

Marissa Abbott

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare
Minor in Human Development and Family Studies
Certificate in Clinical and Community Outcomes Research
Madison, WI
Expected May 2021

University of Rochester, School of Medicine & Dentistry
Master of Public Health (Highly Selective 3-2 Combined Degree Program)
Concentration in Epidemiology
Thesis: *The breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices of HIV-positive women in India*
Rochester, NY
2015

University of Rochester
Bachelor of Arts in Epidemiology with Distinction
Minor in Chinese Language
Rochester, NY
2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Child maltreatment prevention and intervention, child adversity, trauma screening, social determinants of health, child and family policy, child welfare, program evaluation, social and injury epidemiology.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Alfred Kadushin Dissertation Research Award 2020
Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty 2018-2020
Let's Get Healthy California, Innovation Challenge 2.0 Semi-Finalist 2017
Rochester Undergraduate Research Symposium, Dean's Choice Award 2014
University of Rochester, Discover Grant 2013
JCE Neonatology Summer Scholars Program, Best Research Presentation 2013
University of Rochester, Alice DeSimone Leadership Award 2013
University of Rochester, Prince Street Scholarship 2010

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Institute for Research of Poverty
Project Assistant
Madison, WI
2017- present

- Work with Drs. Lawrence Berger and Kristen Slack on projects related to child/family well-being, including work on Project GAIN, a randomized control trial designed to prevent child maltreatment.
- Write memos and conduct literature reviews for the Wisconsin Child Abuse Prevention Board and the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families on topics related to maltreatment prevention.
- Write technical assistance memos for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on topics related to poverty.
- Support the ASPE Poverty and Transitions to Adulthood scholarly network.

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Student Hourly Researcher, School of Social Work

Madison, WI
2019

- Assisted Dr. Tally Moses with an evaluation of the Trauma-Informed, Resilient Oriented Learning Community (TIROLC) project in El Paso, Texas.
- Analyzed baseline pre-intervention survey data and coded qualitative focus group data.

Wisconsin Child Abuse Prevention Board
Social Work Intern

Madison, WI
2018

- Compiled and analyzed pre- and post-evaluations and completed qualitative interviews of parent co-presenters for the Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work Initiative.
- Assisted with grant writing and development for St. Croix, County and UW-Milwaukee partners.

California Department of Public Health
California Epidemiologic Investigation Service (Cal-EIS) Fellow

Sacramento, CA
2015-2017

- Focused on child maltreatment prevention through CDC-funded Essentials for Childhood Initiative.
- Responsible for the design and implementation of the California Essentials for Childhood evaluation plan and coordination of the Shared Data and Outcomes Workgroup.
- Compiled surveillance data on fatal child maltreatment cases, with special attention to unsafe sleep and abusive head trauma deaths, for the California Department of Social Services.

University of Rochester Medical Center
Research Assistant, Department of Emergency Medicine

Rochester, NY
2014-2015

- Member of the injury research team that examines care provided in an emergency setting.
- Research assistant to injury epidemiologist, Dr. Courtney Jones.
- Co-investigator for multiple projects using the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS).
- Experience writing grants, research protocols, literature reviews, and reviewer comments.

Perinatal Network of Monroe County
Epidemiology Intern

Rochester, NY
2014

- Completed an epidemiological assessment of infant mortality in Monroe County, New York.
- Prepared a report on infant mortality reduction initiatives to create an action plan for the county.

New York University Langone Medical Center
Jack Cary Eichenbaum Neonatology Summer Scholar

New York, NY
2013

- Researched inhaled nitric oxide (iNO) in the treatment of hypoxic respiratory failure in neonates.
- Shadowed clinicians in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and pediatric follow-up clinic.
- Participated in pediatric grand rounds, lecture series, and medical simulation center training.

University of Rochester Medical Center
Research Assistant, Sources of Strength Project

Rochester, NY
2012

- Contributed to a longitudinal cohort study in suicide prevention for teens and young adults.
- Gained awareness about suicide prevention techniques among high school students via research.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Publications

Winston, P., Coombs, E., Bennett, R., Antelo, L., Landers, P., **Abbott, M.** (2019). Paid family leave: Supporting work attachment among lower income mothers. *Community, Work & Family*, 22(4), 478-511.

Abbott, M., & Wirtz, S. (2019). California Essentials for Childhood case study: Collective impact through strategic opportunities. *International Journal on Child Maltreatment: Research, Policy and Practice*, 1(2), 132-152.

Jones, C.M.C., Wasserman, E.B., Li, T., Amidon, A., **Abbott, M.**, Shah, M.N. (2017). The effect of older age on EMS use for transportation to an emergency department. *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*, 32(3), 261-268.

Abbott, M., Topudurti, S., Alio, A. (2015). Factors impacting decisions during pregnancy in Hyderabad, India. *University of Rochester Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 13(1-2), 22-24.

Under Review or In Progress

Abbott, M., & Slack, K.S. (Under review). Exploring the relationship between childhood adversity and adult depression: A risk versus strengths-oriented approach. Initial submission to *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

Abbott, M. (In progress). Relationship between parenting beliefs, violent behaviors, and child hospitalizations: Findings from a population of families at risk for child maltreatment.

Government Reports

Abbott, M., & Slack, K.S. (2020). *Primary prevention strategies for reducing child maltreatment*. Memorandum prepared for the Wisconsin Child Abuse Prevention Board.

Abbott, M., & Slack, K.S. (2020). *Enhanced pediatric and primary care for the prevention of child maltreatment*. Memorandum prepared for the Wisconsin Child Abuse Prevention Board.

Berger, L.M., Slack, K.S., Pac, J., **Abbott, M.** (2019). *In-home child welfare services state comparison*. Memorandum prepared for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

Berger, L.M., Slack, K.S., Wages, S., **Abbott, M.** (2019). *Continuum of care in out-of-home placement*. Memorandum prepared for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

Pratt, E., **Abbott, M.**, Landers, P. (2019). *Well-being frameworks* (National Poverty Center Quarterly Leadership Memo No. 8). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Landers, P. & **Abbott, M.** (2018). *The “Jobs Gap”: Employer demand and labor supply mismatch* (National Poverty Center Quarterly Leadership Memo No. 7). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott, M., & Landers, P. (2018). *Peer supports* (National Poverty Center Quarterly Leadership Memo No. 6). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott, M. (2018). *Opportunity youth programs* (National Poverty Center Rapid Response Memo No. 10). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott, M. (2018). *Social capital formation to help alleviate poverty* (National Poverty Center Quarterly Leadership Memo No. 5). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott, M. (2018). *State statutes and policies regarding opioids, substance use, and child welfare* (National Poverty Center Rapid Response Memo No. 7). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott, M. (2018). *Effective marriage-promotion programs* (National Poverty Center Rapid Response Memo No. 5). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott, M., & Landers, P. (2018). *State by state child welfare laws related to alcohol and other drug abuse* (National Poverty Center Rapid Response Deliverable No. 4). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott, M., & Landers, P. (2018). *Theoretical base for programs targeted towards youth* (National Poverty Center Quarterly Leadership Memo No. 4). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott, M., & Landers, P. (2017). *Paid family leave literature review* (National Poverty Center Rapid Response Deliverable No. 3). Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Abbott M., Landers, P. (2017). *Work and well-being among low-income men.* (National Poverty Center Quarterly Leadership Memo No. 3.) Report for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Selected Presentations

Abbott, M., Slack K.S., Berger, L.M. (November, 2019). Relationship between parenting beliefs, violent behaviors, and child hospitalizations: Findings from a population of families at risk for child maltreatment. Oral presentation at the 147th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Abbott, M., Slack, K.S. (November, 2018). *Adverse childhood experiences, the childhood caregiving environment, and depression in adults: Finding from a population of families at risk for child maltreatment*. Poster presented at the 146th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.

Abbott, M., Wirtz, S. (February, 2017). *California Essentials for Childhood Initiative: New childhood adversity and resilience data topic on Kidsdata.org*. Poster presented at the Let's Get Healthy California, 2017 Innovation Conference, Sacramento, CA.

Abbott, M., Kennedy, G., Dodds, D., Turk-Bicakci, L. (November, 2016). *Childhood adversity and Essentials for Childhood data indicators on Kidsdata.org website*. Oral presentation at the First 5 California Child Health, Education and Care Summit, Sacramento, CA.

Abbott, M. (October, 2016). *Leveraging partnerships to increase accessibility to child adversity and resilience data*. Oral presentation at the West Coast Epidemiology Conference, Sacramento, CA.

Abbott, M., Jones, C.M.C., Lanning, S. (November, 2015). *National epidemiology of recreational ice skating injuries presenting to US emergency departments*. Oral presentation at the 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.

Abbott, M., Alio, A., Fernandez, I.D., McMahon, J. (June, 2015). *The breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices of HIV positive women in India*. Poster presented at Rochester Global Health Research Symposium, Rochester, NY.

Abbott, M., Topudurti, S., Alio, A. (April, 2014). *Factors impacting decisions during pregnancy in Hyderabad, India*. Oral presentation at the University of Rochester Undergraduate Research Symposium, Rochester, NY.

Shrek, E., **Abbott, M.**, Wachtel, E., Yang, K., Morel, A.A., Mally, P. (April, 2014). *Efficacy of inhaled nitric oxide (iNO) in the treatment of hypoxic respiratory failure in neonates*. Poster presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Lexington, KY.

Invited Presentations

Abbott, M. (April, 2017). *Essentials for Childhood Initiative: Child adversity and resilience*. Webinar presented to the California Conference of Local Directors of Health Education.

Abbott, M., Turk-Bicakci, L. (March, 2017). *Child adversity: Data to help advocate for change*. Webinar presented on behalf of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, Kidsdata.org.

Abbott, M., Wirtz, S. (June, 2016). *California Essentials for Childhood: Progress towards shared metrics*. Webinar presented to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Essentials for Childhood grantees.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Reader/Grader for SW 711: *Human Behavior and the Environment*, MSW Program

Madison, WI
2020

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Reader/Grader for *SW 606: Social Welfare Policy*, Part-Time MSW Program
Madison, WI
2018

University of Rochester
Graduate Statistics Tutor, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
Rochester, NY
2014

University of Rochester
Teaching Assistant for *PH 103: Concepts of Epidemiology*
Rochester, NY
2013

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND UNIVERSITY

Grant Reviewer and Consultant, Wisconsin Child Abuse Prevention Board
Consultant, California Department of Public Health, Essentials for Childhood Initiative
External Reviewer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Curriculum Committee, University of Wisconsin Madison, School of Social Work
Building Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Social Work

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Public Health Association
Council on Social Work Education
Institute for Research on Poverty
National Association of Social Workers