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Skills Summary

Social and health sciences researcher with extensive experience conducting advanced quantitative data analyses and writing research articles and grants.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

PhD – Social Welfare, 2007

Thesis: Effects of Childhood Socioeconomic Status and Living Circumstances on Adult Health and Longevity

MSW – Social Welfare, 1999

Central College, Pella, Iowa

BA – Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, 1996

Employment

Institute for Public Health Practice, Research and Policy, University of Iowa

Assistant Research Scientist, 2022-present

- Design and write research articles and reports from surveys of Medicaid recipients.
- Manage survey data analytics and methods for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan evaluation.

American Academy of Pediatrics

Senior Research Associate, 2013-2021

- Developed slide sets on US child health and mental health trends.
- Conducted studies on child health and health care trends using national data sources.
- Published 11 peer-reviewed articles and chapters on child health trends and health disparities.

Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities, University of California, Los Angeles

Assistant Research Scientist/Postdoctoral Scholar/Graduate Student Researcher, 2003-2013

- Supervised a team of data analysts conducting child health studies across diverse national data sources.
- Published 13 peer-reviewed articles and chapters on child health and health disparities.
- Assisted in writing research grant proposals for MCHB and NIH.

Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

Research Associate, 2000-2002

- Designed survey questionnaires for statewide study on impact of sanction policies on welfare recipients.
- Produced reports, conference presentations, and a peer-reviewed research article on survey results.

Center for Child and Family Policy Research, University of California, Los Angeles

Project Manager, 1998-2000

- Developed survey questionnaires and reports for the California Family Preservation and Family Support Statewide Evaluation Study.
- Assisted with timelines, budget, and deliverables.

Weingart Center Association

Research Consultant and Intern, 1998-2000

- Produced fact sheets on adult, child, and family poverty using Census Bureau data.
- Completed an evaluation of substance abuse services for homeless parolees on Skid Row.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

1. Larson K, Gottschlich E, Cull W, Olson L. High-deductible health plans for US children: trends, health service use, and financial barriers to care. *Academic Pediatrics*, 21(8), 1345-1354.
2. Gottschlich E, Larson K, Sisk B, Frintner M. (2019). Sleep, physical activity, and general health status: US pediatricians and the general US adult population. *Academic Pediatrics*, 19(3), 269-277.
3. Larson K, Russ S, Kahn R, Flores G, Goodman E, Cheng T. (2018). Health Disparities: A Lifecourse Health Development Perspective and Future Research Directions. In Halfon N, Forest C, Lerner R, Faustman E, eds. *Handbook of Lifecourse Health Development*. Springer International Publishing AG.
4. Halfon N, Larson K, Son J, Lu M, Bethell C. (2017). Income inequality and the differential effect of adverse childhood experiences in US children. *Academic Pediatrics*, 17(7), 70-78.
5. Larson K, Cull W, Racine A, Olson L. (2016). Trends in access to health care services for US children: 2000-2014. *Pediatrics*, 138(6): e2016217.
6. Nelson B, Dudovitz R, Coker T, Barnert E, Biely C, Li N, Szilagy P, Larson K, Halfon N, Zimmerman F, Chung P. (2016). Predictors of poor school readiness in children without developmental delay at age 2. *Pediatrics*, 138(2): e20154477.
7. Simon A, Rossen L, Schoendorf K, Larson K, Olson L. (2015). Location of usual source of care among children in the United States, 1997-2013. *The Journal of Pediatrics*, 167(6), 1409-1414.
8. Larson K, Russ S, Nelson B, Olson L, Halfon N. (2015). Cognitive ability at kindergarten entry and socioeconomic status. *Pediatrics*, 135(2), 440-448.
9. Houtrow A, Larson K, Olson L, Newacheck P, Halfon N. (2014). Changing trends of childhood disability, 2001-2011. *Pediatrics*, 134(3), 530-538.
10. Halfon N, Larson K, Lu M, Tullis E, Russ S. (2014). Life course health development: past, present, and future. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 18(2), 344-365.
11. Russ S, Larson K, Tullis E, Halfon N. (2014). A life course approach to health development: implications for the maternal and child health research agenda. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 18(2), 497-510.
12. Larson K & Halfon N. (2013). Parental divorce and adult longevity. *International Journal of Public Health*, 58(1), 89-97.
13. Halfon N, Larson K, Slusser W. (2013). Associations between obesity and comorbid mental health, developmental and physical health conditions in a nationally representative sample of US children ages 10-17. *Academic Pediatrics*, 13(1), 6-23.
14. Halfon N, Houtrow A, Larson K, Newacheck P. (2012). The changing landscape of childhood disability. *Future of Children*, 22(1), 13-42.

15. Russ S, Larson K, Halfon N. (2012). A national profile of childhood epilepsy and seizure disorder. *Pediatrics*, 129(2), 256-264.
16. Halfon N, Stevens G, Larson K, Olson L. (2011). Duration of a well-child visit: association with content, family-centeredness, and satisfaction. *Pediatrics*, 128(4), 657-664.
17. Larson K, Russ S, Kahn R, Halfon N. (2011). Patterns of comorbidity, functioning, and service use for US children with ADHD, 2007. *Pediatrics*, 127(3), 462-470.
18. Regalado M, Larson K, Wissow L, Halfon N. (2010). Factors associated with discipline counseling for parents of infants and young children. *Academic Pediatrics*, 10(5), 353-359.
19. Halfon N, Larson K, Russ S. (2010). Why social determinants? *Healthcare Quarterly*, 14, 8-20.
20. Larson K & Halfon N. (2010). Family income gradients in the health and health care access of US children. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 14(3), 332-342.
21. Russ S, Larson K, Franke T, Halfon N. (2009). Associations between media use and health in US children. *Academic Pediatrics*, 9(5), 300-306.
22. Larson K & Halfon N. (2009). Health Disparities. In Shweder R, Bidell T, Dailey A, Dixon S, Miller P, Modell J, eds. *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
23. Larson K, Russ S, Crall J, Halfon, N. (2008). Influence of multiple social risks on children's health. *Pediatrics*, 121(2), 337-344.
24. Inkelas M, Rhagavan R, Larson K, Kuo A, Ortega A (2007). Unmet mental health need and access to services for children with special health care needs and their families. *Ambulatory Pediatrics*, 7(6), 431-438.
25. Hasenfeld Y, Ghose T, Larson K. (2004). The logic of sanctioning welfare recipients: an empirical assessment. *Social Service Review*, 78(2), 304-319.

Research Reports

1. Larson K, McInroy B, Momany E, Heeren T, Damiano P. (2023). *Evaluation of the Waiver of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Coverage in the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan*. University of Iowa.
2. Conrad A, Larson K, Askelson N. (2023). *Iowa Health and Wellness Plan COVID-19 Impacts Report*. University of Iowa.
3. McInroy B, Larson K, Momany E, Damiano P. (2023). *Iowa Health and Wellness Plan 2022 Member Survey Report*. University of Iowa.
4. Askelson N, Larson K, Momany E, Damiano P. (2023). *Healthy Behaviors Incentive Program Survey 2022 Report*. University of Iowa.
5. Thompson L, Larson K, Sareen H, Franke T, Halfon N. (2005). *Analysis of First Five Ventura County Data in GEMS: Implications for Quality Improvement and Evaluation*. UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities.
6. Inkelas M, Ahn P, Larson K. (2003). *Access to Health Care for California's Children with Special Health Care Needs*. Prepared for the California Medi-Cal Policy Institute.

7. Hasenfeld Y, Ghose T, Larson K. (2001). *Characteristics of Sanctioned and Non-Sanctioned Single-Parent CalWORKs Recipients. Preliminary Findings from the First Wave Survey in Four Counties: Alameda, Fresno, Kern, and San Diego*. UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies.
8. Moon A, Furman W, Larson K, Potts M, Ortiz E. (2000). *The California Family Preservation and Family Support Program: Statewide Evaluation Study. Year Three Report*. A Report Submitted to the California Department of Social Services.

Conference Presentations

1. Larson K, Tang S, Gottschlich E, Cull W, Olson L. (2021). Youth reported major depressive episodes and associated suicidal thoughts and action, 2009-2019. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Virtual Meeting.
2. Tang S, Larson K, Gottschlich E, Cull W, Olson L. (2021). Multiple measures show increases in anxiety disorders among US adolescents, 1997-2018. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Virtual Meeting.
3. Larson K, Gottschlich E, Tang S. Mental health service use and youth reported reasons for treatment, 2009-2018. Accepted for presentation at the 2020 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting.
4. Tang S, Cull W, Larson K, Gottschlich E, Olson L. Diagnosis of ADHD, anxiety and depression among US children and young adults, 1997-2017. Accepted for presentation at the 2020 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting.
5. Gottschlich E, Tang S, Larson K. Trends in US youth reported major depressive episodes, 2008-2018. Accepted for presentation at the 2020 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting.
6. Larson K, Gottschlich E, Olson L. (2019). Income gradients in children's health and health care access: trends over time. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland.
7. Larson K, Gottschlich E, Edwards A, Cull W, Olson L. (2018). Enrollment in high deductible health plans for US children: trends, correlates, and health service utilization and cost. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Toronto, Canada.
8. Gottschlich E, Larson K, Patrick S, Cull W. (2018). Trends in neonatal abstinence syndrome, 1993-2014. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Toronto, Canada.
9. Tang S, Larson K, Cull W. (2017). Pediatric referral rates higher for patients with mental health diagnosis and public health insurance. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
10. Larson K, Cull W, Olson L. (2016). Trends in health care access for subgroups of Hispanic children. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Baltimore, MD.
11. Olson L & Larson K. (2016). The continuing importance of continuous health insurance for children's access to care. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Baltimore, MD.
12. Larson K, Olson L, Cull W. (2017). Trends in mental health service use for US children with emotional and behavioral difficulties, 2001-2013. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Diego, CA.
13. Larson K, Halfon N, Cull W, Olson L. (2017). Family income gradients in US children's health, 1997-2013. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Diego, CA.

14. Larson, K, Cull W, Olson L. (2016). US children's access to health services: trends and disparities by race/ethnicity and income, 2002-2012. American Academy of Pediatrics Presidential Plenary Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Vancouver, BC Canada.
15. Houtrow A, Larson K, Newacheck P, Halfon N. (2013). Trends in children's disability, 2001-2011. American Academy of Pediatrics Presidential Plenary Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Washington, DC.
16. Larson K, Russ S, Halfon N. (2012). Social gradients in children's cognitive ability at kindergarten entry. American Academy of Pediatrics Presidential Plenary Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Boston, MA.
17. Larson K, Russ S, Halfon N. (2012). Socioeconomic status gradients in early family health behaviors and childhood obesity. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Boston, MA.
18. Russ S, Larson K, Halfon N. (2012). Intergenerational effects of education on early feeding and childhood obesity. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Boston, MA.
19. Semere L, Chow J, Chao M, Saleeby E, Chang H, Shah N, Larson K, Lu M. (2011). Associations between folic acid knowledge and acculturation: findings from the Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Survey. Presentation at the American Public Health Association Meeting. Washington, DC.
20. Larson K, Russ S, Kahn R, Halfon N. (2010). Patterns of comorbidity, functioning, and service use for children with ADHD. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Vancouver, BC Canada.
21. Halfon N, Larson, K, Guerrero A. (2010). Comorbidities of obesity for US children. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Vancouver, BC Canada.
22. Larson K & Halfon N. (2010). Income and childhood asthma: gradients in impact and utilization of services. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Vancouver, BC Canada.
23. Russ S, Larson K, Halfon N. (2010). A national profile of childhood epilepsy/seizure disorder, 2007. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Vancouver, BC Canada.
24. Larson K. & Halfon N. (2009). Parental divorce and adult longevity. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Baltimore, MD.
25. Perez V, Russ S, Crall J, Larson K, Halfon N. (2006). Parent reported dental status and predictors of service use among Latino children. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
26. Larson K, Russ S, Crall J, Halfon N. (2006). Social risks: predictors of child health status? Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
27. Russ S, Larson K, Franke T, Halfon N. (2006). Who's watching television: national data on media use of school-age children. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
28. Larson K & Halfon N. (2005). The impact of family income gradients on the health and health care of young children. Poster presentation at Academy Health. Boston, MA.
29. Regalado M, Larson K, Socolar R, Wissow L, Halfon N. (2005). What triggers discipline counseling at the health visit? Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Washington, DC.

30. Halfon N & Larson K. (2005). Parental health development investments in the early years. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Washington, DC.
31. Larson K & Halfon N. (2005). Income gradients in young children's health and health care. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Washington, DC.
32. Inkelas M, Larson K, Raghavan R. (2004). Mental health service need and access among CSHCN. Presentation at Academy Health. San Diego, CA.
33. Lotstein D, Inkelas M, Larson K, Halfon N. (2004). Planning for medical transition among adolescents with special health care needs. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
34. Inkelas M, Larson K, Newacheck P. (2004). Association of having a personal physician with quality of care for CSHCN. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
35. Inkelas M, Larson K, Raghavan R. (2004). Mental health service need and access among CSHCN. Presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
36. Hasenfeld Y, Ghose T, Larson K. (2002). At risk of being sanctioned: Comparing sanctioned and non-sanctioned recipients in California's CalWORKs. Presentation at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, DC.
37. Larson, K. (2002). Predictors of sanctioning in a cohort of new public assistance recipients. Presentation at the Public Policy Institute of California Annual Research Symposium, Sacramento, CA.

Journal Article Review

Academic Pediatrics
Pediatrics
JAMA
Children and Youth Services Review
Maternal and Child Health Journal
International Journal of Public Health

Research Grants

Cumulative Social Disadvantage and Children's Health (Principal Investigator). NIH Student Loan Repayment Program, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), July 2008 – July 2012.

Intergenerational Health Disparities: Family Income, Maternal Health, and Child Well-Being (Principal Investigator). Academic Pediatric Association (APA) Young Investigator Award, March 2011 – March 2012.

Statistics and Computing

Statistical Methods Advanced regression, Trend analysis, Survival analysis, Multilevel models, Longitudinal growth curve models, Structural equation models, Latent variable approaches

Statistical Software Stata, SAS, SPSS, R, HLM, Mplus

Awards

2003-2005 UCLA Advisory Board Fellowship

2003-2004	Lorenz Fellowship
2001-2003	UCLA Graduate Division Fellowship
2001-2002	Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship
1995-1996	Krauss Research Scholarship
1992-1996	Central College Academic Honors Scholarship

Professional Memberships

Academic Pediatric Association