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### EDUCATION

- 1977            **University of Wisconsin**, School of Social Work,  
Madison, Wisconsin, Ph.D.
- 1973            **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, M.S.W.
- 1971            **Bucknell University**, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania,  
B.S. - Civil Engineering

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2000 - present    **Associate Dean for Research**, School of Social Welfare, The University of  
Kansas, Lawrence.
- 1996 - present    **Professor**, School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas, Lawrence.
- 1988 - 1996       **Associate Professor**, School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas, Lawrence.
- 1990 - 1991       **Director of Social Work Training**, Children's Rehabilitation Unit, University of  
Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas.
- 1988              **Associate Director and Research Associate**, Human Services Development  
Institute, University of Southern Maine.
- 1984 - 1988       **Director**, Research Support Lab, Human Services Development Institute, Center  
for Research and Advanced Study, University of Southern Maine.
- 1985 - 1988       **Director**, Data Systems/Planning and Evaluation, National Child Welfare  
Resource Center for Management and Administration, University of Southern  
Maine.
- 1982 - 1985       **Lecturer**, Social Welfare Department, University of Southern Maine.
- 1980 - 1982       **Project Associate**, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin - Madison.
- 1979 - 1982       **Project Associate**, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin -  
Madison.
- 1979 - 1980       **Lecturer**, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin - Madison.
- 1977 - 1979       **Assistant Professor**, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington  
University, St. Louis, Missouri.

## PUBLICATIONS

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## **PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

- Stephanie Bryson, Susan Corrigan, Kris Matthews, Nan Perrin (CLO), Eric Van Allen (SRS), & Tom McDonald. *Using Parent, Provider, and Research Expertise to Design an Early Childhood Autism Waiver: The Kansas Story*. Building on Family Strengths. Portland, OR. June 1, 2007.
- Tom McDonald and John Poertner, "Predicting Placement in Foster Care: A Comparison of Logistic Regression and Neural Network Analysis." Annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, 2000.
- Tom McDonald, "Major events in the lives of family caregivers." Building on Family Strengths: A National Conference on Research, Advocacy and Partnership in Support of Children and Their Families. Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, Portland State University, Portland Hilton Hotel, June 1-3, 1995.
- Tom McDonald, "Child behaviors and caregiver stress in families with a child with a serious emotional disorder." Building on Family Strengths: A National Conference on Research, Advocacy and Partnership in Support of Children and Their Families. Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, Portland State University, Portland Hilton Hotel, April 10-12, 1994.
- Tom McDonald and John Poertner, "Social support and stress: Caring for a child with a serious emotional disorder." Building on Family Strengths: A National Conference on Research, Advocacy and Partnership in Support of Children and Their Families. Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, Portland State University, Portland Hilton Hotel, April 10-12, 1994.
- Thomas McDonald and Will Johnson, "Predicting Recurrence of Maltreatment for Child Sexual Abuse Cases," Fifth National Roundtable on CPS Risk Assessment, American Public Welfare Association, San Francisco, 1991.
- Thomas McDonald and Jill Marks, "Formal Risk Assessment in Child Protective Services: A Review of Risk Factors," Council on Social Work Education, 36th Annual Program Meeting, Reno, 1990.
- Thomas McDonald "Recurrence of Maltreatment in Relation to Assessed Risks," Fourth National Roundtable on CPS Risk Assessment, American Public Welfare Association, San Francisco, 1990.
- Thomas McDonald, "Assessing the Long-Term Impact of Foster Care," Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin - Madison, November, 1990.



- Martha Palmer and Thomas McDonald, "Instrument-Based Risk Assessment in Child Protective Services," Risk Assessment Conference, American Public Welfare Association and Vermont Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Burlington, Vermont, February, 1989.
- Thomas McDonald, "Outcome Measurement in Child Welfare," National Child Welfare Resource Center for Management and Administration, Portland Maine, October, 1988.
- Andrew Coburn and Thomas McDonald, "The Effects of Variations in AFDC and Medicaid Eligibility on Prenatal Care Use," Tri-Regional Conference on Maternal and Child Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, October, 1988.
- Thomas McDonald, "Management Indicators for Child Welfare" (workshop), Risk Assessment in Child Welfare, Maryland Department of Human Services, Baltimore, 1988.
- Thomas McDonald and Andrew Coburn, "Mediating Effects of Medicaid on Prenatal Care Use," 115th Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association, New Orleans, 1987.
- Thomas McDonald, "Child Welfare Standards for Success," Quality Assurance: New Tools to Improve Human Services, Charleston, S.C., 1987.
- Thomas McDonald, "Tools for Accountability," 110th Annual Meeting and Conference, American Association for Protecting Children, American Humane, Denver, 1987.
- Thomas McDonald, "Outcome Monitoring in Child Welfare," Annual Conference on Research Demonstration and Evaluation in Public Social Services, American Public Welfare Association, Washington, D.C., 1986.
- Thomas McDonald and Margaret Frank, "Using Microcomputers in Support Decision Making in Child Welfare Agencies," National Child Welfare Resource Center for Management and Administration, Portland, Maine, 1986.
- Thomas McDonald, "Putting Existing Data Systems to Better Use," National Child Welfare Resource Center for Management and Administration, Portland, Maine, 1986.
- Thomas McDonald, "A Comprehensive Approach to Monitoring and Evaluation," North West Regional Child Welfare Managers Meeting, Seattle, Washington, 1986.
- Russell Kirby, Thomas McDonald and Andrew Coburn, "Utilization of Prenatal Care Services in Wisconsin," American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1986.
- Thomas McDonald and Margaret Frank, "Using Microcomputers to Support Decision Making in Child Welfare Agencies," Child Welfare Symposium, Atlanta, Georgia, 1986.
- Thomas McDonald and Margaret Frank, "Microcomputers in the Social Services: Developing the Marketplace," Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, Washington, D.C., 1985.
- Thomas McDonald and James Moran, "Missing Data Problems in Estimating Absent Fathers' Ability to Pay Child Support," Fourth Annual Conference on Research Demonstration and Evaluation in Public Social Services, Washington, D.C., 1984.
- Alice Lieberman and Tom McDonald, "Alternative Employment Patterns in Social Work Education: The Problems and Potentials of Dual Career Couples," Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, Forth Worth, Texas, 1983.
- Thomas McDonald, "Using Computers in the Human Services," Family Service Association, Regional Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 1982.

- Thomas McDonald and Irving Piliavin, Workshop on Program Evaluation for Division of Community Services, Madison, Wisconsin, 1982.
- Thomas McDonald, Irving Piliavin, and Jerry Theilbar, "Dissemination of Evaluation Technology: Provision of Technical Assistance to Counties," Second National Conference on Research, Demonstration, and Evaluation in Public Social Services, Washington, D.C., 1981.
- Thomas P. McDonald and Irving Piliavin, "Attribution of Error in AFDC," National Conference on Fraud, Waste and Abuse, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1980.
- Irving Piliavin and Thomas P. McDonald, "Modeling the Decision-Making Process in Public Welfare," American Sociological Association Meetings, New York, 1980.
- Thomas McDonald, Tom Gabe and Herb Staulcup, "Use of Computers in the Human Services," Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1978.

### **GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED**

- Principal Investigator, 2010-2015. "Kansas Intensive Permanency Project," award from DHHS, Administration for Children and Families (\$ 13,313,116 over 5 years).
- Principal Investigator, 2007-2012. "Kansas Serves Substance Affected Families," subcontract with the Kansas Child and Family Services, funding from a grant from DHHS, Administration for Children and Families (\$1,065,319 over 5 years)
- Principal Investigator, 2007-2010. "Oklahoma Partnership Initiative," subcontract with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, funding from a grant from DHHS, Administration for Children and Families (\$150,000 over 3 years).
- Principal Investigator, 2005-2010. "Safe Haven Evaluation," contract with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (\$303,761 over 4 years).
- Principal Investigator, 2004-2005. "Child Welfare Doctoral Fellowship Program" from DHHS, Administration for Children and Families (\$248,000 over 2 years)
- Project Evaluator, 2003-2005. "Post-Adoption Centers." Subcontract with Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska with primary funding from DHHS, Administration for Children and Families. (\$89,000 over 3 years).
- Project Evaluator, 2002-03. "Planning Early for Permanency." Subcontracts with Lutheran Social Service of Kansas and Oklahoma and The FARM with primary funding from DHHS, Administration for Children and Families. (\$52,388 over 2 years).
- Co-Principal Investigator, 2001-03. Building Analytical Capacity for Child Welfare Programs in State Systems. Subcontract with Oklahoma Division of Children and Family Services with primary funding from DHHS, Administration for Children and Families (approximately \$450,000 over 3 years)
- Co-Principal Investigator, 2000. Training for Managers and Supervisors to Enhance Their Capability to Understand and to Implement the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, from DHHS, Administration for Children and Families (\$450,708 over 3 years)
- Principal Investigator, "Kids Count," 1996-2002. Casey Foundation (subcontract with Kansas Action for Children) to develop and disseminate outcome data describing the well-being of children in Kansas. (approximately \$200,000 over 6 years)

Principal Investigator, "Family Caregiver Study," 1998. Contract with Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, Portland State University. (\$22,000)

Project Evaluator, "Kansas Families for Kids," 1998. Evaluation of the Kellogg Foundation initiative to reduce the backlog of children waiting for adoption in state custody. Subcontract with The Villages, Topeka, Kansas. (\$55,865)

Principal Investigator, "Family Caregiver Study," 1998. Contract with Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, Portland State University. (\$22,000)

Project Evaluator, "Kansas Families for Kids," 1997. Evaluation of the Kellogg Foundation initiative to reduce the backlog of children waiting for adoption in state custody. Subcontract with The Villages, Topeka, Kansas. (\$60,000)

Principal Investigator, "Quality Assurance for Kansas Adoption Services," 1997-98. Contract with Lutheran Social Services (\$65,275)

Project Evaluator, "Post-Legalization Adoption Services," 1997-98. Contract with Kansas Families for Kids (\$62,800)

Principal Investigator, "Family Caregiver Study," 1995. Longitudinal study of families with children with serious emotional disability. Contract with Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, Portland State University. (\$37,000)

Project Evaluator, "Kansas Families for Kids," 1995. Evaluation of the Kellogg Foundation initiative to reduce the backlog of children waiting for adoption in state custody. Subcontract with The Villages, Topeka, Kansas. (\$60,000)

Principal Investigator, "Family Caregiver Study," 1994. Longitudinal study of families with children with serious emotional disability. Contract with Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, Portland State University. (\$37,926)

Principal Investigator, "What Every Child Welfare Manager Needs to Know," 1994. Design and implementation of an ongoing needs assessment of Kansas Youth Services utilizing agency data bases. (\$25,000)

Evaluator, "We Can ... Save Our African-American Males Adoption Project," 1993. Two year project of the Kansas Children's Service League to increase the placement of black males available for adoption in the Kansas City area. (\$30,000)

Co-Principal Investigator, "Kids Count," 1991-1995. Casey Foundation; four year project in collaboration with Kansas Action for Children to develop and disseminate outcome data describing the well-being of children in Kansas. (\$400,000)

Co-Principal Investigator, "Families with Children with Severe Emotional Disabilities," 1991. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (subcontract through Portland State University); five year, multi-project grant focusing on the target population. (\$500,000)

Principal Investigator, "Crisis Intervention/Management for Children and Adolescents," 1991. South Carolina Department of Mental Health; develop training curriculum materials. (\$19,999)

Evaluator, "Crisis Nursery Project," 1990. Office of Human Development Services (subcontract with SRS); evaluation of crisis nursery project in Kansas City for drug exposed infants. (\$25,000)

Project Director, "Outreach Field Unit," 1989. Children's Rehabilitation Unit, University of Kansas Medical Center; to operate a field unit of one Ph.D. student and four to six MSW students designed to provide outreach services to children and families served by the CRU. (\$20,004)

Co-Project Director, "Enhancement and Expansion of Case Management Training and Services," 1989. Children's Rehabilitation Unit, University of Kansas Medical Center; to produce a manual to be used in the training of health care professionals in the use of a Family Strengths Model of case management and integrate case management training materials into existing training programs. (\$22,359)

Principal Investigator, "Assessing the Long-Term Impact of Foster Care," 1989. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin - Madison; grant to compile a synthesis of research assessing the impact of foster care on children served. (\$14,023)

Co-Principal Investigator, "Family Caregiver Survey," 1989-90. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (subcontract through Portland State University); survey of family caregivers of children with severe emotional disabilities. (\$102,300)

Project Director, "Integrated Program Evaluation Model," 1990-91. Kansas Childrens Service League; to assist agency in developing program evaluation strategies and systems. (\$15,000)

Co-Principal Investigator, "Long-Range Plan for Children's Services," 1988- 89. Ohio Department of Human Services; to conduct needs assessment and develop a long-range plan for children's services in the state. (\$199,900)

Co-Principal Investigator, "Predictive Validity of Risk Assessment in Child Protective Services," 1988-89. Office of Human Development Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; to conduct multi-state study of the validity of risk assessment instruments. (\$199,989)

Project Director, "Needs Assessment System," 1987. United Way of Greater Portland; to conduct community leader needs assessment survey and to design a system for using community hot-line data as part of the needs assessment process. (\$4,000)

Project Director, "Outcome Measurement Project," 1987. Arkansas Department of Human Services; to assist in the design of a data system to monitor children's services. (\$3,000)

Project Director, "Assessing the Impact of Foster Care Review," 1987. Massachusetts Department of Social Services; to design a system for monitoring the impact of foster care case review. (\$4,200)

Project Director, "United Way Needs Assessment Survey," 1986. United Way of Greater Portland; to assist in the design of agency data network. (\$3,000)

Project Evaluator, "Family Service Integration Demonstration," 1985-87. Office of Human Development Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; to design, implement and evaluate state service integration demonstration. (\$566,500)

Project Director, "Community Needs Assessment," 1985. United Way of Greater Manchester, N. H.; to conduct community needs assessment. (\$5,000)

Project Director, "Low Income Demonstration Evaluation," 1985. Family Planning Association of Maine; to evaluate demonstration designed to increase utilization of family planning services by low income women. (\$9,800)

Project Director, "Community Needs Assessment Project," 1984. United Way of Greater Portland; to conduct survey to update community needs assessment. (\$3,000)

Co-Principal Investigator, "The Effects of Variations in AFDC and Medicaid Eligibility on Prenatal Care Use," 1984-85. Division of Maternal and Child Health and Health Care Finance

Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; to study impact of AFDC/Medicaid eligibility on prenatal care utilization. (\$153,700)

Principal Investigator, "Predictors of Adoption Disruption," 1986. Office of Human Development Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; to conduct study of the causes of adoption disruption. (\$100,000)

Project Director, "CEI Small Business Finance and Employment Training Project," 1984-85. Ford Foundation; evaluation of Small Business Finance and Employment Training Project. (\$20,000)

Co-Principal Investigator, "Barriers to Prenatal Care in Maine," 1983. Maine Department of Human Services, Division of Maternal and Child Health; to study barriers to prenatal care utilization. (\$29,239)

Co-Principal Investigator, "Wisconsin Study of Absent Father's Ability to Pay Child Support," 1981. Social Security Administration, Office of Child Support Enforcement; to study absent fathers' ability to pay more child support for AFDC cases. (\$72,168)

Principal Investigator, "Predictors of Placement for Emotionally Disturbed Children," 1978. Biomedical Research Support Grant, Washington University; to study factors leading to placement of children in residential treatment (\$2,000).

## **SERVICE**

### School and University Committees:

Promotion, Retention and Tenure Committee, School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas

Dissertation committees (currently chair of two committees, methodologist for two).

### State Agencies and Groups

VanGo Mobile Arts – evaluation consultant

Penn House, Lawrence Kansas - Board Member.

Corporation for Change, Topeka, KS. - Task Group member

Kansas Children's Service League - Board Member, Executive Committee and Program Services Committee.(1989-1995)

CASA Organization of Lawrence, Kansas - Board Member, Training and Evaluation Committees. (1992-1995)

### National Agencies and Groups

Child Welfare Outcomes and Performance-Based Incentives Consultation Group - provided consultation to the Children's Bureau (ACF-DHHS) on implementation of requirements of ASFA legislation.

*Children and Youth Services Review* - editorial board.