Technical College, <i>Advisory Board Member</i>	2017-Current
New Beginnings, <i>Officer Secretary and External Committee</i>, Owensboro, KY	2016-Current

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Council on Social Work Education (2015-Present)
 Assoc. of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (2015-Present)
 Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (2016-Present)
 Kappa Omicron Nu National Honor Society (2010-Present)
 National Council on Family Relations (2009-Present)
 Fostering Success Michigan (2008-Present)
 Council on Opportunity for Education (2007-Present)

National Association of Social Workers (1998-Present)
Michigan College Access Programs and Personnel (2007 –Present)
National Association of Social Workers (1998-Present)