University of Colorado School of Medicine

Curriculum Vitae

Suzanne E.U. Kerns, PhD

1. **Personal Information**

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| Position: Professor, Director of Transformative Research University of Colorado School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics The Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse & Neglect Department of Pediatrics |
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1. **Education**

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| * B.S., with honors, Psychology, minor Anthropology, emphasis health science, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania
 | 1994-1997 |
| * M.A. (non-terminal), Clinical Psychology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
 | 1998-2001 |
| * Ph.D., Clinical Community Psychology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
 | 1998-2006 |
| * Pre-doctoral Internship, Clinical Psychology, Division of Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
 | 2004-2005 |
| * Senior Fellowship, Clinical Psychology, Division of Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
 | 2006-2007 |

1. **Academic appointments**

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| --- | --- |
| * Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Washington
 | 2007-2008 |
| * Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Washington
 | 2008-2015 |
| * Adjunct Assistant Professor and Lecturer, Department of Psychology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
 | 2009-2016 |
| * Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Washington
 | 2015-2018 |
| * Research Associate Professor, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver
 | 2016-2021 |
| * Visiting Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Kempe Center for the Prevention & Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, University of Colorado School of Medicine
 | 2021-2022 |
| * Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Kempe Center for the Prevention & Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, University of Colorado School of Medicine
 | 2022-present |

1. **Hospital, government or other professional positions**

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| --- | --- |
| * Therapist, King County Juvenile Detention Center, Seattle, Washington
 | 2006-2007 |
| * Adjunct Medical Staff, Harborview Medical Center & UW Medical Center, Seattle, Washington
 | 2009-2015 |
| * Consulting Psychologist, Harborview Medical Center, Foster Care Assessment Program
 | 2013-2015 |
| * Clinical Consultant, Regionsenter for barn o gunges psykiske helse (RBUP), Norway
 | 2015-2022 |
| * Network Partner Director, Rocky Mountain MST Network (formerly Center for Effective Interventions)
 | 2016-present |

1. **Honors, special recognitions and awards**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| * Golden Key Honor Society
 | 1995-1997 |
| * Early Career Scholar, Military Child Education Coalition
 | 2012 |
| * Top Principal Investigator, University of Denver
 | 2019, 2020, 2021 |
| * Badge Certification: Research Mentoring Essentials, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
 | 2025 |

1. **Membership in professional organizations**

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| --- | --- |
| * Society for Implementation Research and Collaboration (founding member)
 | 2011-present |
| * Founding Member, International Child and Family Evidence-Based Practice Consortium
 | 2013-present |
| * Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
 | 2014-2020 |
| * Council on Social Work Education
 | 2017-2020 |

1. **Major Committee and Service Responsibilities**

**Departmental**

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| --- | --- |
| * Director, Evidence-Based Practices Workforce Initiative, University of Washington School of Medicine
 | 2008-2016 |
| * University of Denver GSSW Strategic Planning committee
 | 2016-2017 |
| * University of Denver Evaluation planning workgroup
 | 2018-2019 |
| * Search committee, Berger Fellow University of Colorado – Anschutz
 | 2021 |
| * Director of Transformative Research, The Kempe Center, University of Colorado - Anschutz
 | 2021-present |
| * Promotions Committee, School of Medicine, University of Colorado SOM
 | 2024-present |

**State and National Committees, task forces, boards and commissions**

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| * Advisory board member, South Carolina Center for Excellence for Evidence-Based Interventions
 | 2016-2020 |
| * Advisory Board Member, Colorado State Multi-Tiered System of Supports
 | 2019-2021 |
| * Colorado Behavioral Health Taskforce Subcommittee, appointed
 | 2021-2022 |
| * Colorado Child Welfare Prevention Task Group
 | 2021-2022 |
| * Advisory Board Member, National Child Welfare Workforce Institute
 | 2019-2022 |
| * Advisory Board Member, Fostering Healthy Futures, University of Colorado – Anschutz
 | 2019-present |
| * Elected Conference Chair, Society for Implementation Research & Collaboration (SIRC)
 | 2019 |
| * Scientific Advisor, California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse
 | 2019-present |
| * Inaugural Conference Chair, International Congress on Evidence-Based Parenting Supports
 | 2022 |
| * President (Elected), SIRC
 | 2023-2025 |

**Community Service or public health activities**

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| * Volunteer, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
 | 2020-2023 |
| * Steering Committee Member, International Congress on Evidence-Based Parenting Support
 | 2021-present |

1. **Licensure and board certification**

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| --- | --- |
| * Psychology License, Colorado (active)
 | 2020-present |
| * Psychology License, Washington (expired)
 | 2006-2020 |

1. **Inventions, intellectual property, and patents held or pending**
	* None
2. **Review and referee work**

**Editorial boards**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| * Editorial Board Member, *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*
 | 2016-present |
| * Associate Editor, *Global Implementation Research and Applications*
 | 2020-present |
| * Review Editor, *Frontiers in Public Health, Implementation Science*
 | 2025-present |

**Guest editorships**

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| --- | --- |
| * Trupin, E. & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (Editors). Legislation related to children’s evidence-based practice. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Health Services Research,* doi:10.1007/s10488-015-0666-5
 | 2015 |
| * Bertram, R. & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (Editors). Integrating evidence-based practice and implementation science in academic and field curriculum. *Journal of Social Work Education*, *(54, Suppl 1),* S1-S4.
 | 2018 |
| * Bumbarger, B. & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (Editors). Measurement and monitoring systems and frameworks for assessing implementation and adaptation of prevention programs. *Journal of Primary Prevention (40),* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10935-019-00537-4>.
 | 2019 |
| * **Kerns, S.E.U.**, Fluke, J., & Hollinshead, D. (Editors). Fifty years of child abuse research at Kempe. *International Journal of Child Maltreatment, 6,* 141-147. https://doi.org/10.1007/s42448-023-00171-y*.*
 | 2023 |
| * Shipman, K., Fitzgerald, M., & Kerns, **S.E.U.** (Editors). Parenting Programs that Support Parent and Child Social Emotional Competence. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology.*
 | 2025 |

**Grant review committees**

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| --- | --- |
| * CCTSI
* Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research
 | 20242018 |
| * UW Royalty Research Fund
 | 2012 |

**Ad hoc reviewer**

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| --- | --- |
| * *BMC Health Services Research*
* *Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health*
* *Child Maltreatment*
* *Children and Youth Services Review*
* *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*
* *Crime & Delinquency*
* *European Journal of Developmental Psychology*
* *Evaluation and Program Planning*
 | * *Global Implementation Research and Applications*
* *Journal of Child and Family Studies*
* *Journal of Family Psychology*
* *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*
* *Implementation Research and Practice*
* *Implementation Science Communications*
* *Injury Prevention*
* *Pediatrics*
* *Prevention Science*
* *Psychiatric Services*
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**Abstract reviewer for scientific meetings**

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| --- | --- |
| * Society for Implementation Research and Collaboration biannual conference
 | 2011-present |
| * Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health Conference (Tampa Conference); Evidence-Based Practices Track
* International Congress on Evidence-based Parenting Support
* Call to Action Conference, The Kempe Center
* ISPCAN 2024 Abstract reviewer
 | 2006-20202023; 20252022-20242024 |

1. **Invited extramural lectures, presentations and visiting professorships**

**Local and Regional**

1. Invited keynote (2013 March). *Changing gears, changing lives: Overcoming adversity and raising resilience*. Community Youth Services 11th Annual Have a Heart for Kids Breakfast, Olympia, WA.
2. Invited keynote (2019 April 3 & 5). *Inspiring Innovation through Creative University and Practice Partnerships: Examples from the field.* Inspiring Innovations Summit, *University of Washington School of Medicine,* Seattle and Spokane, WA.
3. Invited presentation (2023, March 15). *Good, Cheap and Fast: Pick Two: How implementation science supports social change.* Colorado Fatherhood Network, Colorado, USA.
4. Invited panelist (2023, October 25). *The Intersection of Equity, Evidence, and Evaluation: An expert DEIJ Panel Discussion.* Colorado Equitable Economic Mobility Initiative, Colorado, USA.
5. Invited panelist (2025, October 1). *From Vision to Implementation: Where the rubber meets the road,* Colorado Equitable Economic Mobility Initiative, Beaver Creek, CO

**National and International**

1. Invited presentation (2011, August 14-17). *University of Washington Children’s Mental Health Workforce Initiative.* Special interest preconference for the Global Implementation Conference, Washington, D.C.
2. Invited presentation(2015, February 5*). Applications of implementation principles and strategies to achieve impact with parenting interventions*, Helping Families Change Conference, Banff, Alberta, Canada.
3. Invited panelist (2015 November 12-15). *Bridging the gap between scientists and practitioners: International perspectives on identified barriers and novel solutions*. 49th Annual Convention: Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago IL.
4. Invited symposium (2017 November 16-18). *Promotion of Evidence-Based Treatments for Youth through State and Local Policy Initiatives: Implications for Dissemination and Implementation Science*. 51st Annual Convention: Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Diego CA.
5. Invited panelist (2021 February 3-5).*Translating Evidence into Practice: Implementing and Sustaining Best Practices in Child Maltreatment Prevention and Early Intervention.* Virtual Summit.
6. Keynote (2023 September 21). *System Collaboration: Supporting the ‘space between’ to enhance service delivery for children, youth and families.* Empower Virtual Summit.
7. Invited plenary speaker (2023 October 25-26). *Getting Here and Going There: Rocky Mountain MST Network Partnership.* Multisystemic Therapy Network Partner Conference, Atlanta, GA.
8. Distinguished Professor Speaker (2024 December 6). *Intersections, Roundabouts, and Stoplights: Ensuring Evidence-Based Programs Achieve Equitable Reach.* University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
9. Invited presentation (2025 June 6). *Considerations for achieving reach for evidence-based parenting interventions: Ensuring relevance and maximizing impact.* International Congress on Evidence-Based Parenting Supports, virtual (https://i-ceps.pafra.org/program-2025)
10. **Teaching record**

**Presentations to graduate students and fellows, house officers**

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| * Guest lecture, GSSW online, Integrative treatment, University of Denver
 | 2017 |
| * Guest lecture, GSSW, Multisystemic Therapy and Implementation Science, University of Denver
 | 2017, 2018, 2019 |
| * Guest lecture, GSSW, Integrative treatments for adolescents, University of Denver
 | 2017 |
| * Guest lecture, GSSW, Implementation Science, University of Denver
 | 2018 |
| * Guest lecture, Kempe Center Summer Institute, University of Colorado- Anschutz
 | 2022, 2023 |
| * Guest lecture, ACCORDS D&I course: Hybrid Trials, University of Colorado-Anschutz
 | 2025 |
| * Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, University of Colorado- Anschutz
 | 2025 |

**Courses taught**

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| * Practicum Supervisor, Psychology Independent Research (Psyc499) University of Washington
 | 2005-2006; 2010-2017 |
| * Course Director, Evidence-based Practices: Parenting Interventions (Psyc543) University of Washington
 | 2008-2014 |
| * Course Director, Approaches to Child Treatment (Psyc572) University of Washington
 | 2012-2016 |
| * Practicum Supervisor, University of Denver
 | 2018-2021 |
| * Course Director, Evidence Based Parenting Interventions (SWOK4990) University of Denver
 | 2021 |

**Key administrative positions**

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| * Director, Evidence-Based Practices for Children’s Mental Health course series, University of Washington
 | 2008-2016 |
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**Specific accomplishments**

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| * Course/syllabus development for three graduate-level courses
 | 2008-2019 |
| Successfully coordinated a 9-credit interdepartmental course series in evidence-based practices for children’s mental health for 6 years. This course series was used as the basis for a new Masters’ degree program in psychology at the University of Washington.  |  |

1. **Grant support**

**Current Funding**

Role: Principal Investigator for the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse (role is via a subcontract, with Abt Associates maintaining the prime)

Funding Source: Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation (OPRE), Office of the Administration for Children and Families

Dates: 2018-2026

Percent Effort: 40%

Total Direct Costs: Two subawards: $425,105 and $95,796 (total project $10,900,000)

*Family First Prevention Services Act Clearinghouse*

A multi-year project funded by the Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation to develop a clearinghouse of well-supported, supported, and promising mental health, substance use, parenting, and kinship navigator programs and services.

Role: Principal Investigator

Funding Source: State of Colorado, CDHS

Dates: 2024-2025

Percent Effort: 27%

Total Direct Costs: $375,000

*Prevention of Youth Homelessness: Multisystemic Therapy*

This project is funded by Colorado CDHS to help support strategies for addressing risk factors associated with youth homelessness. This funding centers around an intervention called Multisystemic Therapy (MST), which is an evidence-based treatment for adolescents 11–17 years old who are at high risk for out of home placements due to their behavioral and/or substance use concerns. This project aims to expand dissemination of MST in Colorado and increase reach for areas that do not have current access.

**Prior Funding**

Role: Principal Investigator

Funding Source: State of Colorado

Dates: 2022-2024

Percent Effort: 11%

Total Direct Costs: $500,000

*Feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary outcomes associated with telehealth enhanced Multisystemic Therapy for adolescents*

A pilot study to develop a telehealth-enhanced adaptation of Multisystemic Therapy, with the goal of increasing service reach while maintaining treatment fidelity. The project supports development of the adaptation and a small-scale feasibility pilot in five locations across Colorado.

Role: Principal Investigator

Funding Source: State of New Mexico

Dates: 2020-2022

Percent Effort: 10%

Total Direct Costs: $351,000 (total project award $1,000,000)

*New Mexico Multisystemic Therapy Expansion*

This one-year allocation of funds (with a one-year no cost extension) supports dissemination efforts for Multisystemic Therapy in the state of New Mexico. This funding supports development of up to five new teams in geographically diverse areas of New Mexico. It further supports their training, quality assurance, fidelity monitoring, and data collection for the performance-based contract.

Role: Principal Investigator

Funding Source: State of Colorado

Dates: 2018-2022

Percent Effort: 10%

Total Direct Costs: $2,200,000

*Colorado State Pay for Success Initiative*

A three-year Pay for Success initiative to expand Multisystemic Therapy to underserved regions of Colorado. The project supports development of six new teams serving diverse geographic areas of Colorado, their training and ongoing fidelity supports, and data collection to support success metrics.

Role: Principal Investigator

Funding Source: State of Colorado

Dates: 2021-2022

Percent Effort: 5%

Total Direct Costs: $174,000

*Colorado State Pay for Success Initiative, expansion*

These expansion funds support continued dissemination of Multisystemic Therapy in underserved regions of Colorado. These funds support development of up to two new teams, their training, and ongoing fidelity supports.

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Barth)

Funding Source: Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dates: 2013-2020

Percent Effort: 20%

Total Direct Costs: $997,614 per year (5 years)

*National Center for Child Welfare Curriculum Development on Evidence-Based Practices*

This multi-year grant supported the development and implementation of a collaborative joint-training model for child welfare professionals and mental health therapists. Based on the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy – Plus (CBT+) model, the cross-system roles of assessment, referral, engagement, and symptom monitoring were developed and evaluated.

Role: Principal Investigator

Funding Source: Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dates: 2012-2018

Percent Effort: 20%

Total Direct Costs: $3,100,000

*Creating Connections for Children and Youth in Foster Care*

This multi-year grant supported the development of a state-wide trauma screening tool and supports for connecting children and youth in foster care with evidence-based psychosocial interventions when indicated. It further supported development of an ongoing mental health screening program within a state child welfare organization.

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: McMahon & Katz)

Funding Source: National Institute of Mental Health R34

Dates: 2014-2018

Percent Effort: 10%

Total Direct Costs: $150,000/year

*Parent Training and Emotion Coaching for Children with Limited Prosocial Traits*

Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, this R34 supported a small randomized trial to investigate the benefits of adding emotion coaching to an established evidence-based parenting intervention for children with limited prosocial traits. This study compared delivery of Helping the Non-Compliant Child with and without emotion coaching. Community-based mental health clinicians delivered the intervention conditions.

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Dorsey)

Funding Source: National Institutes of Health R01

Dates: 2012-2017

Percent Effort: 20%

Total Direct Costs: $1,992,490

*Improving Practice in Community-Based Settings: A randomized trial of supervision strategies*

Funded by the National Institutes of Health, this R01 was a within- and between-subjects design investigating the role of supervision on intervention fidelity for Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Supervisors were randomly assigned to one of two conditions (1) behavioral rehearsal + symptom and fidelity monitoring or (2) only symptom and fidelity monitoring.

Role: Principal Investigator

Funding Source: State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services

Dates: 2012-2016

Percent Effort: 20%

Total Direct Costs: $800,000

*Evidence Based Practice Institute Triple P Implementation*

This study investigated the population-based implementation of the Triple P Positive Parenting Program in three rural counties in Washington State. With a specific focus on coordination with local public health departments and implementation in primary care settings, community-based practitioners delivered Triple P to families.

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Comtois)

Funding Source: National Institutes of Health R13

Dates: 2010-2015

Percent Effort: 0%

Total Direct Costs: $150,000

*Development and Dissemination of Rigorous Methods for Training and Implementation*

This R13 conference grant supported the development of the Seattle Implementation Research Conference (SIRC), and associated activities.

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Trupin)

Funding Source: State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services

Dates: 2011-2016

Percent Effort: 20%

Total Direct Costs: $329,870/year

*Evidence-based Practice Institute Children’s Mental Health Services*

This multi-year state-funded initiative supported the dissemination and implementation of children’s mental health programs throughout Washington State.

1. **Bibliography**

**Peer-Reviewed**

*\*denotes senior author (lack of \* is last author)*

1. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** & Prinz, R.J. (2002). Critical issues in the prevention of violence related behavior problems. *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review, 5,* 133-160.
2. Prinz, R.J., & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2003). Early substance use by juvenile offenders. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development, 33,* 263-277.
3. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Rivers, A.M. & Enns, G.W. (2009). Partnerships for Success in Washington State: Supporting evidence-based programming for children’s mental health. *Report on Emotional and Behavioral Disorders in Youth, 9,* 55-62.
4. Walker, S.C., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Lyon, A.R., Bruns, E.J. & Cosgrove, T.J. (2010). Impact of school-based health center use on academic outcomes. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 46,* 251-257.
5. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Dorsey, S., Trupin, E.W., & Berliner, L. (2010). Project Focus: Promoting emotional health and wellbeing for youth in foster care through connections to evidence- based practices. *Report on Emotional and Behavioral Disorders in Youth, 10,* 30-38.
6. Lyon, A.R., Wiltsey-Stirman, S., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** & Bruns, E.J. (2011). Developing the mental health workforce: Review and application of training strategies from multiple disciplines. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Service Research, 38,* 238-253.
7. Trupin, E.W., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Walker, S.C., DeRobertis, M.T. & Stewart, D. (2011). Family Integrated Transitions: A promising program for soon-to-be released incarcerated juvenile offenders. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse, 20,* 421-436.
8. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Pullmann, M.D., Walker, S.C., Lyon, A.R., Cosgrove, T.J., & Bruns, E.J. (2011). Effect of adolescent use of school-based health centers on high school dropout. *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, 165,* 617-623; Kerns, S. E. U., Pullmann, M. D., Walker, S. C., Lyon, A. R., Cosgrove, T. J., & Bruns, E. J. (2012). School-Based Health Center Use and High School Dropout Rates Reply. *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, 166(7),* 676-677.
9. Dorsey, S., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Trupin, E. W., Conover, K. L., & Berliner, L. (2012). Child welfare social workers as service brokers for youth in foster care: Findings from Project Focus. *Child Maltreatment, 17(1; Special Issue: Disseminating child maltreatment interventions: Research on implementing evidence-based programs),* 20-29.
10. Dorsey, S., Pullmann, M., Deblinger, E., Berliner, L., **Kerns, S. E.U.,** Thompson, K., Unutzer, J., Weisz, J., Garland, A. (2013). Improving practice in community-based settings: A randomized trial of supervision- Study protocol. *Implementation Science, 8:* 89.
11. McCormick, E., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** McPhillips, H., Wright, J., Christakis, D.A., Rivara, F.P. (2014). Randomized controlled trial of a parenting education training program among pediatric residents. *Academic Pediatrics, 14(4),* 353-360.
12. Sethi, S., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Sanders, M.R., & Ralph, A. (2014). The international dissemination of evidence-based parenting interventions: Impact on practitioner content and process self-efficacy. *The International Journal of Mental Health Promotion, 16(2),* 126-137.
13. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Pullmann, M.D., Putnam, B., Buher, A., Holland, S., Berliner, L., Silverman, E., Payton, L., Fourre, L., Shogren, D., & Trupin, E.W. (2014). Child welfare and mental health: Facilitators and barriers of connecting children and youths in out-of-home care with effective mental health treatment. *Children and Youth Services Review, 46,* 315-324. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2014.09.013>
14. Bertram, R.M., Charnin, L.A., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Long, A.C.J. (2015). Evidence based practices in North American MSW curricula. *Research on Social Work Practice, 25(6),* 737-748. doi: 10.1177/1049731514532846
15. Fitzgerald, M.M., Shipman, K., Torres, M.M., Gorrono, J., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** & Dorsey, S. (2015). Child welfare caseworkers as brokers of mental health services: Findings from Project Focus Colorado. *Child Maltreatment, 20,* 37-49.
16. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Cevasco, M., Comtois, K.A., Dorsey, S., King, K., McMahon, R.J., Sedlar, G., Lee, T.G., Mazza, J.J., Lengua, L., Davis, C., Evans-Campbell, T., & Trupin, E.W. (2015). An interdisciplinary university-based initiative for graduate training in evidence-based treatments for children’s mental health. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, 24, 2-15.*
17. Bruns, E.J., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Hensley, S., Pullmann, M.D., Lutterman, T., & Hoagwood, K.E. (2015). Research and data use in state behavioral health systems, 2001-2012. *Psychiatric Services, 67(5),* 496-503.
18. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Pullmann, M.D., Negrete, A., Uomoto, J.A., Berliner, L., Shogren, D., Silverman, E. & Putnam, B.J. (2016). Development and implementation of a child welfare workforce strategy to build a trauma-informed system of support for foster care. *Child Maltreatment, 21(2),* 135-146.
19. Lewis, C., Darnell, D., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Monroe-DeVita, M., Landes, S., Lyon, A., Hendricks, K., Stanick, C., Carmel, A., Dorsey, S., Fizur, P., & Comtois, K.A. (2016). The Society for Implementation Research Collaboration: Pursuing a rigorous and innovative future for implementation science. *Implementation Science, 11(Suppl 1),* 85.
20. Dorsey, S., McLaughlin, K.A., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Harrison, J.P., Lambert, H.K., Briggs-King, E., Cox, J.R., & Amaya-Jackson, L. (2016). Evidence base update for psychosocial treatments for children and adolescents exposed to traumatic events. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, 46*(3), 303-330*.* DOI: 10.1080/15374416.2016.1220309.
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22. Sedlar, G., Bruns, E.J., Walker, S., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Negrete, A. & Trupin, E. (2017). Developing a quality assurance system for multiple evidence based practices in a statewide service improvement initiative. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Health Services Research, 44*(1), 29-41.
23. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** McCormick, E., Negrete, A., Carey, C., Haaland, W., & Waller, S. (2017). Predicting post-training implementation of a parenting intervention. *Journal of Children’s Services, 12(4),* 302-315*.*
24. Dorsey, S., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Lucid, L., Pullman, M.D., Harrison, J.P., Berliner, L., Thompson, K., & Deblinger, E. (2018). Objective coding of content and techniques in workplace-based supervision of an EBT in public mental health. *Implementation Science, 13,* 19*.*
25. Locke, J., Violante, S., Pullmann, M.D., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Jungbluth, N., & Dorsey, S. (2018). Agreement and discrepancy between supervisor and clinician alliance: Associations with organizational climate and emotional exhaustion. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research, 45(3),* 505-517*.*
26. Dopp, A.R, Coen, A.S., Smith, A.B., Reno, J., Bernstein, D.H., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Altschul, D. (2018). Economic impact of the statewide implementation of an evidence-based treatment: Multisystemic Therapy in New Mexico. *Behavior Therapy, 49(4),* 551-566.
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26. Dorsey, S., Pullmann, M. P., **Kerns, S. E.,** Jungbluth, N., Berliner, B., Thompson, K., & Segel E. (2016). *Efficient sustainability: Existing community-based supervisors as evidence-based treatment supports.* Paper presented at the 3rd Annual Society for Implementation Research Collaboration, Seattle, WA.
27. **Kerns, S.,** Waller, S. & Carey, C. (2016, September 13-15). *When ideal meets real: Integrating an evidence-based parenting intervention within primary care.* Paper presented at the 29th Annual National Prevention Network Conference, Buffalo, NY.
28. McMahon, R.J., Katz, L.F., **Kerns, S.E.U.** Pasalich, D.S., Pullmann, M.D., Gurtovenko, K., & Dorsey, S. (2017, June). *Parent management training and emotion coaching for children with callous-unemotional traits: A treatment development study.* Paper presented at the meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Split, Croatia.
29. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Pullmann, M., Putnam, B. (2017, September 7-9). *Unpacking Context: Examining the role of system-contextual factors within complex change initiatives.* Symposium presented at the Society for Implementation Research Collaboration, Seattle, WA.
30. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Carey, C., Leith, J., Rodriguez, V., Chambers, S. & Waller, S. (2017, September 7-9). *A systems-contextual evaluation of implementation of an evidence-based parenting intervention within a public health framework.* Paper presented at the Society for Implementation Research Collaboration, Seattle, WA.
31. Rolls-Reutz, J., **Kerns, S.E.U.** & Mitchell, C. (2018, March 5-7). [*Implementation Supports: Program developer resources available to support effective child welfare implementation*](https://nmcdn.io/e186d21f8c7946a19faed23c3da2f0da/5ef2e685c81348acbb22d12524a5a4be/files/02B6-C-Rolls-Reutz.pdf)***.*** Paper presented at the 31st Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.
32. Bertram, R., Cannatta, E., Marlowe, D., & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2018, March 5-7). [*Transforming Academic Curricula: New Roles for Intermediary Organizations and Behavioral Health Programs*](https://nmcdn.io/e186d21f8c7946a19faed23c3da2f0da/5ef2e685c81348acbb22d12524a5a4be/files/46B6-A-Bertram.pdf)***.*** Paper presented at the 31st Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.
33. Rozeff, L., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Gehring, J., Fornoff, C., Templeton, S. (2018, March 5-7). *Partnering for Success: Implementing Cognitive-Behavior Therapy Plus trauma treatment for child welfare involved children and families.* Symposium presented at the 31st Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.
34. Phillipi, S., Trupin, E., & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2018, April 30-May 2). *Advancing EBP Dissemination: Three state approaches to centers of innovation.* Blueprints Conference, Westminster, CO.
35. **Kerns, S.E.U.** & Pascini-Hill, D. (2018, May 2-4). *Dare to Share: An amazing implementation group learning model.* The 2018 Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference, Tech Center, Denver, CO.
36. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Blum, A. (2018, June 12-16). *Partnering for Success: An innovative approach to improving mental health outcomes for children and youth in the child welfare system.* Roundtable presentation at the 25th Annual APSAC Colloquium, New Orleans, LA.
37. McMahon, R. J., Katz, L. F., **Kerns, S. E. U.,** Pasalich, D. S., Pullmann, M. D., Gurtovenko, K., Cyr, M., & Dorsey, S. (2018, July). Parent management training and emotion coaching for children with callous-unemotional traits: A treatment development study. In R. J. McMahon (Chair), *New directions in the assessment and treatment of children with conduct problems and callous-unemotional traits.* Symposium presented at the meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, Gold Coast, Australia.
38. Carey, C. & **Kerns SEU**. (2018, October 25-26). *Exploring black public health worker’s experiences with an evidence-based parenting intervention.* Paper presented at the Black Doctoral Network Conference, Charlotte, NC.
39. Berliner, L., Pullmann, M., & Kerns, S. (2018). *Outcomes of screening foster youth for emotional and behavioral problems.* Paper presented at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), 22.
40. Pullmann, M., **Kerns, S.E.U.** & Bunger, A. (2019, April). *The impact of trauma screening and other approaches to addressing the mental health needs of children and youth in foster care.* Paper presented at the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Washington, DC.
41. Low, R., Wickersham, M., Kollar, D., & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2019, April 30). *“Pay for Success” to improve child welfare and juvenile justice outcomes in Colorado*. 2019 Convening on Children, Youth and Families, Keystone, CO.
42. McMahon, R.J., Katz, L.F., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Pullmann, M.D., Gurtovenko, K., Pasalich, D.S., Dorsey, S., Dawson, A., Galtieri, L., & Cyr, M. (2019, May). *Parent management training and emotion coaching for children with callous-unemotional traits: Initial outcomes.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy, Las Vegas, NV.
43. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Gopalan, G., & Phillips, J. (2019, August 20-21). *Partnering for Success: A Comprehensive strategy for improving mental health outcomes for children and youth in the child welfare system*. 2019 National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit, Washington, DC.
44. Wilson, S., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Bumgarner, E., Fortunato, C., & Rolls-Reutz, J. (2019, August 20-21). *Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse information session*. 2019 National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit, Washington, DC.
45. **Kerns, S.E.U.** & Low, R. (2019, September 13-14). *Innovative funding to achieve reach: Pay for Success*. 5th Biennial Society for Implementation Research Collaboration, Seattle, WA.
46. Perrine, C., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Sedlar, G., Peterson, R., & Monroe-DeVita, M. (2019, November 21-24). *Keeping the faith while keeping it real: A review of practical, empirical approaches to evaluating treatment fidelity*. 53rd Annual Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA.
47. **Kerns, S.,** Rolls-Reutz, J., & Buckley, P. (2020, April). *Child Welfare and Evidence Registries: Comparative Analysis of the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse, California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse, and Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development.* Blueprints 2020 Conference Action to Outcome: The rising results of Blueprints, Westminster, CO, United States. <https://blueprintsconference.org/agenda/> (Conference canceled due to Covid-19).
48. Mitchell, C., Rolls-Reutz, J., & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2020, March). *Minding the Implementation Gap: Variability in fidelity measurement and pre-implementation supports within evidence-based psychosocial treatments.* 33rd Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL. (Conference canceled due to Covid-19).
49. Bertram, R., Marlowe, D., Cannata, E., & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2020, March). *Academic workforce preparation for evidence-based practice.* 33rd Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL. (Conference canceled due to Covid-19).
50. Jenson, J., Presteng, K., **Kerns, S.E.U.**, Lin, Y., & Marsh, J. (April 2020). *Adapting Family Integrated Transitions to the Norwegian child welfare context: The intersection of practice and policy.* 10th European Conference for Social Work Research, Bucharest, Romania (Conference cancelled due to Covid-19).
51. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Robbins, C. & McBartlett, B. (October, 2021). *Transitioning a home-based intervention to telehealth: Therapist perspectives on impacts on treatment fidelity.* A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare: Connecting communities that lift up child and family well-being and social and community justice, Virtual conference.
52. Mason, C. & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (March, 2023). Collaboration and Partnerships Support Multisystemic Therapy Success for Teens. National Conference on Juvenile Justice, Dallas, TX.
53. Dawson, A., McMahon, R.J., Goulter, N., Gurtovenko, K., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Pasalich, D., Katz, L.F. (2023, June). The role of maternal CU traits, maternal depression, and parenting practices in clinic-referred young children with conduct problems and high CU traits [Poster Presentation]. International Congress on Evidence-based Parenting Support. Virtual.
54. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Berhanu, R., Hollinshead, D., Garofalini, D., & Wagenaar, J. (2023, June). Responsive adaptation of Multisystemic Therapy to support telehealth delivery [Paper Presentation]. International Congress on Evidence-based Parenting Support. Virtual.
55. Aldridge, W., McDonald, C., Laurence, S., Minch, D., Diehl, S., Pletsch, M., DiSalvo, C., & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2023, June). Implementation practice and policy to support the statewide scale-up of evidence-based parenting supports: North Carolina Triple P, USA. International Congress on Evidence-based Parenting Support. Virtual.
56. **Kerns, S.E.U.** & Wilson, S. (2024, January). Prevention Services Clearinghouse: Overview of the evidence review process and website. 39th Annual Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment. San Diego, CA.
57. McMahon, R.J., **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Goulter, N., Gurtovenko, K., Pasalich, D.S., Pullmann, M.D., Dawson, A., Galtieri, L., Dorsey, S., Katz, L.F. (2024, May 16-19). Parent Management Training and Emotion Coaching for Children with Callous-unemotional Traits. Paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy. Cyprus.
58. Gopalan, G., **Kerns, S.,** Horen, M.J., Lowe, J. (2024, August 18-21). Provider perspectives of an inter-agency initiative between child welfare and mental health systems focused on integrating evidence-based mental health treatment into practice-as-usual. Paper presented at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect, Uppsala, Sweden.
59. Orsi-Hunt, Allan, H., **Kerns, S.,** & McCarthy, L. (2024, October 7). How culturally responsive evaluation shows up in research: An example using parenting intervention studies. A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare, Virtual.
60. **Kerns, S.E.U.** & Maddox, S. (2025, June 4). Considering race equity in evidence-based parenting program research. International Congress on Evidence-based Parenting Support. Virtual.
61. Weinberger, E., Brunk, M., & **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2025, Oct 9). MST in child welfare preventive services: Implementation strategies and preliminary outcomes. A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare, Virtual.

**Poster presentations - Competitive**

1. **Kerns, S.E.U.,** Prinz, R., Warren, M.E.W., & Smith, C.M.O. (2006, May 31-June 2). Primary Care Triple P initial feasibility study. Poster forum presentation for the Society for Prevention Research 14th Annual Meeting: Applying prevention science to reduce health disparities, San Antonio, TX.
2. **Kerns, S.E.U.** (2007, May 30-June 1). Promotion of coping with exposure to violence. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research 15th Annual Meeting Advancing Science-Based Prevention: Creating real world solutions, Washington, DC.
3. **Kerns, S.E.U.**, Parrish, A., Trupin, E.W., & Bruns, E.J. (2008, February 11-13). From mandates to reality: The use of a community-based model to effectively implement evidence-based practices. Poster presented at the National Research Institute Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA.
4. **Kerns, S.E.U**., Comtois, K.A., McMahon, R.J., McCauley, E., Tajima, E.A., Dorsey, S., Trupin, E.W., & Rivers, A.M. (2010, June 1-4). Starting at Home: Interdisciplinary university- based strategy addressing the need for an evidence-based practices savvy workforce. Poster presented at Society for Prevention Research 18th Annual Meeting Cells to Society Prevention at All Levels, Denver, CO.

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