

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, 1997, Human Development and Social Policy, Northwestern University

Master of Arts, 1989, Human Development and Social Policy, Northwestern University

Bachelor of Arts, 1982, Political Science, Stanford University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012 - **Professor, Human Development & Family Studies, University of Rhode Island.** Teach graduate and undergraduate level courses; undergraduate committee program coordinator; conduct research on childhood obesity; lead outreach efforts related to early intervention services in Rhode Island. Served as department chair from 2012-2018, with the following responsibilities: managed department personnel, fiscal, and curricular matters; led the undergraduate assessment process and academic program review; represented department to college and university; and engage in outreach to local, state, and federal organizations.
- 2005-12 **Associate Professor, Human Development & Family Studies, University of Rhode Island.** Taught 3-4 undergraduate and 1-2 master level courses annually, with an emphasis on service learning; graduate program coordinator for the terminal Masters program in Human Development and Family Studies from 2007-2012; conducted research on child health and parenting issues among disadvantaged families; and engaged in service activities with local, university, and professional communities.
- 2000 - **Assistant Professor, Human Development & Family Studies, University of Rhode Island.** With a 2/3 academic year teaching load, taught 3-4 undergraduate and 1-2 master level courses each year; expanded the Masters program to include a family policy emphasis; led national study of parental participation in voluntary home visitation programs; and coordinated efforts to create a systemic method to assess student learning outcomes for the College of Human Science and Services.
- 1992 - **Deputy Research Director, National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse,** Chicago, Illinois
1999 Served as project director for randomized study of statewide home visiting services in Hawaii; project director of client impact study of nine diverse child abuse prevention programs in Pennsylvania; and, principal analyst for national studies of child abuse reports and fatalities. Led workshops on evaluation results and techniques, developed publications, supervised support staff and interns.

- 1989-
1992 **Research Analyst, *National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse***, Chicago, Illinois.
Designed and conducted quantitative and qualitative research on various aspects of child maltreatment including: a secondary analysis of national incidence data on abuse and neglect, an evaluation of 14 child abuse prevention programs; and, national studies on child abuse reports and fatalities.
- 1987 -
1989 **Research Assistant, *Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Studies, Northwestern University***, Evanston, Illinois. Assisted on three major research projects: an examination of decentralization in five urban school districts, an evaluation of the effects of the Gautreaux Housing Program, and a study of the development of defense-based high technology industry in Chicago. Responsible for development of instruments, respondent interviews, data analysis, and preparation of written reports and articles.
- 1985 -
1987 **Co-Director, *Special Commission Relative to Divorce, Massachusetts State Legislature***, Boston, Massachusetts. Reviewed divorce/custody procedures and caseloads throughout Massachusetts and nationally. Created legislative recommendations and the final policy report.
- 1984 -
1985 **Legislative Aide, *Massachusetts State Legislature***, Boston, Massachusetts.
Wrote press releases, speeches and fact sheets on priority bills. Drafted budget amendments and legislation. Responded to constituent inquiries and supervised interns.
- 1983 -
1984 **Administrative Assistant, *Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators***, Boston, Massachusetts.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS/RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2005-
2022 **Principal Investigator, *Recruitment and retention of early childhood professionals for Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*** (~\$750,000). Funded by Rhode Island College and RI Department of Human Services. This grant provides funding to promote, provide, and assess internship and professional development opportunities to pre- and in- service professionals in the fields of early intervention and children with special health care needs.
- 2018-
2021 **Co-investigator, *A home-based video and motivational interviewing intervention to improve preschoolers diet quality and parental food parenting practices*** (\$730,661). Funded by the National Institutes of Health (PI-A. Tovar), this grant funded a pilot intervention to promote healthy eating among low-income families with preschool age children.
- 2020-
2021 **Co-Investigator, *SSIREF: Genesis Center Greater Providence Healthcare Career Pathways Evaluation*** (\$91,000). This grant was funded by the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT) to evaluate a healthcare training partnership between the DLT and the Genesis Center (PI - S. Leedahl).

- 2018-
2020 **Principal Investigator, *Family Outcomes Survey*** (\$55,269).
Funded by the Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN), this grant supported analysis of qualitative and quantitative data collected as part of RIPINs annual Family Outcomes survey.
- 2019 **Co-investigator, *Qualitative Behavioral Health Assessment of Washington County*** (\$13,000). Funded by South County Health (PI M. Greaney), this contract supported the collection of focus group data on mental health and substance misuse in Washington County to inform the strategic planning process by South County Health.
- 2015 **Principal Investigator, *Aligning the Early Childhood Education Curriculum*** (\$12,761). Funded by the Rhode Island Department of Education, this project aligned the Early Childhood Education curriculum with new early learning standards.
- 2009-
2011 **Principal Investigator, *Maternal depression, family food behavior, and child nutritional health*** with Gorman, K, Metallinos-Katsaras, E., and Kisler, T. Funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development (R03HD05224) for \$149,000. This grant provides funding to collect and analyze data on the relationship between obesity and food insecurity among low-income, preschool children in urban areas of Rhode Island.
- 2000-
2003 **Co-Principal Investigator, *Engagement and retention in family support programs***, with D. Daro (PI) and C. Nelson. Designed and implemented a three year, multi-site study of parental participation in voluntary support programs, funded by a three year grant from the William T. Grant Foundation (\$435,000) and three one-year grants from the Annie E. Casey Foundation (\$375,000).
- 1998 –
1999 **Co-Principal Investigator, *Parental Involvement in Home Visiting Programs***, with D. Daro (PI) and C. Nelson. Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation (\$75,000) and the Annie E. Casey Foundation (\$65,000) to support the development of a proposal for a multi-site examination of parental engagement in family support programs and the creation of a theory of parental involvement in voluntary programs.
- 1996 -
1998 **Co-Principal Investigator, *Improving HFA participant targeting, engagement and retention***, with D. Daro (PI) and K. Harding. This grant, funded by the Chicago Community Trust for \$100,000, supported a comparative study of engagement behavior of participants at three home visitation programs located in high risk, inner city neighborhoods.

Internal funding

- 2012 **Co-Investigator, *Graduate Outcomes Assessment***, with B. Newman (PI). Funded for \$1,000 by the Davis Foundation to develop curriculum map and portfolio rubrics for the HDF Masters of Science program.
- 2010 **Co-Investigator, *Literacy beliefs and practices of preschool teachers and parents with young children from low income families***, with L. Harper (PI), and B. Young. HSS

Research Partnership Grant, URI (\$5,000) to support a pilot study of congruence in educational beliefs and practices between parents and Head Start teachers a low-income city.

- 2008 **Principal Investigator, *Developing the Family Food Behavior Survey***, Center for Urban Studies and Research, University of Rhode Island (\$4,500). This partially grant supported a pilot study of a new measure of family food behavior.

- 2005 **Principal Investigator, *HDF Outcomes Assessment Planning Grant***, URI Provost's office (\$1702). Coordinated, proposed and developed student learning objectives for the Department of Human Development and Family Studies

- 2001 - **Principal Investigator, *Evaluation of the Strategic Support Mentoring Program*** with R.
2002 Laird (Shared PI). Funded by the URI Council for Research (\$4,292), this study collected formative data on a school-based mentoring program (K-8) to develop a more comprehensive evaluation plan.

PUBLICATIONS (* - indicates student author)

- McCurdy, K., Gans, K., Risica, P, Fox, K., & Tovar, A. (2022). Food insecurity, food parenting practices, and child eating behaviors among low-income Hispanic families of young children. *Appetite*, 169, 105857. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appet.2021.105857>

- *Moore, A.M., Vadiveloo, M., McCurdy, K., Bouchard, K., & Tovar, A. (2021). A recurrent cross-sectional qualitative study exploring how low-income mothers define snacks and reasons for offering snacks during infancy. *Appetite*, 162, 105169.

- *Fox K., Gans, K., McCurdy, K., Risila, P., Jennings, E., Gorin, A., Papandonatos, G., & Tovar, A. (2020). Rationale, design and study protocol of the 'Strong Families Start at Home' feasibility trial to improve the diet quality of low-income, ethnically diverse children by helping parents improve their feeding and food preparation practices. *Contemporary Clinical Trials Communications*, 19, 100583. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.conctc.2020.100583>

- *Parker, H., Tovar, A., McCurdy, K., and Vadiveloo, M. (2020). Socioeconomic and racial prenatal diet quality disparities in a national US sample. *Public Health Nutrition*, 23, 894-903. : <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1368980019003240>

- *Moore, A., Vadiveloo, M., Tovar, A., McCurdy, K., Ostbye, T., & Benjamin-Neelon, S. (2019). Associations of less healthy snack food consumption with infant weight-for-length Z score trajectories: Findings from the Nurture Cohort Study. *Nutrients*, 11, 2752. DOI: 10.3390/nu11112752.

- Tovar, A., Kaar, J., McCurdy, K., Field, A., Dabelea, D., & Vadiveloo, M. (2019). Maternal vegetable intake during and after pregnancy. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 19, 267.

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12884-019-2353-0>. PMID: 31349808.

- *Parker, J., McCurdy, K., Tovar, A., and Vadiveloo, M. (2019). Associations between pre-pregnancy BMI, gestational weight gain, and prenatal diet quality in a national sample. *PLoS ONE* 14(10): e0224034. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0224034>
- McCurdy, K., Tovar, A., Kaar, J., and Vadiveloo, M. (2019). Pathways between maternal depression, the family environment, and child BMI z scores. *Appetite*, 134, 148-154.
- Gorman, K., McCurdy, K., Kisler, T., and Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2017). Maternal strategies to access food differ by food security status. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, 117 (1), 48-57.
- McCurdy, K., Kisler, T., Gorman, K., and Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2015). Food- and health-related correlates of self-reported body mass index among low-income mothers of young children. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 47 (3), 225-233.e1.
- McCurdy, K., Gorman, K., Kisler, T., and Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2014). Associations between family food behaviors, maternal depression, and child weight among low-income children. *Appetite*, 79, 97-105.
- McCurdy, K., Gorman, K., Kisler, T., and Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2012). Maternal mental health and child health and nutrition (pp. 124-144). In V. Maholmes and R. King (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on Child Development & Poverty*. Oxford, OH: Oxford University Press.
- McCurdy, K., and Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2011). Socio-demographic determinants of food security status among first-time WIC participants. *Topics in Clinical Nutrition*, 26 (3), 216-228.
- McCurdy, K., Gorman, K., and Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2010). From poverty to food insecurity and child overweight: A family stress approach. *Child Development Perspectives*, 4 (2), 144-151.
- McCurdy, K., and Gorman, K. (2010). Measuring family food environments in diverse families with young children. *Appetite*, 54, 615-618.
- *Taylor, M. and McCurdy, K. (2010). The contribution of the helping relationship in promoting retention in a home visiting program to prevent child maltreatment (pp. 63-80). In E. Douglas (Ed.), *Innovations in child and family policy*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- McCurdy, K. (2009). Integrating field experiences into an infant-toddler classroom. *SRCD Developments*, 52, 4.
- Daro, D., McCurdy, K., Falconnier, L., Winje, C., Anisfeld, E., Katzev, A., Keim, A., LeCroy, C., and Nelson, C. (2007). The role of community in facilitating service utilization. *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*, 34 (1/2), 181-204.

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- Daro, D., and McCurdy, K. (2007). Interventions to prevent child maltreatment. In L. S. Doll, S. Bonzo, J. Mercy, and D. Sleet (Eds.), *Handbook of injury and violence prevention* (pp. 137-156). Secausus, NJ: Springer.
- McCurdy, K., Daro, D., Anisfeld, E., Katzev, A., Keim, A., LeCroy, C., McAfee, C., Nelson, C., Falconnier, L., McGuigan, W., Park, J., Sandy, J., and Winje, C. (2006). Understanding maternal intentions to engage in home visiting programs. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 28, 1195-1212.
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- Daro, D., McCurdy, K., Falconnier, L., and Stojanovic, D. (2003). Sustaining new parents in home visitation services: Key participant and program factors. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 27, 1101-1125.
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- McCurdy, K., *Gannon, R., and Daro, D. (2003). Participation patterns in home-based, family support programs: Ethnic variations. *Family Relations*, 52 (1), 3 -11.
- McCurdy, K., and Daro, D. (2001). Parent involvement in family support programs: An integrated theory. *Family Relations*, 50 (2), 113 – 121.
- McCurdy, K. (2001). Can home visitation enhance maternal social support? *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 29 (1), 97-112.
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- McCurdy, K., and Jones, E. (2000). *Supporting families: Lessons from the field*. The results from the William Penn Foundation Child Abuse Prevention Initiative. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- McCurdy, K., Hurvis, S., & Clark, J. (1996). Engaging and retaining families in child abuse prevention programs. *The APSAC Advisor*, 9 (3), 1, 3-8.
- McCurdy, K. (1995). Risk assessment in child abuse prevention programs. *Social Work Research*, 19

(2), 77-88.

McCurdy, K., and Daro, D. (1994). Child maltreatment: A national survey on reports and fatalities. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 9 (1), 75-94.

Daro, D., and McCurdy, K. (1994). Preventing child abuse and neglect: Programmatic interventions. *Child Welfare*, 5, 405-430.

Jones, E., and McCurdy, K. (1994). Letter to the editor. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 18 (3), 298 - 301.

Jones, E., and McCurdy, K. (1992). The links between types of maltreatment and demographic characteristics of children. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 16 (2), 201-215.

Wohlstetter, P., and McCurdy, K. (1991). The link between school decentralization and school politics. *Urban Education*, 25 (4), 391-414.

Markusen, A., and McCurdy, K. (1989). Chicago's defense-based high technology: A Case Study of the 'Seedbeds of Innovation' Hypothesis. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 3 (1), 15-31.

REPORTS/REVIEWS

Leedahl, S., McCurdy, K., Porto, N., *Pascuzzi, E., & *Green, M. (2020). *Genesis Center Greater Providence HealthCare Career Pathways Evaluation*. Prepared for the Genesis Center, Providence, RI.

McCurdy, K., *Laviguer, B., & *Pascuzzi, E. (2020). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.

McCurdy, K., Greaney, M., & *Beatty, A. (2019). *Behavioral health and substance use in Washington County: A qualitative study*. Prepared for South County Health, South Kingstown, RI.

McCurdy, K., & *Russo, V. (2019). *Participant voices: Caregiver experiences with Early Intervention services in Rhode Island*. Prepared for the Rhode Island Parent Information Network, Cranston, RI..

McCurdy, K., *Laviguer, B., *Pascuzzi, E., & *Visiglio, L. (2019). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.

McCurdy, K., *Beatty, A., *Russo, V., & *Visiglio, L. (2019). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.

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- McCurdy, K., *Coulston, S., *Aldrich, S., & Ribeiro, A. (2017). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K., *Coulston, S., & *Whitt, K., (2016). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K., *Francis, A., & *Lungarini, A. (2015). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K., *Francis, A., & *Frady, K. (2014). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K., *Daly, J., *Frady, K., & *Martinez, A. (2013). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K., *Daly, J., *Liauw, I., & *Seperack, A. (2012). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K., *Daly-Cano, M., *Seperack, A., & *Kloss, M. (2011). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K., *Kutzler, A., *O'Neill, R., & *Powers, J. (2010). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K., Penhallow, P., *Kutzler, A., *O'Neill, R., & *Powers, J. (2009). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.

- *Uttley, C., McCurdy, K., & DeFrance, J. (2008). *Year End Report: Recruitment and retention of early childhood professional in Children with Special Health Care Needs programs*. Prepared for the Rhode Island College Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Providence, RI.
- McCurdy, K. (2004). [Review of the book *Unequal childhoods: Class, race and family life*]. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 25 (2), 271-273.
- Daro, K., McCurdy, K., & Nelson, C. (2005). Engaging and retaining participants in voluntary new parent support programs. *Issue Brief # 104*. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.
- Daro, D., McCurdy, K., and Nelson, C. (2004). *Engagement and retention in voluntary new parent support programs: Final report*. Prepared for the William T. Grant and Annie E. Casey Foundations.
- McCurdy, K. (1995). *Evaluation of the William Penn Foundation Child Abuse Prevention Initiative: Final Results*. Prepared for the William Penn Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- McCurdy, K. (1995). *Home visiting*. Monograph prepared for the National Resource Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, Washington, DC.
- Daro, D., Jones, E., and McCurdy, K. (1990). *Reliability and validity of the National Incidence of Child Abuse and Neglect Study conducted by Westat Associates in 1988: Methodological review*. Prepared for Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Washington, DC.

PRESENTATIONS – Juried (* - indicates student author)

- *Moore, A., Vadiveloo, M., McCurdy, K., & Tovar, A. (2019) *Qualitative exploration of factors that influence snack food consumption during infancy*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Nutrition (Nutrition 2019), Baltimore, MD, June 8-11.
- McCurdy, K., Kaufman, J., Bobrowski, L., & *Russo, V. (2019). Mixed method look at transforming EI assessment into family-centered practice. Poster presented at the Division for Early Childhood's 35th Annual International Conference on young Children with Special Needs and Their Families (DEC 2019), Dallas, TX, October 2-4.
- *Parker, H., Tovar, A., McCurdy, K., & Vadiveloo, M. (2018). The influence of household income and participation in women, infants and children on prenatal diet quality. Poster presented at *Nutrition 2018*, the Annual Conference for the American Society for Nutrition, June 9-12, Boston, MA.
- *Carter, T., Risica, P., Gans, K., Vadiveloo, M., McCurdy, K., & Tovar, A. (2018). Are feeding practices of family child care home providers associated with child fruit and vegetable intake?

Poster presented at *Nutrition 2018*, the annual conference for the American Society for Nutrition, June 9-12, Boston, MA.

- McCurdy, K., *Coulston, S., & *McIvor Mason, I. (2017). Routines Based Interviewing in Early Intervention. Poster presented at the Zero to Three Conference, San Diego, CA, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2017.
- Tovar, A., McCurdy, K., Kaar, J., Field, A., Dabelea, D., Van Rompay, M. & Vadivelo, M. (2017). Diet quality during and after pregnancy: Do maternal factors matter. Oral presentation at International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity 16th Annual Meeting, Victoria, Canada, June 8-10, 2017.
- Tovar, A., McCurdy, K., Kaar, J., Field, A., Dabelea, D., Van Rompay, M. & Vadiveloo, M. (2016). Frequency of new food introduction during infancy and intake of fruits and vegetables in the first year of life. Poster presentation at Obesity Week 2016, New Orleans, LA, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2016.
- *Harper, S., Tovar, A., Greene, G., McCurdy, K., & Sebelia, L. (2015). Process evaluation of a revised nutrition education curriculum for parents targeting obesogenic behaviors. Poster presented at the 2015 Food and Nutrition Conference & Exposition, Nashville, TN, October 3-6, 2015.
- Kisler, T., McCurdy, K., Gorman, K., & Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2014). The role of food acquisition strategies, food insecurity and maternal depression on maternal body weight among low-income mothers of preschool age children. Presented at the 17th Annual American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS) Conference. Las Vegas, NM, February 10-11, 2014.
- McCurdy, K., Kisler, T., Gorman, K., & Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2014). Associations between economic disadvantage and maternal body weight among low-income mothers of preschool age children. Presented at Women's Health 2014: The 22nd Annual Congress, Washington, DC, April 4-6, 2014.
- *Daly, J., *Martinez, A., *Frady, K., *Liauw, I., *Chu, B-S, & McCurdy, K. (2013). Insights from Rhode Island Early Intervention data: Factors contributing to program differences in family outcomes. Poster presented at the 2013 New England Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Bridgeport, CT, Oct. 19-20.
- *Macleod, J., Dice, J., & McCurdy, K. (2013). The impact of length of kindergarten day on children's social skills and behaviors. Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA, April 18-20, 2013.
- McCurdy, K., Gorman, K., Kisler, T., & Metallinos-Katsaras, E. (2012). *Family food environments and child overweight in low-income families*. Poster presented at the 30th Annual Scientific Meeting of The Obesity Society, San Antonio, TX, Sept. 20-24.

- McCurdy, K., Gorman, K., Kisler, T., Metallinos-Katsaras, E., & *Guertin, K. (2011). *Maternal depression and child nutritional outcomes in low-income families of preschoolers*. Poster presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada, March 31-April 2.
- McCurdy, K. (2009). *Cultural influences on the parent-provider relationship*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco, CA, November 11-14.
- McCurdy, K. & *Taylor, M. (2008). *Parent/provider relationships in child abuse prevention programs*. Paper presented at the XVIIth IPSCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Hong Kong, China, September 7-10.
- *Taylor, M. & McCurdy, K. (2008). *The contribution of helping relationships on retention in a home visiting program*. Paper presented at the 1st National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy, Bridgewater, MA, July 10-11, 2008.
- *Uttley, C. & McCurdy, K. (2008). *Learning from the 2007 Rhode Island Early Childhood Summer Institute*. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Conference of the New England Educational Research Organization, Hyannis, MA, April 9-11.
- Metallinos-Katsaras, E., McCurdy, K., & Kallio, J. (2007). *Demographic moderators of food insecurity and overweight in low income preschool children*. Poster presented at the 2007 Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 6 – 10.
- *Miller, M.K. & McCurdy, K. (2006). *Resiliency in children and adolescents in long-term foster care: A longitudinal perspective*. Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, July 9 – 12.
- *McCurdy, K. (2004). *Engagement in home visitation programs*. Poster presented at the 2004 National Conference on Family Relations Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, Nov. 17 – 20.
- McCurdy, K., Nelson, C., Anisfeld, E., Park, J., and Katzev, A. (March 2003). *Retaining diverse families in child abuse prevention programs: The critical first three months*. Paper presented at the 14th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, St. Louis, Missouri.
- McCurdy, K. (April 2002). *The impact of stress and support on maternal attitudes*. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development, Charlotte, NC.
- McCurdy, K., Daro, D., & Stojanovic, D. (April 2001). *Engaging families in home visitation programs*. Symposium presenter (K. McCurdy, chair) at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.
- McCurdy, K. & Daro, D. (June 2000). *Involvement in child abuse prevention programs: An ecological theory*. Paper presented at the Victimization of Children and Youth International Research Conference, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

- McCurdy, K. (July 1998). *Can we improve parenting attitudes? Factors promoting change among at-risk mothers*. Presentation at the Sixth Annual National Colloquium of American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Chicago, IL.
- McCurdy, K. (August 1997). *Home-based child abuse prevention research: Directions for the future*. Symposium (C. Schellenbach, Chair) presented at the 195th Convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- McCurdy, K. (September 1996). *Intensive home visitation: A randomized trial study of Hawaii's Healthy Start Program*. Paper presented at the 11th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Washington, D.C.
- McCurdy, K., Harding, K., & Hurvis, S. (May 1996). *A healthy start for families: Results from a randomized trial evaluation of home visitation services*. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Symposium, sponsored by the C. Henry Kempe National Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Keystone, CO.
- McCurdy, K. & Jones, E. (July 1995). *Meeting the child abuse prevention challenge*. Paper presented at the Fourth Family Violence Research Conference, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.
- McCurdy, K. (September 1992). *Current trends in child abuse reports and fatalities in the United States*. Paper given at the Ninth International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Chicago, IL.
- McCurdy, K. (November 1991). *Current trends in child abuse reporting and fatalities*. Conference on Research, Demonstration and Evaluation in Public Human Services, Washington, D.C.
- McCurdy, K. (September 1991). *Findings from the Second National Incidence study*. Workshop presented at the Ninth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Denver, CO.
- Lewis, D., McCurdy, K., & Wohlstetter, P. (1990). *School decentralization as social control: Assessing the urban variations*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Jones, E. & McCurdy, K. (May 1990). *Links between maltreatment types and demographic characteristics of children*. Paper given at Meeting the Challenge: Research in Child Abuse and Neglect, A Research Symposium, sponsored by Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.
- McCurdy, K. (April 1990). *Dade County and Chicago: A comparative case study of decentralization in the 1980s*. Master's Thesis presented at the Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association, Boston, MA.

Rosenbaum, J., Popkin, S., Rusin, J., & McCurdy, K. (August 1989). *Social integration of low-income black adults in white middle-class suburbs*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Popkin, S., Rosenbaum, J., Rusin, J., & McCurdy, K. (August 1989). *Neighborhood satisfaction of low-income blacks in middle-class suburbs*. Paper presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Society for Study of Social Problems, Berkeley, CA.

PRESENTATIONS - Invited

McCurdy, K., Greaney, M., & *Beatty, A. (September, 2019). *Behavioral health and substance use in Washington County – preliminary findings*. Presentation to South County Behavioral Health Planning Committee, South Kingstown, RI.

McCurdy, K, and *Russo, V. (July 18, 2019). *Participant Voices: Caregiver experiences with EI services in Rhode Island*. Presentation to the Interagency Coordinating Council, Cranston, RI.

McCurdy, K. (April 7-8, 2015). *Family Engagement*. Plenary Address at the Regions VII/VIII MIECHV and ECCS Forum, Kansas City, Missouri, April 8, 2015.

McCurdy, K. (Sept. 2013). *Webinar on Family Engagement and Retention: Part II*. Sponsored by the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Technical Assistance Coordinating Center (MIECHVI-TACC), US Department of Health and Human Services.

McCurdy, K. (2009). *Maternal depression, family food behavior, and child nutritional health*. Colloquium presentation to faculty and students from the URI/RIC PhD in Education Program.

McCurdy, K. (2006). *The face of poverty*. Lecture/workshop presented at the Academic Experience, sponsored by University of Rhode Island's University College, Kingston, RI.

McCurdy, K., Daro, D., & Falconnier, L. (2002) *Engagement and retention in voluntary support programs: New theory*. Paper presented at the Prevent Child Abuse America National Conference, Dallas, TX.

McCurdy, K. (September 2000). *Should I stay or should I go? Parent participation in HFA programs*. Paper presented at Healthy Families America: Sharing Our Strengths Conference, Atlanta, GA.

McCurdy, K. (April 1997). *Child maltreatment: How prevalent is it and how do we prevent it?* Workshop presented at the Fifth Annual Children's Justice Conference, Bellevue, WA.

McCurdy, K. (March 1997). *Comprehensive home visitation research: Implications for program design*. Research briefing presented at the Healthy Families America Conference, Chicago, IL.

- McCurdy, K. (February 1997). *Applying research findings to home visitation programs*. Keynote Address at the Second Annual Conference on Home Visitation, Healthy Families-Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI.
- Ayoub, C., Daro, D., Bigelow, K., Lutzker, J., & McCurdy, K. (January 1997). *Sustaining child abuse and neglect prevention efforts: Promising models and strategies*. Advanced Training Institute with at the Eleventh Annual San Diego Conference on Responding to Child Maltreatment sponsored by Children's Hospital, San Diego, CA.
- McCurdy, K. (October 1995). *Child abuse prevention with high-risk families: Findings from a six-year evaluation of nine prevention programs*. Research briefing presented at Leadership and Healthy Families America Conference, Chicago, IL.
- McCurdy, K. (November 1994). *Public opinion poll*. Workshop presented at the Annual Leadership Conference of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, Chicago, IL
- McCurdy, K. (May 1994). *Evaluating your efforts*. Workshop presented at the First Healthy Families America Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Jones, E., & McCurdy, K. (November 1992). *Results matter: Evaluating home visiting programs*. Workshop presented at the Families in Focus: Forum, sponsored by the Wisconsin Council on Human Concerns, Milwaukee, WI.
- Jones, E., & McCurdy, K. (September 1992). *Final evaluation results of the William Penn Foundation Prevention Initiative*. Paper presented at the Annual Leadership Conference of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, Chicago, IL.

AWARDS/HONORS

- Nominated, CHS Administrative Excellence Award, 2017
- Selected for Leadership Development Program, College of Human Science and Services, University of Rhode Island
- Nominated by the College of Human Science and Services, University of Rhode Island, for the 2006 Ernest A. Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service & Academic Outreach
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Summer Research Institute Participant, National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect, Cornell University, June 19-24, 1994.
- Research Fellowships by the Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, Northwestern University 1994; 1988-1989.

CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES

- 1999 **Consultant, *Human Development and Family Studies Department***, University of Rhode Island. Developed family policy framework to assist the department in building a family policy emphasis into its undergraduate and graduate programs.
- 1995 **Advisor, *Evaluation of Ohio's Early Start Program***, Columbus, Ohio
Provided input into the development of an evaluation plan for the Early Start Program.
- 1988 **Consultant, *Evanston Neighborhood Conference***, Evanston, Illinois.
Identified and examined the organizational strength and policies of various neighborhood block groups in Evanston, Illinois.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Editorial Board, *Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal*, 2006 - 2012
- Grant Reviewer: United Way of Rhode Island, Spencer Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- Invited participant, Summit on Children, United Way of Rhode Island
- Member, Society for Research in Child Development, current
- Member, National Council on Family Relations, 2000-2009
- Former Editor for Prevention, *The APSAC Advisor*, American Professional Society on Abuse of Children
- Reviewer: *Appetite; Applied Research on Children; Child Abuse & Neglect; Children and Youth Services Review; European Psychologist; Family Relations, Journal of Child and Family Studies; Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, Journal of Family Issues; Journal of Orthopsychiatry; Nutrients; PLoS ONE*
- Member, Interagency Coordinating Council, State of Rhode Island, current
- Member, State Systemic Improvement Plan Advisory Team, RI Department of Human Services
- Member, Faculty Senate, University of Rhode Island, 2007-8; 2017; 2021-
- Family Partner, South County Habitat for Humanity, South Kingstown, RI, 2004 – 2016
- Member, URI Academic Plan Task Force on Graduate Education, 2010
- Appointed parent representative, Reconfiguration Advisement Committee, South Kingstown School Committee, South Kingstown, RI, 2010-2012
- Co-Chair and member, School Improvement Teams, South Road Elementary School and West Kingston Elementary School, South Kingstown, RI, 2003-2005