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EDUCATION

2009	Ph.D.	Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2001	M.S.W.	Columbia University
2001	M.P.A.	Columbia University
1994	B.A.	Social Sciences Interdisciplinary, State University of New York at Stony Brook

RESEARCH FOCUS

- Alternatives to incarceration
- Parenting, family separation, and reunification during incarceration and reentry
- Program evaluation of jail- and prison-based parenting interventions
- Incarceration, child support, and family financial stability
- Health equity for unhoused families and medical respite care

TEACHING INTERESTS

Mass incarceration and the family
Practice with communities and organizations
Program evaluation

POSITIONS HELD

2024–present	**Associate Professor (with tenure),** Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2023–2024	**Interim Chair,** PhD Program in Social Welfare, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2017–2024	**Assistant Professor,** Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2026–present	**Faculty Affiliate,** Center for Healthy Minds, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2021–present	**Faculty Affiliate,** Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, University of Notre Dame
2019–present	**Faculty Affiliate,** Center for Law, Society and Justice, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2017–present	**Faculty Affiliate,** Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2012–2017	**Research Scientist**, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
2011–2017	**Adjunct Lecturer**, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
2012–2015	**Project Director,** School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago *California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study*
2011–2012	**Researcher**, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago
2009–2011	**Research Assistant Professor**, School of Social Work, UNC at Chapel Hill
2003–2008	**Graduate Research Assistant**, School of Social Work, UNC at Chapel Hill
2002–2003	**Director of Development,** Association to Benefit Children, New York, NY
2001–2002	**Director of Program Development**, Association to Benefit Children, New York, NY
2000–2001	**Social Work Intern**, Association to Benefit Children, New York, NY
1998–1999	**Social Work Intern**, Manhattan Psychiatric Center, New York, NY

SPECIAL HONORS AND AWARDS

2026	University of Wisconsin-Madison Teaching and Learning AI Fellow
2024	University of Wisconsin-Madison Exceptional Service Support Program Award
2024	Dan and Deb Meyer Family Policy Research and Dissemination Fund
2022–2025	Article "Parenting and Incarceration: Perspectives on Father-Child Involvement during Reentry from Prison" is one of the four most read papers in *Social Service Review* (three consecutive years)
2022	University of Wisconsin-Madison Award for Mentoring Undergraduates in Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities
2019–2024	UW-Madison Travel Award, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education (four awards)
2016	Fellow of the Society for Social Work and Research
2013–2018	NIH Pediatric Research Loan Repayment Program Awardee
2012	NIH Summer Institute on Social and Behavioral Intervention Research
2012	Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference Emerging Scholars Award
2008	ICPSR Using Secondary Data for Analysis of Marriage and Family Travel Award
2007	UNC at Chapel Hill John Turner Dissertation Fellowship
2007	UNC at Chapel Hill Graduate Education Advancement Board's Recognition Award
2006–2007	UNC at Chapel Hill Travel Award
2006	Population Association of America Blue Ribbon Award
2005	UNC at Chapel Hill Outstanding Doctoral Student in Social Work Award
2004	UNC at Chapel Hill Graduate School Transportation Grant
2004	Columbia University Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Workshop Travel Award
2000–2001	Columbia University Public Affairs Fellowship

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

† graduate student co-author

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

37. Kuo, W., Pecanac, K. E., Tung, E., **Charles, P.,** Chen, C. C., & Lauver, D. R. (in press). Is it still evidence-based nursing if it's retrieved and synthesized by AI? Rethinking doctoral education in the age of AI. *Journal of Nursing Education.*

36. Applegarth, M., & **Charles, P.** (2026). Preparing social work students for engagement with the criminal legal system. *Journal of Forensic Social Work, 10*(1), 4-19. https://journals.shareok.org/jofsw/ojs/jofsw/article/view/198

35. Meyer, D., **Charles, P.,** Landrum, G.†, & Kim, Y.† (2026). Paternal incarceration and child support: Fathers' formal and informal financial contributions. *Social Service Review, 100*(3), 489-531. https://doi.org/10.1086/741457

34. **Charles, P.,** Buck, J.†, & Harty, J. (2025). Alternatives to incarceration for adults in the criminal legal system: A scoping review protocol. *British Medical Journal (BMJ) Open. 15*(11), 1-7. https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12645624/pdf/bmjopen-15-11.pdf

33. Zhao, Q., Dong, B., & **Charles, P.** (2025). Motherhood status and mental health disparities among justice-involved women: A nationally representative study. *Feminist Criminology.* Advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851251326603

32. Harty, J., Walsh, T., Lee, S., Pate, D., & **Charles, P.** (2025). The institutional web: Fathers of color navigating child welfare and intersecting systems. *Child Welfare, 102*(5), 185-211. https://www.jstor.org/stable/48815030

31. Fanning, K., Kerr, M., **Charles, P.**, & Poehlmann, J. (2025). Families' experiences of housing and housing supports within the context of parental incarceration. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy, 25*(1), e12444. https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12444

30. Kerr, M., **Charles, P.,** Pritzl, K.†, Jensen, S.†, Krishnan, C. A.†, Ylizaliturri, V.†, & Poehlmann, J. (2024). Enhancing remote parent-child video visits during parental incarceration using IMMERSIVE, a brief mindful relational savoring intervention. *Mindfulness,* 15, 3080-3094. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12671-024-02415-5

29. McLeod, B, **Charles, P**., Gottlieb, A., & Muentner, L. (2024). Father-child contact during prison and its association with fathers' parenting self-efficacy. *Families in Society, 106*(1), 195-212. https://doi.org/10.1177/10443894231220411

28. **Charles, P.**, Muentner, L., Grade, G.†, & Eddy, J. M. (2023). Assessment of feasibility and acceptability of The Pathways for Parents after Incarceration Program. *Family & Community Health, 46,* S52-S65. https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12995556/

27. Katz, C., Okpych, N., **Charles, P**., Wall, E.†, & Courtney, M. (2023). Prevalence and predictors of intimate partner violence among youth with foster care histories. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 38*(19-20), 10611-10639. https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231175910

26. **Charles, P.**, Poehlmann, J., Kerr, M., Jensen, S.†, & Pritzl, K.† (2023). Supported remote video visits for children with incarcerated parents in the United States. *Current Issues in Criminal Justice, 35*(4), 473-493. https://doi.org/10.1080/10345329.2023.2209302

25. **Charles, P.**, Muentner, L., Gottlieb, A., & Eddy, J. M., (2023). Parent-child contact during parental incarceration: Predictors of involvement among resident and nonresident parents following release from prison. *Social Service Review, 97*(1), 169-213. https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/723450

24. Muentner, L., & **Charles, P.** (2022). Family reunification after fathers are released from prison: Perspectives on children's adjustment. *Family Relations, 73*(3), 1068-1087. https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10424776/pdf/nihms-1822529.pdf

23. **Charles, P.,** Muentner, L., Jensen, S.†, Packard, C.†, Haimson, C.†, Eason, J., & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2022). Incarcerated during a pandemic: Implications of COVID-19 for jailed individuals and their families. *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research, 7*(5), 357-368. https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2021.2011803

22. **Charles, P**., Frankham, E.†, Garthe, R., Visher, C., Kay, A.† (2021). Father involvement in the first year after prison: Considerations for social work. *Research on Social Work Practice, 31*(8), 797-813. https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315211022806

21. **Charles, P.,** Kerr, M., Wirth, J.†, Jensen, S.†, Massoglia, M., & Poehlmann-Tynan (2021). Lessons from the field: Developing and implementing an intervention for jailed parents and their children. *Family Relations*, *70*(1), 171-178. https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12524

20. Gottlieb, A., **Charles, P.**, Branden, A., Kjellstrand, J., & Bonsu, J.† (2020). Were California's decarceration efforts smart? A quasi-experimental examination of race, ethnicity, and gender disparities. *Criminal Justice and Behavior, 48*(1), 116-134. https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854820923384

19. Muentner, L.†, & **Charles, P.** (2020). A qualitative exploration of reentry service needs: The case of fathers returning from prison. *Child and Family Social Work, 25*(S1), 63-72. https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9718570/pdf/nihms-1064735.pdf

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17. **Charles, P.**, Gorman-Smith, D., Schoeny, M., Sudec, L.†, Tolan, P., & Henry, D. (2018). Fathers' criminal behavior and involvement with children: The moderating role of family relationships. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research, 9*(1), 131-157. https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC6188635/pdf/nihms959399.pdf

16. **Charles, P.,** Spielfogel, J.†, Gorman-Smith, D., Schoeny, M., Henry, D., & Tolan, P. (2018). Disagreement in parental reports of father involvement. *Journal of Family Issues, 39*(2), 328-351. https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5837067/pdf/nihms787146.pdf

15. **Charles, P.,** Gorman-Smith, D., & Jones, A. (2016). Designing an intervention to promote child development among fathers with antisocial behavior. *Research on Social Work Practice, 26*(1), 20–27. http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/1049731515580440

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13. **Charles, P.,** Jones, A., & Guo, S. (2014). Treatment effects of a relationship-strengthening intervention for economically disadvantaged new parents. *Research on Social Work Practice, 24*(3), 321–338. http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/1049731513497803

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10. Grinstein-Weiss, M., **Charles, P.**, Guo, S., Manturuk, K., & Key, C.† (2011). The effect of marital status on homeownership among low-income households. *Social Service Review, 85*(3), 475–503. http://dx.doi.org/10.1086/662166

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8. Grinstein-Weiss, M., Edwards, K., **Charles, P.,** & Wagner, K. (2008). Adoption of a policy innovation: The case of individual development accounts (IDAs). *Journal of Policy Practice*, *8*(1), 34–53. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15588740802282383

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6. **Charles, P.,** & Perreira, K. M. (2007). Intimate partner violence during pregnancy and 1-year post-partum. *Journal of Family Violence, 22*, 609–619. http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10896-007-9112-0

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Book Chapters

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2. Kerr, M., **Charles, P.**, Massoglia, M., Jensen, S.†, Wirth, J.†, Fanning, K.†, Holden, K., & Poehlmann-Tynan (2022). Development and implementation of an attachment-based intervention to enhance visits between children and their incarcerated parents. In N. Rodriguez & J. Krysik (Ed.). *Children of incarcerated parents: Integrating research into best practices and policy* (1st ed.). Springer. https://link-springer-com.ezproxy.library.wisc.edu/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-84713-5_7

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Research & Other Scholarly Papers, Reports, and Briefs

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24. **Charles, P.,** Grekov, P., Grupe, D., Heyrman, A., Muentner, L., & Shlafer, R. (2026). *Parenting Inside Out (PIO-24): An evaluation of a jail-based parenting program* [Research to Practice Brief]. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin-Madison. https://fwjlab.socwork.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/476/2026/09/PIO-24-Research-Brief.pdf

23. **Charles, P.** (2026). *A roadmap to research: Preventing criminal justice involvement among parents and caregivers.* [Report]. https://fwjlab.socwork.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/476/2026/09/A-Roadmap-to-Research_Charles-2025_9.9.26-Final.pdf

22. Pate, D., Shager, H., **Charles, P.,** Ybarra, M., Hostetter, L., Koenig, J., Landrum, G., & Wesela, S. (2025). *The feasibility study: An exploration of Wisconsin's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program* [Report]. Madison, WI: Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

21. **Charles, P.,** Ylizaliturri, V., Poehlmann, J., Davis, R., Grekov, P., & Buck, J. (2025). *Building reading and relationships with justice-involved families: Findings from an evaluation of Making Reading Memories* [Brief]. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin-Madison. https://fwjlab.socwork.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/476/2026/06/Making-Reading-Memories.pdf

20. **Charles, P.**, & Grekov, P. (2025). *Supporting parents and children during incarceration: Evaluation of the Parenting Inside Out program in Wisconsin state prisons* [Brief]. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin-Madison. https://fwjlab.socwork.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/476/2026/06/Supporting-Parents-and-Children-During-Incarceration.pdf

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18. Jensen, S., **Charles, P.**, & Coker, E. (2023). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children: An implementation toolkit for Parenting Inside Out in prisons* [Report]. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin-Madison. https://fwjlab.socwork.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/476/2026/06/Supporting-Parents-and-Children-During-Incarceration.pdf

17. *Jensen, S., Pritzl, K., **Charles, P.,** Kerr, M., & Poehlmann, J. (2023). Improving communication access for children with incarcerated parents. *Contexts: Sociology for the Public*, *22* (1), 76-77. https://doi.org/10.1177/15365042221142847

16. *Holden, K., Zhao, Y., **Charles, P.**, Fanning, K., Jensen, S., Kerr, M., Massoglia, M., Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2021). Financial characteristics and stress of parents in jail: Investigating parent's incarceration and family financial stress and practices. *Proceedings of the American Council on Consumer Interests Annual Meeting, 67,* 1-10. https://www.consumerinterests.org/assets/docs/CIA/CIA2021/HoldenKarenCIA2021.pdf

15. *Jones, A., & **Charles, P.** (2016). A relationship strengthening intervention with low-resourced new parents: The journey from a randomized controlled trial to a quasi-experimental design and lessons learned along the way. In *SAGE Research Methods Cases Part 2*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781473994621

14. Courtney, M. E., Okpych, N. J., **Charles, P.**, Mikell, D., Stevenson, B., Park, K., Kindle, B., Harty, J., & Feng. H. (2016). *Findings from the California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CalYOUTH): Conditions of youth at age 19* [Report]. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/CY_YT_RE0516.pdf

13. Gorman-Smith, D., Sudec, L., & **Charles, P.** (2015). *Program evaluation of YMCA professional development activities: A final report* [Report]. Chicago, IL: Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention, University of Chicago.

12. Courtney, M., & **Charles, P.** (2015). *Mental health and substance use problems and service utilization by transition-age foster youth: Early findings from CalYOUTH* [Discussion paper]. Chicago. IL: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. https://calswec.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/calyouth_early_findings_of_mh_and_sa_may_2015.pdf

11. Courtney, M., **Charles, P.**, Okpych, N., Napolitano, L., & Halstead, K. (2014). *Findings from the California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CalYOUTH): Conditions of foster youth at age 17* [Report]. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/CY_YT_RE1214-1.pdf

10. Courtney, M., **Charles, P.**, Okpych, N., & Halstead, K. (2014). *California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CalYOUTH): Early findings from the child welfare worker survey* [Report]. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/CY_CW_RE1214.pdf

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8. Jones, A., & **Charles, P.** (2010). *Performance progress report: Strong Couples-Strong Children semi-annual report #7, April 2010* [Project progress report prepared for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, Healthy Marriage Programs]. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work.

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6. **Charles, P.** (2008). *Program evaluation initiative: Year six survey results* [Report prepared for The Catholic Big Sisters & Big Brothers of New York City, Inc.].

5. Orthner, D., Akos, P., **Charles, P.**, & Cooley, V. (2007). *Implementation evaluation of CareerStart: A school and career engagement strategy for lifting children from poverty.* [Report prepared for the U.S. Department of Justice]. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work and School of Education.

4. Duncan, D. F., & **Charles, P.** (2004). *The five-year time limit after 30 months: Who is being forced off TANF?* [Report]. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work, Jordan Institute for Families.

3. Orthner, D., Jones, A., & **Charles, P.** (2004). *Building couple relationships among low-income families* [Report prepared for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services]. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work, Jordan Institute for Families.

2. Orthner, D., Jones, A., & **Charles, P.** (2004). *Understanding couple relationship barriers and programmatic needs: A summary report of North Carolina focus groups* [Report prepared for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services]. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work, Jordan Institute for Families.

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Encyclopedia Entries, Book Reviews, & Editorials

3. **Charles, P.** (2014). Diversity of family structure. In L.H. Cousins (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of human services and diversity* (Vol.2). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. https://sk.sagepub.com/ency/edvol/encyclopedia-of-human-services-and-diversity/chpt/family-structure-diversity

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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

3. **Charles, P.**, Grekov, P.†, Grupe, D. W., Heyrman, A.†, Hoekstra, A., Muentner, L., & Shlafer, R. (revise and resubmit). *Parenting Inside Out (PIO): Findings from a multi-site evaluation of a jail-based parenting program.*

2. **Charles, P.**, Lipaz, J., & Buck, J.† (in progress). *Participant collaboration in qualitative social work research: Development of the post-interview validity check.*

1. **Charles, P.**, Muentner, L., McLeod, B., & Pritzl, K.† (in progress). *Variation in residential and non-residential father involvement after prison: The influence of in-prison child contact*.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

04/2026 – 06/2029 *Achieving Health Equity for Unhoused Parents and Children In Need of Medical Respite Shelter*
Wisconsin Partnership Program, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health ($499,993)
Role: **Co-Principal Investigator/Academic Partner**
Co-Principal Investigator: Linda Ketcham, Community Partner

06/2025 – 06/2027 *Child-Friendly Visits in the Dane County Jail*
Facilitating Community-Based Research Partnerships in Wisconsin, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Wisconsin-Madison ($10,000)
Role: **Co-Principal Investigator**
Co-Principal Investigator: Julie Poehlmann

06/2025 – 06/2026 *Bridging the Gap: Fostering University-Community Partnerships to Advance Criminal Justice Research*
Evjue Foundation, *The Capital Times* ($8,000)
Role: **Co-Principal Investigator**
Co-Principal Investigators: Dan Grupe, Rosemary Russ

12/2024 – 11/2027 *Community-Engaged Research to Promote Mental Health and Successful Reentry Outcomes Following Incarceration*
National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, (1R34MH138711-01, $699,750).
Principal Investigator: Daniel Grupe
Role: **Co-Investigator**

12/2024 – 11/2026 *Developing the Next Wave of an Employment-focused Program for Noncustodial Parents*
Child Support Policy Research Agreement, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families ($400,134)
Principal Investigator: Hilary Shager
Role: **Co-Investigator**

11/2024 – 06/2025 *Parenting from Jail: Evaluation of Parenting Inside Out in Two Midwestern States*
Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board ($60,000)
Role: **Principal Investigator**

05/2024 – 06/2025 *Department of Workforce Development Feasibility Study*
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Division of Employment and Training ($500,000)
Principal Investigator: David Pate
Role: **Co-Investigator**

03/2024 – 02/2025 *Where Do the Babies Go? Infants of Incarcerated Mothers and their Caregivers*
ICTR Collaborative Health Equity Research Award, Institute for Clinical and Translational Research and the Wisconsin Partnership Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison ($74,880)
Principal Investigator: Jill Denson
Role: **Co-Investigator**

12/2023 – 02/2025 *A Task-Sharing Approach to Supporting Parents Reentering the Community after Incarceration*
Institute of Translational Health Sciences, University of Washington ($49,716)
Principal Investigator: Liliana Lengua
Role: **Co-Investigator**

10/2023 – 09/2026 *Washington State Department of Corrections Parenting Sentencing Alternative Program*
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention ($287,762)
Principal Investigator: Liliana Lengua
Role: **Co-Investigator**

08/2023 – 07/2024 *Community-engaged Adaptation of a Well-being Intervention to Support Successful Reentry Following Incarceration*

ICTR Collaborative Health Equity Research Award, Institute for Clinical and Translational Research and the Wisconsin Partnership Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison ($74,937)
Principal Investigator: Daniel Grupe
Role: **Co-Investigator**

07/2023 – 06/2024 *Building Bonds with Books during Parental Incarceration: Expansion of the Evaluation of the Making Reading Memories Program*
University of Wisconsin-Madison UW Division of Extension & School of Human Ecology ($45,267)
Role: **Principal Investigator**

11/2022 – 6/2024 *Incarceration, Child Support, and Family Relationships*
Child Support Policy Research Agreement, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families ($182,781)
Co-Principal Investigator: Dan Meyer
Role: **Co-Principal Investigator**

07/2022 – 06/2024 *Building Reading and Relationships with Justice-Involved Families*
Wisconsin Idea Collaboration Grant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension and Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation ($59,898)
Role: **Principal Investigator**

07/2022 – 06/2023 *Supporting Families and Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect*
Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board ($64,275)
Role: **Principal Investigator**

07/2022 – 06/2023 *Impact Evaluation of The Fathers and Families Support Center*
Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, University of Notre Dame ($30,000)
Co-Principal Investigator: William Evans
Role: **Co-Principal Investigator**

07/2021 – 06/2022 *Impact Evaluation of The Fathers and Families Support Center*
Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, University of Notre Dame ($28,616).
Co-Principal Investigator: William Evans
Role: **Co-Principal Investigator**

09/2021 – 08/2022 *Enhanced Visits Intervention to Reduce Recidivism for Incarcerated Parents*
Fall Competition, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison ($48,273)
Principal Investigator: Julie Poehlmann-Tynan
Role: **Co-Investigator**

07/2020 – 06/2022 *Supporting Parent-Child Connections During Prison in Wisconsin*
Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board ($73,529)
Role: **Principal Investigator**

09/2020 – 08/2021 *Building Reflective Functioning, Cohesion, and Flexibility in Families with Incarcerated Parents Through Supported Visits*

National Council on Family Relations Olson Grant ($10,000)
Principal Investigator: Julie Poehlmann-Tynan
Role: **Co-Investigator**

09/2020 – 08/2021 *Parenting Connections for Incarcerated Mothers: Strategies to Support Program Implementation and Measure Success*
4W Women and Wellbeing in Wisconsin & the World; UW Women's Philanthropy Council, University of Wisconsin-Madison ($7,500).
Role: **Principal Investigator**

07/2018 – 06/2021 *Improving Outcomes for Incarcerated Parents and Their Children Through Enhanced Jail Visits*
UW2020 WARF Discovery Initiative Award; Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison ($348,451).
Principal Investigator: Julie Poehlmann-Tynan
Role: **Co-Investigator**

07/2018 – 06/2019 *Factors Associated with Father-Child Relationships During Reentry from Prison*
Fall Competition, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison ($26,814).
Role: **Principal Investigator**

08/2015 – 05/2022 *Promoting Healthy Development Among Children of Fathers with Antisocial Behavior*
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, National Institutes of Health, Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00); (1K99HD081273-01A1, $211,738; 5R00HD81273-05, $741,980).
Role: **Principal Investigator**

03/2013 – 02/2014 *Evaluation of the Catholic Big Sisters Big Brothers Mentoring Program*
The Catholic Big Sisters & Big Brothers of New York City, Inc. ($5,000).
Role: **Principal Investigator**

11/2010 – 06/2011 *The Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Initiative: Experiences of Marriage Enhancement and Skills Training Programs for Low-Income Married Couples*
ICF, International ($45,000).
Role: **Principal Investigator**

01/2010 – 03/2012 *Supporting At-Risk Youth: The Catholic Big Sisters Big Brothers Evaluation Study*
The Catholic Big Sisters & Big Brothers of New York City, Inc. ($10,000).
Role: **Principal Investigator**

10/2006 – 09/2011 *Using a Relationship Skills Intervention to Strengthen Newly Forming Families*
US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ($2,500,000).
Principal Investigator: Anne Jones
Role: **Co-Principal Investigator** (Yrs 4-5 of the study)

06/2009 – 04/2010 *Does Homeownership Affect Relationship Stability? Evidence from an Event History Analysis*
National Center for Family & Marriage Research ($20,000).

Principal Investigator: Michael Grinstein-Weiss
Role: **Co-Principal Investigator**

01/2008 – 08/2008 *Program Evaluation Initiative – Year 6 Survey Results*
The Catholic Big Sisters & Big Brothers of New York City, Inc. ($7,500)
Role: **Principal Investigator**

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

80. **Charles, P.,** Grekov, P., Grupe, D., Heyrman, A., Hoekstra, A., Muentner, L., & Shlafer, R. (2027, January). *Parenting from jail: An evaluation of the PIO-24 program for incarcerated parents.* Society for Social Work and Research 2027 Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

79. Grupe, D. W., Alonso, C., **Charles, P.,** Hicks, A., Mejchar, D., Reese, K., & Wilson-Mendenhall, C. (2025, June). *Introducing mindfulness practices after incarceration: Considerations from community members with lived experiences.* Society for Community Research and Action, East Lansing, MI.

78. Shlafer, R., Hoekstra, A., **Charles, P.,** Grekov, P., Muentner, L., & Grupe, D. W. (2025, April). *Parenting Inside Out in jail settings: Research findings and programming lessons from two midwestern states.* 7th Annual National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

77. Pritzl, K., Krishnan, C. A., Geyik, A., Kahya, O., Hoekstra, A., **Charles, P.,** & Poehlmann, J. (2025, August). *Hugs and kisses: Child-friendly visits during incarceration and the importance of physical touch* [Poster Presentation]. 2025 American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO.

76. Ylizaliturri, V., **Charles, P.,** Shlafer, R., Hoekstra, A., Pritzl, K., & Poehlmann, J. (2025, April). *Building bridges behind bars: Findings from an evaluation of Making Reading Memories.* 7th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

75. Eddy, J. M., **Charles, P.,** Mays, K., Poehlmann, J., Underwood, E., & Willis, T. (2025, April). *Children with incarcerated parents and their families: A research agenda for the U.S. informed by lived experience, practice, science, policy and advocacy.* 7th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

74. **Charles, P.,** Fitzpatrick, J., Johnson, K., Tolbert, M., & Coronado, I. (2025, April). *Family preservation: Keeping families together through family-based alternatives to justice programs*. 7th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

73. **Charles, P.,** Grekov, P., Blatz, D., & Jensen, S. (2025, January). *A parenting skills program for incarcerated mothers and fathers: A study of acceptability and preliminary effectiveness.* 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.

72. Buck, J., Ylizaliturri, V., **Charles, P.,** & Poehlmann. (2025, January). *Preliminary results of participant perspectives of a novel intervention using literacy to connect parents with children* [Poster Presentation]. 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.

71. Landrum, G., Kim, Y., **Charles, P.,** & Meyer, D. (2025, January). *Incarceration and non-custodial fathers' financial and relational investments in children* [Poster Presentation]. 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.

70. **Charles, P.,** Grekov, P., Blatz, D., Hoekstra, A., & Landrum, G. (2025, January). *A parenting skills program for incarcerated fathers: Evidence from an acceptability and evaluation study.* 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.

69. Buck, J., Ylizaliturri, V., **Charles, P.,** & Poehlmann, J. (2024, November). *Preliminary results of participant perspectives of a literacy intervention to connect incarcerated parents and children* [Poster Presentation]. 2024 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

68. **Charles, P.**, Landrum, G., Kim, Y., & Vogel, L. K. (2024, August). *How parental incarceration shapes fathers' relational and financial involvement with their children in the United States*. 22nd ESPAnet Conference, Tampere, Finland.

67. **Charles, P.,** Landrum, G., Kim, Y., & Vogel, L. K. (2024, August). *Incarceration, child support, and family relationships*. 22nd Annual European Network for Social Policy Analysis, Conference, Tampere, Finland.

66. **Charles, P.,** Grekov, P., Blatz, D., & Hoekstra, A. (2024, April). *Implementation and evaluation of PIO-24 (jail version): Findings from Wisconsin.* 6th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

65. **Charles, P.** (2024, April). *Justice-involved parents: Diverse program applications and considerations for the future.* 6th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

64. Davis, R., Ungrodt, H., Campbell Wood, M., Ylizaliturri Fernandez, V., **Charles, P.,** & Poehlmann, J. (2024, April). *Campus to community: Leveraging extension and research partnerships that aim to support justice-involved families.* WI Idea Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

63. McLeod, B., **Charles, P.,** Gottlieb, A., Muentner, L. (2024, January). *The role of child contact during imprisonment and its effect on fathers' reports of parental efficacy.* 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

62. Pritzl, K., Jensen, S., **Charles, P.,** Kerr, M., & Poehlmann, J. (2023, June). *Cortisol levels in children with incarcerated parents.* 2023 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

61. Jensen, S., Pritzl, K., **Charles, P.,** Kerr, M., & Poehlmann, J. (2023, June). *Jail churn: Relations among number of incarcerations, mental health, and race for parents in jail.* 2023 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

60. Eddy, J. M., Poehlmann, J., **Charles, P.,** Kjellstrand, J., Hart-Johnson, A., Solomon, P., & Muniz, J. O. (2023, May). *The criminal legal system, prevention science, and social justice*. 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC.

59. **Charles, P.,** Muentner, L., & Grade, G. (2023, May). *Criminal legal system inequalities: Effects on parents and intervention development to support fathers after incarceration*. 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC.

58. Buck, J., Davis, R., Michel, H., Williams, N., **Charles, P.,** Jensen, S., & Poehlmann, J. (2023, April). *Making Reading Memories: Implementing and evaluating a literacy-based parenting program in county jails*. 5th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

57. **Charles, P.,** Murray, R., Thorvaldsen, E., Wertel, J., Jensen, S., & Moelter, K (2023, April). *Building multisector partnerships to support incarcerated parents and their children: Lessons learned from implementing Parenting Inside Out in Wisconsin prisons.* 5th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

56. Poehlmann, J., **Charles, P.,** Hoekstra, A., & Barrett, K. (2023, April). *Implementing child-friendly visits in jails*. 5th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

55. Jensen, S., **Charles, P.**, Kerr, M., & Poehlmann, J. (2023, March). *Associations between the number of parental incarcerations and girls' and boys' disruptive conduct.* Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 60th Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD.

54. **Charles, P.** & Lipaz, J. (2023, January). *Increasing participant collaboration in social work & criminal justice research: Development of the post-interview validity check.* 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

53. **Charles, P.**, Grade, G., Short, J., Coker, E. (2022, April). *Implementation of Pathways for Parents after Incarceration: Early lessons from a feasibility and acceptability study*. 4th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference.

52. Katz, C., Okpych, N., **Charles, P.,** Wall, E., & Courtney, M. (2022, January). *Prevalence and predictors of intimate partner violence among youth with foster care histories*. 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

51. **Charles, P.,** Muentner, L., & Gottlieb, A. (2022, January). *Child contact during parental incarceration: Building connections to promote family wellbeing in an era of decarceration.* 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC. (Withdrawn because of COVID-19).

50. **Charles, P.**, Fanning, K., Jensen, S., Kerr, M., Massoglia, M., Poehlmann-Tynan, J., & Pritzl, K. (2021, November). *The use of video visits in jails to support father-child communication.* 2021 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Virtual.

49. Jensen, S., Haimson, C., Packard, C., Muentner, L., **Charles, P.,** Eason, J., & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2021, November). *Incarcerated during a pandemic: COVID-19 and its implications for families and children with jailed parents.* 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

48. Eddy, M., Shlafer, R., Kjellstrand, J., & **Charles, P.** (2021, June). *Improving health equity through evidence-based practices and policies relevant to parents involved with the criminal justice system: Recent advances and the need for the presence of prevention science.* [TED-Like Talk]. 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Virtual Conference.

47. Holden, K., Zhoa, Y., **Charles, P.,** Jensen, S., Kerr, M., Massoglia, M., & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2021, May). *Financial characteristics and stress of parents in jail: Investigating the relationship of parent's incarceration and family financial stress and practices.* American Council on Consumer Interests 2021 Annual Conference.

46. Muentner, L., Jensen, S., Haimson, C., Packard, C., **Charles, P.**, Eason, J., Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2021, April). *Incarcerated during a pandemic: COVID-19 and its implications for families and children with jailed parents.* 2021 Society for Research on Child Development Virtual Biennial Meeting.

45. **Charles, P.,** Jensen, S., Kerr, M., Massoglia, M., Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2021, April). *Building family connections: Understanding parent-child contact before and during stays in jail.* 3rd Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Virtual Conference.

44. Wetherbee, L., & **Charles, P.** (2021, January). *The intersection of paternal incarceration and child maltreatment risk: A call for holistic reentry support*. 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Virtual Conference.

43. **Charles, P.**, Fanning, K., Jensen, S., Kerr, M., Massoglia, M., Poehlmann-Tynan, & Wirth, J. (2021, January). *"Hi Dad, look at me!" Keeping fathers and children connected with video visits during incarceration.* 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Virtual Conference.

42. **Charles, P.**, Muentner, L., & McLeod, B. (2021, January). *Variation in residential and non-residential fathers' involvement after prison: The positive influence of in-prison child contact.* 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Virtual Conference.

41. Muentner, L., & **Charles, P.** (2021, January). Reunited at reentry: Children's well-being after fathers are released from prison. 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Virtual Conference.

40. **Charles, P.,** Muentner, L., & Eddy, J. M. (2020, August). *Factors associated with father-child residence and contact after prison.* 2020 American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC. (Withdrawn due to COVID-19)

39. **Charles, P.** & Jensen, S., Kerr, M., Wirth, J., Massoglia, M., & Poehlmann Tynan, J. (2020, August). *Developing and implementing an intervention for jailed parents and their children.* 2020 Society for the Study of Social Problems in Pursuit of Social Justice, San Francisco, CA.

38. **Charles, P.**, Muentner, L., Eddy, J. M. (2020, April). *Parental incarceration, child contact, and recidivism: Building connections to promote child and family wellbeing in an era of decarceration* 3rd Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Litchfield Park, AZ. (Conference canceled.)

37. Gottlieb, A., **Charles, P.,** Branden, A., Kjellstrand, J., & Bonsu, J. (2020, January). *Were California's decarceration efforts smart? A quasi-experimental examination of race, ethnicity, and gender disparities.* 24th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

36. **Charles, P.,** Frankham, E., & Visher, C. (2019, November). *The influence of family factors on father involvement during reentry from prison.* 2019 American Society of Criminology Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

35. Muentner, L., & **Charles, P.** (2019, November). *A qualitative exploration of reentry service needs: The case of fathers returning from prison*. 2019 APPAM Fall Research Conference, Denver, CO.

34. **Charles, P.**, Poehlmann-Tynan, J., Massoglia, M., Kerr, M., Sager, L., Holden, K., Cuthrell, H., Huser, M., & Fanning, K. (2019, April). *Interdisciplinary interventions to enhance visits for children with jailed parents: Evaluation challenges and progress.* 2019 National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

33. Moore, G., & **Charles, P.,** & Muentner, L. (2019, January). *The benefits of qualitative pilot studies in social work research: The case of fathers in reentry from prison*. 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

32. **Charles, P.,** & Muentner, L. (2018, November). *Reentry revisited: Father's perspectives on program needs to promote positive father involvement*. 2018 American Society of Criminology Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

31. **Charles, P.**, & Moore, G. (2018, January). *Fathers in reentry: A qualitative study of parents' experiences about fatherhood after prison*. 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

30. **Charles, P.** (2017, November). *Coming home: The reentry experiences of fathers after prison*. Presented at 2017 American Society of Criminology Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

29. **Charles, P**., Courtney, M., & Okpych, N. (2016, January). *Getting locked up: The correlates of incarceration during the transition to adulthood among foster care youth*. 20th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

28. **Charles, P.,** Gorman-Smith, D., Spielfogel, J. E., & Schoeny, M. (2015, January). *The effect of criminal history on father involvement: The moderating role of maternal and kin support and relationship quality.* 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

27. Jones, A., & **Charles, P**. (2015, January). *Parents under stress: Perspectives on economic barriers and solutions to self-sufficiency.* 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

26. Jones, A., & **Charles, P**. (2015, January). *Young African American fathers' perspectives on obstacles and solutions to economic stability.* 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

25. **Charles, P**., & Courtney, M. (2015, January). *The health status of transition-age foster youth: Early findings from the CalYOUTH study*. 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

24. Courtney, M., **Charles, P.,** & Okpych, N. (2015, January). *Caseworker perceptions of challenges to implementing extended foster care*. 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

23. **Charles, P.,** Gorman-Smith, D., Schoeny, M., & Henry, D. (2014, January). *Disagreement in mother-father reports of father involvement in low-income minority families.* 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX.

22. Jones, A., **Charles, P.,** & Guo, S. (2013, November). *Effects of a relationship-strengthening intervention for low-income new parents.* 2013 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

21. **Charles, P.**, Robertson, D., Gorman-Smith, D., & Henry, D. (2013, January). *Family complexity and fathers' financial investment in children: The mediational role of accessibility*. 17th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.

20. Jones, A., Dunbar Benson, K., & **Charles, P.** (2012, November). *Making it fit: Adapting a relationship enhancement program for at-risk diverse parents.* Council on Social Work Education 58th Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC.

19. Jones, A., **Charles, P.**, & Dunbar Benson, K. (2012, June). *Adapting a manual for a group intervention with at-risk new parents.* 34th Annual Symposium of the International Association of the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, L.I., NY.

18. **Charles, P.**, Jones, A., & Guo, S. (2012, May). *Evaluation of the treatment effects of a relationship skills intervention for low-income parents.* Administration for Children and Families' 2012 Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC.

17. **Charles, P.,** Jones, A., & Guo, S. (2012, January). *Evaluating the effects of a family strengthening intervention program for economically disadvantaged new parents.* 16th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

16. Jones, A., & **Charles, P.** (2011, October). *Using curriculum-based groups to strengthen low-income, unmarried couple relationships.* 57th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.

15. Jones, A., & **Charles, P.** (2011, June). *Using a curriculum-based group intervention to strengthen at-risk newly forming families.* 33rd Annual Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups International Professional Symposium, Long Beach, CA.

14. **Charles, P.** (2011, January). *Multipartner parenting: Effects on family stability among at-risk couples.* 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.

13. **Charles, P.,** Grinstein-Weiss, M., & Rose, R. (2011, January). *Residential and nonresidential fathers: Implications for child well-being.* 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.

12. Bellamy, J., & **Charles, P.** (2011, January). *Which fathers should be engaged in child welfare parenting services?* 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.

11. Grinstein-Weiss, M., **Charles, P.**, Guo, S., Manturuk, K., & Key, C. (2011, January). *Marital status and the transition into low-income homeownership: Evidence from a propensity score analysis.* 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.

10. Grinstein-Weiss, M., Manturuk, K., Guo, **Charles, P.,** & Key, C. (2010, August). *The influence of homeownership on marriage and divorce: A propensity score analysis.* 105th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

9. **Charles, P.** (2010, July). *Relationship dissolution in complex family structures: The role of multipartnered fertility.* Third National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy, Bridgewater, MA.

8. Jones, A., & **Charles, P.** (2010, July). *Strengthening fragile families: Findings from a couple relationship skills enhancement program.* Third National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy, Bridgewater, MA.

7. Grinstein-Weiss, M., Paik, J. G., Greeson, J., & **Charles, P**. (2009, January). *Is low- and moderate-wealth homeownership associated with a better quality home environment? Evidence from the Community Advantage Panel.* 13th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

6. Akos, P., Orthner, D., **Charles, P.,** & Cooley, V. (2007, July). *Teacher perspectives about integrating career education in middle school.* National Career Development Association Global Conference, Seattle, WA.

5. Grinstein-Weiss, M., & **Charles, P.**, & Lee, J. (2007, January). *Asset building among African American single mothers.* 11th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

4. Grinstein-Weiss, M., & **Charles, P.** (2007, January). *Gender and ethnic differences in formal and informal help seeking.* 11th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

3. **Charles, P.,** & Perreira, K. M. (2006, March). *Intimate partner violence during pregnancy and 1-year post-partum.* 2006 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA.

2. **Charles, P.**, Orthner, D., & Jones, A. (2006, January). *Poverty and couple relationships: Implications for welfare policy*. 10th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX.

1. Duncan, D. F., & **Charles, P.** (2004, October). *Who is leaving TANF due to the five-year time limit?* 26th Annual Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Invited Talks, Presentations, Workshops, Webinars, & Podcasts

56. **Charles, P.,** Hall, E., Sobel, B., Turner, K. (2026, October). *Exploring AI in teaching: Making space for instructors' concerns*. Center for Healthy Minds, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

55. **Charles, P.** (2026, October). Panelist for *Zonta Madison Foundation Presents: Women Make Movies Film Festival.* Barrymore Theatre, Madison, WI.

54. **Charles, P.,** & Hoekstra, A. (2026, March). *Supporting justice-involved families: From direct practice to systems change.* Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work Part-Time Program Keynote. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

53. **Charles, P.,** & Freese, R. (2026, August). *EAI: Setting expectations*. Center for Teaching, Learning, & Mentoring, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.

52. **Charles, P.** (2026, March). *Justice-impacted fathers and their children: Strategies to mitigate harm caused by separation.* Support Fathers and their Families Surrounding Separation, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

51. Martin, J., & **Charles, P**. (2026, February). *Setting AI expectations.* Center for Teaching, Learning, & Mentoring, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.

50. **Charles, P.** (2026, February). *Strengthening justice-impacted families & advancing systemic reform: A program of community-engaged research to mitigate the harm of mass incarceration*. Center for Healthy Minds, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

49. Martin, J., & **Charles, P.** (2026, January). *Setting AI expectations*. Center for Teaching, Learning, & Mentoring, Division for Teaching & Learning, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

48. **Charles, P.** (2025, December). *Supporting justice-involved families: Parenting Inside Out and alternatives to incarceration.* Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program, Population Health Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

47. **Charles, P.** (2025, November). *Program evaluation with communities and organizations.* SW 442: Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

46. **Charles, P.** (2025, November). *Reading connections during parental incarceration: Findings from an evaluation of Making Reading Memories*. Wisconsin Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board, Madison, WI.

45. **Charles, P.** (2025, November). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children through Parenting Inside Out: aka, "Saturdays with Dad".* Edgewood High School, Madison, WI.

44. Shlafer, R., **Charles, P.,** Hoekstra, A., Muentner, L., Grupe, D., & Heyrman, A. (2025, October). *Minnesota model jail practices learning community*. Minnesota Model Jail Practices Learning Community Meeting, New Ulm, MN.

43. **Charles, P.** (2025, May). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children through Parenting Inside Out: aka, "Saturdays with Dad".* Monona Grove High School, Monona Grove, WI.

42. **Charles, P.** (2025, April). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children: Implementation of Parenting Inside Out in Dane County Jail.* Dr. Julie Poehlmann's Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

41. **Charles, P.** (2025, January). Panelist for *Innovation Day. Silent epidemic: Advancing research and evidence-driven policy on families affected by both criminal justice and child welfare systems.* University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

40. **Charles, P.** (2024, June). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children through research and changes to policies and programs.* Lab for Economic Opportunities Summer Scholars 2024. Online.

39. **Charles, P.** (2024, May, November). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children: Implementation of Parenting Inside Out aka, "Saturdays with Dad".* Edgewood High School, Madison, WI.

38. **Charles, P.,** Coronado, I., Fitzpatrick, J., Johnson, K., & Tolbert, M. (2024, November). *Family matters: Family-based alternatives to justice programs.* Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2024 National Conference on Youth Justice: Shaping the Next 50 Years. Washington, D.C.

37. **Charles, P.,** Landrum, G., Kim, Y., & Klein Vogel, L. (2024, August). *Incarceration, child support, and family relationships.* Invited talk by the Forensic Child & Youth Care group, Research Institute of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

36. **Charles, P.** (2024, June). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children through research and changes to policies and programs.* Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, Research Trainee Program, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN.

35. **Charles, P.,** Landrum, G., Kim, Y., & Meyer, D. (2024, May). *Incarceration, child support, and family relationships*. Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Madison, WI.

34. **Charles, P.** (2024, May). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children: Implementation of Parenting Inside Out aka, "Saturdays with Dad".* Monona Grove High School, Monona Grove, WI.

33. **Charles, P.** (2023, April). *Supporting incarcerated parents and children: Implementation of Parenting Inside Out in Dane County Jail*. Dane County Community Justice Council, Madison, WI.

32. **Charles, P.** (2023, April). *Understanding Poverty.* Panel Discussion and Q&A. Outsmarting Poverty: A Two-Day Learning Event. Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN.

31. **Charles, P.**, & Poehlmann, J. (2023, April). *The role of families and parent education in healing and reentry success*. Invited talk for the 2023 Prison Education Symposium. Reimagining the Role of Colleges and Universities in Prison Education: Research, Policy, and Practice, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

30. **Charles, P.** (2023, April). *Supporting children and families affected by parental incarceration.* Invited workshop for the 36th Annual Together for Children, Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin, Elkhart Lake, WI.

29. **Charles, P.,** Jensen, S., & Coker, E. (2022, September). *Promoting parent and child wellbeing among justice-involved families*. Wisconsin's Council on Offender Reentry. Madison, WI.

28. **Charles, P.** (2021, September). *How to better serve families involved in the criminal justice system.* Institute for Research on Policy, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

27. Cuthrell, H., Sexton, T., Correa, N., & **Charles, P.** (2021, August). *Family connections: Partnership building & innovative practices in correctional facilities.* National Institute of Corrections webinar, Model Practices for Parents in Prisons and Jails: Building Partnerships and Innovative Practices. https://nicic.gov/model-practices-parents-prisons-and-jails-building-partnerships-and-innovative-practices

26. **Charles, P.** (2021, May). *U.S. incarceration and the criminal justice system.* Monona Grove High School, Social Studies Class, Monona Grove, WI.

25. **Charles, P.** (2021, March). *Toward interventions that build family connections and support among criminal justice-involved parents*. Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work Annual Research Luncheon and PhD Student Awards, UW-Madison, Madison, WI.

24. **Charles, P.**, & Coker, E. (2021, February). *Supporting parent-child connections during prison in Wisconsin*. Wisconsin Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board, Parent Education Community of Practice Call.

23. **Charles, P.**, & Coker, E. (2021, February). *Supporting parent-child connections during prison in Wisconsin*. Wisconsin Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board, Board of Directors.

22. **Charles, P.** (2020, October). *Family wellbeing and justice: Research and practice innovations to support parents and children*. Panel presentation: Advancing Smart Decarceration: Research and Action toward Criminal Justice Reform. Presented at the ASU State of Incarceration Virtual Summit.

21. **Charles, P.** (2020, July). *Family well-being and justice: Research and practice innovations to support parents and children.* Madison Organizing in Strength, Equality, and Solidarity (MOSES), Madison, WI.

20. **Charles, P.** (2020, March). *Kids of incarcerated parents.* The University League, UW-Madison, Madison, WI. [Event cancelled].

19. **Charles, P.**, & Burgess, J. (2020, January). *Moderated Q&A with Michelle Alexander.* Social Workers Confronting Racial Injustice Conference, UW-Madison, Madison, WI.

18. **Charles, P.** (2019, December). *Family relationships and paternal incarceration.* University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension podcast series for incarcerated fathers, Madison, WI.

17. **Charles, P.** (2019, November). *U.S. incarceration and the criminal justice system: What do we know and what can be done?* Monona Grove High School Social Studies Class, Monona Grove, WI.

16. **Charles, P.** & Eddy, M. (2019, October). *Supporting incarcerated parents and their children: Use of evidence from Parenting Inside Out to inform research and practice efforts in Wisconsin.* Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus, Madison, WI.

15. **Charles, P.** (2019, June). Panelist at the United Way of Dane County's launch of the 2019 Journey Home Mobilization Plan: A RESET for Returning Citizens. Madison, WI.

14. **Charles, P.**, Frankham, E., & Visher, C. (2019, May). *Factors associated with father-child relationships during reentry from prison.* Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Learning Exchange Series, Madison, WI.

13. **Charles, P.** (2018, October). *Connecting incarcerated and criminal justice-involved fathers with parenting services: Toward a model that works.* Annual Keynote for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work Part-time Program, Madison, WI.

12. **Charles, P.** & Clark, M. (2018, October). *Supporting children and their parents during reentry: Life after prison.* United Way of Dane County Journey Home Delegation, Madison, WI.

11. **Charles, P.** (2018, January). *Supporting criminal justice-involved populations: Perspectives from research, law, and practice.* 2018 Social Workers Confronting Racial Injustice Conference, School of Social Work, UW-Madison, Madison, WI.

10. **Charles, P.** (2016, March). *Promoting development among children of fathers with a history of criminal involvement*. Oregon Social Learning Center, Eugene, OR.

9. **Charles, P.**, Courtney, M., & Okpych, N. (2014, September). *California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CalYOUTH): Early findings from the child welfare worker survey*. California Social Work Education Center. University of California-Berkeley, School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, CA.

8. Courtney, M., **Charles, P.**, & Okpych, N. (2014, February). *California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CalYOUTH): Early findings from the child welfare worker survey.* County Welfare Directors Association of California Children's Services Meeting, Sacramento, CA.

7. **Charles, P.** (2011, November). *Multiple partner parenting: Effects on family stability among fragile families.* School of Public Health & Psychiatric Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago.

6. **Charles, P.** (2010, June). *Parenting in complex families: Implications for union stability.* Fifth Annual Connecting Research to Practice Conference: Preparing Resilient Families for the New Decade, African American Healthy Marriage Initiative. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Hampton, VA.

5. Bellamy, J., & **Charles, P.** (2010, May). *Engaging fathers in evidence-based child welfare interventions.* Fathering Urban Youth: The Role of Fathers in Adolescent Well-Being Conference, Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

4. Grinstein-Weiss, M., **Charles, P.,** Guo, S., Manturuk, K., & Key, C. (2010, April). *The transition into low-income homeownership: Does marital status matter?* Grantees Conference on Families and Financial Instability, National Center for Family and Marriage Research, Bowling Green, OH.

3. Orthner, D., Akos, P., **Charles, P.**, & Albritton, T. (2006, August). *CareerStart: Improving education and life success for children in middle school.* Winston-Salem Forsyth County School District, Winston-Salem, NC.

2. Stowe, R. J., & **Charles, P.** (2005, August). *CareerStart: Seventh grade curriculum development process.* Winston-Salem Forsyth County School District, Winston-Salem, NC.

1. **Charles, P.** (2005, May). *Strong Couples–Strong Children: Building a community strategy.* Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina Spring 2005 Regional Meeting, Hickory, NC.

TEACHING

Principal Areas: Families and the Criminal Legal System, Macro Social Work Practice, Program Evaluation

School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
PhD Courses
- SW 945: Evaluation Research, Spring 2022 (in person), Fall 2023 (in person) Instructor
- SW 946: Faculty Research Seminar, Fall 2023 (in person), Instructor
- SW 947: Faculty Research Seminar, Spring 2024 (in person), Instructor

Bachelor and Master of Social Work Courses
- SW 442: Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations, Fall 2017 (in person), Fall 2018 (in person), Fall 2019 (in person), Fall 2020 (online), Fall 2021 (in person), Fall 2022 (in person), Spring 2024 (hybrid), Spring 2026 (hybrid), Fall 2026 (in person), Spring 2027 (hybrid), Instructor
- SW 275: Contemporary Issues in Social Welfare/Families and the Criminal Legal System, Fall 2025 (in person), Fall 2026 (in person), Instructor (anchor seminar) First-year Interest Group (FIG) course cluster
- SW 375: Contemporary Issues in Social Welfare/Criminal Justice, Families, and Social Work, Spring 2027 (in person), Instructor

Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago
Master of Social Work Course
- SSA 46412: Evaluation of Social Welfare Policies and Programs, Winter 2011 (in person), Spring 2012 (in person), Spring 2013 (in person), Spring 2014 (in person), Fall 2015 (in person), Spring 2017 (in person), Instructor

School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Evaluation of Social Interventions, Spring 2006 (in person), Teaching Assistant
- Foundations of Social Welfare, Fall 2005 (in person), Teaching Assistant

MENTORING

Advisor
2022 – 2025 Grace Landrum, PhD Student, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of

Wisconsin-Madison
2021 – 2024 Jacquelyn Buck, PhD Student, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2020 – 2022 Evelyn Coker, PhD Student, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation Committee Member
2022 – Evelyn Coker, PhD Student, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2021 – Kaitlyn Pritzl, PhD Student, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, University of Wisconsin
2022 – 2026 Xochitl Guerrero, PhD Student, Jane Adams College of Social Work, University of Illinois Chicago
2022 – 2023 Sarah Jensen, JD/PhD Student, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2020 – 2021 Luke Muentner, PhD Student, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019 – 2020 Ye Rang Park, PhD Student, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, University of Wisconsin
2019 – 2020 Jennifer Wirth, PhD Student, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, University of Wisconsin
2018 – 2019 Emma Frankham, PhD Student, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin

Research Mentor & Field Placement Agency Supervisor
2024 – 2025 Cece Babat, BSW Field Placement Student Intern, Lab for Family Wellbeing & Justice and Division of Extension, University of Wisconsin Madison
2024 – 2025 Amareli Aranda, BSW Field Placement Student Intern, Lab for Family Wellbeing & Justice and Division of Extension, University of Wisconsin Madison
2023 – 2024 Miranda Dorsey, BSW Field Placement Student Intern, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2022 Gwendolyn Coale, BSW Field Placement Student Intern, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2021 – 2022 Jasmyne Short, McNair Scholars Program, BSW Field Placement Student Intern, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2020 – 2021 Allison Hoekstra, MSW Field Placement Student Intern, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2017 – 2021 Luke Muentner, PhD Student and MSW Field Placement Student Intern, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Independent Study Instructor, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2026 Leo Xiao, BA (Fall)
2025 Stella Goldberg, BA (Spring)
2024 Grace Dai, BBA, BA (Spring)
2024 Alejandra Pavo Guajardo, BA (Spring)
2023 – 2024 Mia Simone, BS (Fall, Spring)
2023 Chee Yang, BA/MPA (Fall)
2023 Annie Hedgies, BS (Spring)
2023 Jillian Klener, BA (Spring)
2022 Kayla Markus, BA (Fall)
2021 Adrianna Galindo, BA (Fall)
2021 Jasmyn Short, BA, Social Welfare (Spring)
2020 Amber Lahti, BS (Fall)

2019 – 2020 Layne Wetherbee, BSW (Fall, Spring)
2019 – 2020 Kyra Jaehn, BSW (Fall, Spring)
2020 Allison Hoekstra, BSW (Spring)
2020 Besa Asani, BSW (Spring)
2019 Siri Schroeder, BA (Spring)
2019 Luke Muentner, MSW, PhD (Spring)
2018 Fall Jennifer Brown, BSW

Internship Supervisor, Criminal Justice Certificate or Legal Studies Major, Center for Law, Society, and Justice, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2026 Leo Xiao, BA (Summer)
2025 Stella Goldberg, BA (Fall)
2025 Christopher Varney, BA (Summer)
2024 Nina Santiago, BA (Spring, Summer)
2023 Grace Dai, BBA, BA (Fall)
2023 Mia Simone, BS (Summer)
2023 – 2024 Jordan Zdroik, BS (Spring, Spring)
2022 Annie Hedgies, BS (Fall)
2022 Jillian Klener, BA (Fall)
2022 Nina White, BA (Summer)
2022 Kayla Markus, BA (Summer)
2021 Summer Mitchell, BA (Summer)
2021 Hauen Lee, BS (Spring)
2021 Lydia Goblirsch, BA (Spring)
2020 Bailey Kusilek, BS (Fall)
2020 Hayden Buske, BA (Summer)
2020 Amber Lahti, BS (Spring)
2019 Kaley Horvath, BA (Summer)

Internship Supervisor, Public Policy Studies Certificate or Health Policy Certificate, La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2023 – 2024 David Blatz, BA (Fall, Spring)
2023 Chee Yang, BA/MPA (Summer)
2021 Genevieve Grade, BA (Summer)
2021 Allison Burgdorf, BA (Fall)

Research Supervisor, Lab for Family Wellbeing & Justice, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2025 – 2026 Cece Babat, MSW (Fall, Spring)
2025 – 2026 Patrick Nolan, PhD (Fall, Spring)
2025 Sarah Stouffer-Lerch, MPH, Emory University (Summer)
2024 – 2025 Ava Hyerman, BS (Spring, Summer, Fall 2024; Spring, Summer 2025)
2024 Talia Bergerson, BA (Summer)

SERVICE

Public

2026-present **Board of Directors**, The Voices of Power, Madison, WI
2020–present **Co-Coordinator**, Child Friendly Visits, Dane County Jail, Madison, WI
2020–2026 **Board of Directors**, Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc.

2020–2021	**Co-Coordinator**, Monroe Street Anti-Racism Project, Madison, WI
2018–2023	**Advisor**, Dane County Sheriff's Office, National Institute of Corrections Training and Technical Assistance Grant, Family Connections Project
2018–2019	**Journey Home Delegation Member**, United Way of Dane County, Madison, WI
2017–2018	**Volunteer**, Madison-area Urban Ministry, Madison, WI
2014–2016	**Volunteer Tutor**, William Beye Elementary School, Oak Park, IL
2013	**Volunteer Coordinator**, Chicago Children's Contribution Club, Chicago, IL
2004–2006	**Board of Directors**, The ARC of Orange County, Chapel Hill, NC
2004–2005	**GED Tutor**, Orange County Literacy Council, Chapel Hill, NC
2001	**9/11 Volunteer**, Association to Benefit Children, New York, NY
2001	**Volunteer Coordinator**, Habitat for Humanity, Bronx, NY
2000	**Volunteer**, Coalition for the Homeless, New York, NY
1998	**Foster Care Group Home Volunteer**, Monfort House, Port Jefferson, NY
1997–1998	**Hotline Volunteer Counselor**, Response of Suffolk County, Stony Brook, NY

University

University of Wisconsin-Madison

2026	**Scientific Reviewer,** 2026 ICTR Advancing Translational Research & Science Pilot Award
2026	**Faculty Member,** UW-Madison Center for Academic Excellence New Scholars Event
2026	**Fellow**, UW-Madison AI Fellowship, Center for Teaching, Learning, & Mentoring, Division of Learning & Teaching
2026	**Member,** Review Committee for Awards for Mentoring Undergraduates in Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities, The Office of the Provost and Division for Teaching and Learning
2025–present	**Member,** Tenure Track Merit and Faculty Awards and Fellowships, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work
2025–present	**Member,** Building Committee, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work
2025	**Member,** Faculty Mentoring Program Ad Hoc Committee**,** The Office of the Secretary of the Faculty
2024–2026	**Steering Committee Member, M**obilizing **PA**rtnerships for **C**riminal **J**ustice **T**ransformation-**WI**sconsin (MPACT-WI)
2024	**Reviewer,** 8th Annual Wisconsin Ideas Conference, Undergraduate Student Policy Memoranda
2023–2024	**Member**, Criminal Justice Certificate Self-Reflection Committee
2017-2018 and 2023–2024	**Senator**, Faculty Senate, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work
2019–present	**Co-Coordinator,** JustDane Reentry Simulation
2019–2024 and 2025–present	**Faculty Liaison,** Phi Alpha Honor Society, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work
2021	**Member**, DE&I Committee, Center for Law, Society, and Justice
2017–2024	**Member**, PhD Program Committee, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2004–2006	**Doctoral Student Mentor**, Doctoral Peer Pairing Program, School of Social Work
2004–2005	**Doctoral Student Representative**, Doctoral Program Committee, School of Social Work

Professional

2026-2027	**Conference Planning Committee Member,** 9th Annual National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference.
2025	**Panel Organizer,** *Building Bridges Behind Bars: Research and Implementation Findings from Family-Focused Programs in Jails* 7th Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
2025	**Reviewer,** Loan Repayment Program, National Institute of Health, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
2024	**Discussant,** *Multi-Method Analyses of Approaches That Advance Racial and Social Justice in the Criminal Legal System,* Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2022–2025	**Cluster Co-Chair**, *Crime and Criminal Justice,* Society for Social Work and Research Conference Program
2022	**Symposium Organizer**, *Contact in Prison and Reentry Services for Justice-Involved Families: Considerations for Incarcerated Parents and Children,* Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2021	**Discussant**, *Smart Decarceration: The Impact of Parents' Correctional Involvement on Children,* Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2021	**Symposium Organizer**, *Promoting Successful Reentry in an Era of Decarceration: Toward Interventions that Build Family Connections and Support*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2020–present	**Network Co-Lead**, Promote Smart Decarceration, Grand Challenges for Social Work
2020	**Web Conference Organizer**, *Perspectives on Fatherhood: Differences, Opportunities, and Considerations for the Future,* Society for Social Work and Research Fatherhood Special Interest Group (SSWR-Fatherhood SIG)
2020	**Symposium Organizer**, *Advancing the Goals of Smart Decarceration: Lessons from an Examination of Policies that Affect Individuals with Criminal Justice Involvement,* Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2019	**Symposium Organizer**, *The Influence of Family Relationships and Social Support on Reentry*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
2018	**Discussant**, *Predictors of and Outcomes Associated with Father Involvement*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2017–2024	**LRP Ambassador**, NIH Loan Repayment Ambassador Program
2017	**Discussant**, *Parenting Together: Fathering in the Context of Family*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2016	**Symposium Organizer**, *Fathers, Parenting and Child Well-Being,* Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2014	**Discussant**, *Interventions with Fathers: Adaptations, Technologies, and Strategies*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2014	**Symposium Organizer**, *Father Engagement: Enhancing Methodological and Practice Strategies*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2013	**Discussant**, *Building Father Inclusive Interventions to Improve Parenting*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2013	**Member**, Theme Committee, Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference
2012	**Discussant**, *Engaging Fathers in Child Family Services to Improve Parenting and Reduce Child Maltreatment*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Child and Family Social Work; Children and Youth Services Review; Cochrane Reviews; Criminal Justice and Behavior; Current Issues in Criminal Justice; Development & Psychopathology; Families in Society; Family Relations; International Journal of Offender and Comparative Criminology; Child & Family Social Work; Journal of Child & Family Studies; Journal of Family Psychology; Journal of Family Strengths; Journal of Family Violence; Journal of Forensic Social Work; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Journal of Marriage and Family; Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research; Parenting Science and Practice; PLOS ONE, Prevention Science; Qualitative Social Work; Social Service Review; Social Work Research

Scholarly Book Reviews

2021	Chapter reviewer for edited book, *Social Work Practice with Fathers: Engagement, Assessment, and Intervention,* Spring Cham.
2017	Book prospectus reviewer for Oxford University Press.

Conference Abstract Reviews

2025-present	Abstract Reviewer, National Conference on Children of Incarcerated Parents
2013–present	Abstract Reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
2013	Abstract Reviewer, Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference
2009–2010	Abstract Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference