
PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

I am an experienced evaluator and have consulted with numerous organizations to create and improve programs that support communities and families. I'm pursuing career opportunities where I can positively impact social justice and equitable community change.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Counseling Indiana University School of Education	2013
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology University of California, Santa Barbara	2008

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Effective Leadership

- Directed multiple evaluation research projects in collaboration with state agencies, non-profits, community coalitions, schools and families throughout Indiana.
- Co-founded the research center, Center for Collaborative Systems Change.
- Co-founded a community coalition that addresses root causes of social problems in Monroe County, Indiana through training, relationship building, and advocacy.

Organizational Change

- Increased effectiveness of community organizations through capacity building and integration of evaluation methods and data management systems into their daily practices.
- Improved maternal and child outcomes by delivering technical assistance to early childhood organizations on implementing evidence-based practices and using data to drive policy change.

Community Development

- Provided training and facilitation to over 300 professionals and community members on developing network-based initiatives and implementing prevention-focused strategies.
- Co-developed white paper on the social conditions of communities at risk for drug use epidemics with recommendations for prevention efforts in Indiana, informing a national media campaign.
- Co-founded the annual Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit, bringing together diverse, local professionals and families to generate ideas for improving community well-being.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Center for Collaborative Systems Change
Indiana University, Institute on Disability and Community

Dec '16
to present

Consultant, Jail Chemical Addictions Program
Dearborn County Court Services

Jan '15
to July '17

Consultant, Scott County Drug Prevention Coalition
Indiana Division of Mental Health & Addictions

Nov '15
to Jan '16

Consultant, Southeast Indiana Local Coordinating Council
One Community One Family System of Care

Feb '15
to Apr '16

Visiting Research Associate, Collaborative Research Initiative
Indiana University, School of Education

Jan '14
to Nov '16

Advanced Counseling Intern, Emergency Youth Shelter
Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County

Aug '12
to Dec '13

SKILLS

- Strategic planning
- Project management
- Coalition development
- Org. development
- Grant writing
- Data visualization
- Logic modeling

EXPERTISE

- Maternal & child health, mental health, & primary prevention policies
- Collaborative research methods

LEADERSHIP

Institute on Disability & Community Staff Engagement Workgroup, Member	Oct '18 - present
Maternal Advocates Resource Alliance, Co-Founder & Member	Jan '18 - present
Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit, Co-Founder & Planning Committee Member	Apr '16 - present
American Public Health Association, Member	Aug '15 - present
Building a Thriving Compassionate Community (BTCC), Co-Founder & Member	Apr '15 - present
Indiana Project LAUNCH Evaluation Advisory Board, Chair	Jan '14 - May '18
Indiana Project LAUNCH State Leadership Council, Member	Jan '14 - May '18
Indiana University School of Education Policy Council, Graduate Student Representative	Aug '11 - May '12

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Racial Equity & Implicit Bias Workshop Facilitator Training – <i>Peace Learning Center</i>	Mar '18
Primary Prevention Facilitator Training – <i>Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence</i>	Sept '16
Tableau Fundamentals, Intermediate & Visual Analytics Trainings – <i>Tableau Software</i>	Aug '16 & Sept '18
Strategic Doing Facilitator Certification – <i>Purdue University Agile Strategy Lab</i>	Dec '15
CompTIA+ Project Management Course – <i>Indiana University Bloomington</i>	Nov '14
Improvement Science in Practice Workshop – <i>Carnegie Foundation</i>	Nov '14

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2016 Key Personnel (A. Zimpfer-Hoerr, Project Lead). Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge Participant. Awarded: \$10,000. Funded by Aetna Foundation, American Public Health Association, & National Association of Counties.
- 2014 Co-Principal Investigator (A. Howland, P.I.). Evaluation of the SEL3CT & Jail Chemical Addiction Program Grant. Awarded: \$60,000. Funded by Dearborn County Foundation, Lawrenceburg, IN.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Howland, A. & **Benetti, M.** (2019, Apr). *Collaborative evaluation of a social emotional curriculum In Head Start programs*. American Educational Research Association. Oral presentation. Toronto, CA.
- Benetti, M.** (2018, Nov). *Supporting young children and families: A participatory evaluation of a locally contextualized evidence-based parenting program*. American Public Health Association 2018 Annual Meeting. Oral presentation. San Diego, CA.
- Benetti, M.** (2018, Nov). *Navigating power: An ecology of tension*. American Evaluation Association. Oral presentation. Cleveland, OH.
- Benetti, M.** & Howland, A. (2018, Oct). *Transportation: A vehicle for health equity in rural communities*. Root Cause Coalition. Oral presentation. New Orleans, LA.
- Benetti, M.** (2018, Sept). *Community-based participatory research*. Indiana University Department of Psychology – Community Psychology. Guest lecture. Bloomington, IN.
- Benetti, M.** (2018, May). *Indiana Project LAUNCH community presentation*. Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Luncheon. Oral presentation. Batesville, IN.
- Benetti, M.** & Zautra, N. (2017, Sept). *Asset mapping*. Indiana University Institute on Disability and Community Annual Retreat. Oral Presentation. Bloomington, IN.
- Benetti, M.** & Cattelona, G. (2017, Feb). *Primary prevention*. Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth. Workshop presentation. Bloomington, IN.

- Zautra, N., **Benetti, M.**, & Howland, A. (2016, Nov). *Prevention perspectives: A community-based study of opioid use behaviors in rural Indiana*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Poster presentation. Denver, Colorado.
- Zautra, N., **Benetti, M.**, & Howland, A. (2016, Nov). *Growing collaborative action partnerships to prevent opioid abuse in rural, low-resource regions*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Poster presentation. Denver, Colorado.
- Howland, A., **Benetti, M.**, & Zautra, N. (2016, Oct). *Community continuum of supports: A framework for community empowerment*. 7th Annual Prescription Drug Abuse & Heroin Symposium. Oral presentation. Indianapolis, IN.
- Paulsen, J., **Benetti, M.**, & Howland, A. (2016, Sept). *Implementing evidence based practices sustainably: A case study from rural Head Start systems*. 21st Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health. Oral presentation. San Diego, CA.
- Benetti, M.** & Howland, A. (2015, Nov). *Developing an early childhood mental health needs assessment in a rural region*. American Public Health Association 2015 Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- Howland, A. & **Benetti, M.** (2014, Oct). *Effective grant writing*. Dearborn County Citizens Against Substance Abuse Grant Applicant Workshop. Workshop presentation. Lawrenceburg, IN.
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SELECTED TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Benetti, M.**, Howland, A., & Medinaceli, M. (2019, Apr). *Safety PIN – Protecting Indiana’s Newborns. Southeastern Indiana Care Coordination for Pregnant Moms at Risk for Substance Use Final Evaluation Report*. Prepared for One Community One Family.
- Benetti, M.**, Howland, A., Medinaceli, M., Peng, Y., Paulsen, J., Lee, M., & Shenghai, D. (2018, June). *Cumulative Indiana Project LAUNCH Annual Evaluation Report*. Prepared for Indiana State Department of Health.
- Zautra, N., **Benetti, M.**, & Howland, A. (2017, Aug). *City of Lawrenceburg community grant final report*. Prepared for One Community One Family.
- Howland, A., **Benetti, M.**, & Zautra, N. (2016, Jan). *Prevention perspectives: A community based study of opioid use behaviors in a rural Indiana county*. Prepared for CEASE of Scott County and the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction.
- Howland, A. & **Benetti, M.** (2015, Sept). *Indiana Project LAUNCH Evaluation Plan*. Prepared for Indiana State Department of Health.
- Benetti, M.** & Howland, A. (2014, Mar). *Indiana Project LAUNCH Environmental Scan*. Prepared for Indiana State Department of Health.