Grants

Jamie Studts, Hannah Knudsen, and Bill Stoops submitted an application to the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research’s Petite Research Grant program, which was entitled, “Interest in a Cocaine Vaccine Approach to Treatment: A Mixed-Methods Study.”

Lisa Shannon submitted an R21 application to NIH/NIDA entitled, “Examining a Brief Intervention for Appalachian Pregnant Opiate-Dependent Women.”

Matt Webster reviewed grants for the NIH’s Community-Level Health Promotion Study Section, Washington, DC.

Publications


Editorial and Reviews

Jennifer Cole reviewed an article for Psychology of Women Quarterly.

Presentations


Training

Carrie Oser attended an ICSPR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research workshop on “Analyzing Multi/Mixed Models Using Stata” at the University of Michigan from June 22-27, 2008.
**Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards**

Barbara Ramlow and Tee Ellerbe traveled to Louisville, KY on June 10, 2008 to participate in the Jefferson County START Advisory Council meeting at Jefferson Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center.

Renee Edington and Barbara Ramlow traveled to Inez, KY where Ms. Edington facilitated a meeting of the Martin County Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) Advisory Council on June 12, 2008.

Beth Wahler traveled to Morehead, KY to facilitate the first meeting of the Rowan County TAP Advisory Council on June 17, 2008.

Barbara Ramlow traveled to Ashland, KY to facilitate a meeting of the Boyd County TAP Advisory Council on June 18, 2008.

Renee Edington traveled to Inez, KY to attend a K-START Advisory Council meeting on June 18, 2008.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Salyersville, KY to facilitate a meeting of the Magoffin County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council on June 24, 2008.

**Information, Education and Consultation**

Barbara Ramlow, Beth Wahler, Kim Griswold Dotson, Stephanie Ratliff, and Tee Ellerbe participated in the National Institute on Drug Abuse Blending Addiction Science and Treatment: The Impact of Evidence-Based Practices on Individuals, Families and Communities Conference held in Cincinnati, OH on June 2-3, 2008.

Barbara Ramlow hosted a meeting of the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Evaluation Team at the TAP Administrative office on June 5, 2008. Other attending included: Robert Walker (Center on Drug and Alcohol Research), Dr. Patty Cook (UK College of Social Work), Dr. Ruth Huebner, Tina Willauer, Joann Lianekhammy, and Audrey Brock (Department for Community Based Services -DCBS), and Lynn Posze (Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse).

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Bardstown, Kentucky on June 12, 2008 to facilitate a domestic violence workshop for the Nelson and Hardin County DCBS Division of Family Support case managers.

Barbara Ramlow was interviewed as a statewide community partner during the Federal Child and Family Services Review in Kentucky. Targeted Assessment Specialists in Jefferson, Daviess and Laurel Counties were also interviewed during the local site visits as part of this federal review.

Stephanie Ratliff, Kim Griswold Dotson, and Beth Wahler traveled to Frankfort, KY on June 26, 2008 to attend the first meeting of the Empowerment Evaluation Study Group. Dr. Ruth Huebner, Child Welfare Researcher for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, provided a presentation titled “Making Friends with Program Evaluation: Overcoming Terror Among Practitioners and Learning to Learn Together”. The meeting was organized and
facilitated by Lynn Posze, Program Administrator for the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Stephanie Ratliff, Kim Griswold Dotson, and Beth Wahler traveled to Frankfort, KY on 6/26/08 to attend a meeting regarding Program Evaluation. Dr. Ruth Huebner, Child Welfare Researcher for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, provided a presentation titled “Making Friends with Program Evaluation: Overcoming Terror Among Practitioners and Learning to Learn Together.” The meeting was organized and facilitated by Lynn Posze, Program Administrator for the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Barbara Ramlow and Stephanie Ratliff participated in the Summit on Violence Prevention: Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence held in Lexington, KY on June 30, 2008. The Summit was sponsored by the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, and the University of Kentucky Violence Intervention and Prevention Center, with funding provided by Allstate Foundation.

**Meetings on Substance Abuse**

Beth Wahler traveled to Elkton, KY on June 5, 2008 to facilitate a case conference with the Christian, McCracken, and Hopkins County Targeted Assessment Specialists.

Barbara Ramlow and Tee Ellerbe traveled to Louisville, KY to participate in the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team monthly provider meeting on June 9, 2008.

Barbara Ramlow, Renee Edington, and Lisa Bentley, Martin County Targeted Assessment Specialist, participated in a K-START (Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team) planning meeting with staff from DCBS and Mountain Comprehensive Care Center to discuss implementation of the federal K-START grant.


Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Elizabethtown, Kentucky on June 25, 2008 to facilitate a case conference with the Daviess, Hardin, Henderson, McLean, Ohio and Nelson County Targeted Assessment Specialists.

Kim Griswold Dotson and Beth Wahler traveled to Florence, Kentucky on June 27, 2008 to facilitate a case conference with the Boone, Campbell and Kenton Targeted Assessment Specialists.

Stephanie Ratliff facilitated a case conference with Boyd, Breathitt, Fayette, Floyd, Johnson, Lee, Madison, Magoffin, Perry, and Rowan County Targeted Assessment Specialists on June 27, 2008.

Tee Ellerbe traveled to Bowling Green, KY to facilitate a case conference with Warren, Barren, and Jefferson Targeted Assessment Specialists on June 27, 2008.

Carrie Oser attended the NIDA Blending Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio from June 1-3, 2008.

Carl Leukefeld was the Chairperson of a Special Emphasis Panel MACS Cohort Studies (ZDA1
Awards


Lisa Shannon received the Women & Sex/Gender Junior Investigator Travel Award from NIDA for the June 14-19, 2008 meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Susan Ross, Fayette County Targeted Assessment Specialist, received the “110%” Award for the Fayette County Department for Community Based Services Southern Bluegrass Region Division of Family Support. The award was presented by Lynn Bernard, Fayette County Family Support Supervisor, and Grace Akers, Service Region Administrator for the Southern Bluegrass Region.

Jill Gay, Kenton County Targeted Assessment Specialist, was one of the community partners honored for her work in preventing child abuse and neglect at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Northern Bluegrass Service Region’s first-ever Keeping Children Safe Community Spirit Program held on June 2, 2008.

Other

Sharon Walsh served as an internal reviewer for the annual retreat for the CDART Center Project (M. Bardo, PI) on June 23, 2008.

Sharon Walsh participated in an Invited Workshop at the CPDD Meeting sponsored by NIDA on “Academic Success and Tenure in Tight Times” on Monday, June 16.

Sharon Walsh organized and served as Chair for a symposium at the CPDD Meeting entitled, “Opioid Analgesics: Protecting Their Use and Preventing Abuse.

Kim Griswold Dotson participated in a Steering Committee of the Bluegrass Alliance for Women on June 11, 2008. Ms. Dotson will chair this committee in fiscal year 2009.