



Monday Memo – September 14, 2015

Grants

- Warren Ferguson is the principal investigator for two new scientific meeting grants from the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) to advance evidence based practices for prison inmates. Four states will participate in an Implementation Science breakthrough collaborative to advance evidence based practices for substance abuse treatment and for hepatitis C over the next 4 years. The NIDA grant provides \$25,000 per year for 4 years and the AHRQ grant provides \$35,000 per year for 3 years of funding for these projects.

- From the Kidsteps II project:

Please welcome our new post-doctoral fellow, Dr. Yeonsoo Yoo. She received her PhD in Human Development and Family Studies from UConn in 2014 and holds a Certificate in Quantitative Methods. Her research has involved studies of infant, preschool and youth interventions, including Head Start. Her dissertation used latent profile analysis to examine family factors in child emotion regulation. She will be full time until the end of the Kidsteps study and will help us with field observations, teacher training, and data analysis. She is currently located in Room A3-222 but will be relocating to Room A3-202 at the end of September.

Dr. Anthoula Poulakos, who has been our post-doctoral fellow for the last 18 months, will be leaving us in September to accept a new position with the State of California Department of Public Social Services as a Research Analyst in the Research Analytic and Decision Support Unit, County of Riverside. This department oversees child care, child protection, health and other human services programs and evaluates program outcomes and prepares policy reports for county and state government. Congratulations to Annie who is moving on in her career path!

Also check out our new website for the program linked to the DFMCH research web page:

<http://www.umassmed.edu/fmch/research/kidsteps-ii/>

Clinical news

- Having been the first of our practices to receive NCQA Level 3 certification, the Barre Health Center is now the first to apply for recertification. Barre is the first practice in the system to submit under the new 2014 NCQA PCMH standards which include assessment of behavioral health integration, and care management for high need populations.

Presentations

- On September 2 at NIH in Washington, DC, Ron Adler and Steve Martin presented a workshop called “Think before you "Pink:" Launching a Social Movement to Re-Design Cancer Screening Campaigns” at the Preventing Overdiagnosis Conference, hosted by the National Cancer Institute and the University of Oxford.