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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Research and Strategy JUL 2021 - PRESENT
Strategic Impact Manager JUL 2019 - JUL 2021

South Carolina First Steps, Columbia, SC

- Established the Research and Strategy team and quadrupled staff to support agency data infrastructure and capacity building, program evaluation, and research
- Develop and implement needs assessment, strategic planning, and performance measurement processes for agency and 46 independent, affiliate non-profit organizations
- Lead internal project team of five and serve as primary vendor liaison for \$1.1 million two-year build, migration of legacy data, and implementation of a custom program and case management solution for managing 60,000+ active cases and 500+ active users across 70+ state-level staff and 35+ programs implemented by 350+ child care centers and non-profits
- Facilitate agency participation and support data governance for two integrated data initiatives of the South Carolina Early Childhood Integrated Data System
- Launched 'Your Voice Matters' and initiated ten rapid-cycle client feedback loops with 2,300+ respondents
- Spearheaded development and adoption of seven Key Measures of Progress, data storytelling across four goal areas, and writing of six objectives and seventeen strategies for South Carolina's inaugural Birth through Five plan
- Directed development, data collection and analysis, and dissemination of the 'COVID-19 Child Care Survey' of 1,245 parents of young children across 42 counties in South Carolina that aimed to understand COVID-19's impact on child care and family wellbeing

Survey Program Coordinator JUL 2015 - JUL 2019

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

- Coordinated survey development and data collection for two population health surveys with 13,000+ annual survey responses
- Analyzed data and conducted and disseminated research through authoring six peer reviewed manuscripts, seventeen conference oral presentations, 65 conference poster presentations, and twenty web-based publications, including the inaugural state health assessment
- Co-founded Health Data Symposium and organized three in-person events (2016, 2017, 2019) with 70+ annual attendees

Data Coordinator and Manager FEB 2012 - JUL 2013

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

- Managed all sample intake, data collection instrument development, and Institutional Review Board documentation for National Institutes of Health R01 funded study with 4,000+ participants
- Contributed to database mapping, development, and migration of historic data for a case management system

EDUCATION

PhD, Epidemiology

University of South Carolina
2021

MSPH, Epidemiology

University of South Carolina
2015

BS, Biology

University of Massachusetts -
Boston
2012

CERTIFICATION

Certified Public Manager

South Carolina Department of
Administration
ANTICIPATED 2023

AWARDS & HONORS HIGHLIGHTS

Best & Brightest 35 and Under

Columbia Business Monthly
2021

Doctoral Presidential Fellowship

University of South Carolina
2017 - 2021

Winona B. Vernberg Fellowship

University of South Carolina
2014 - 2015

Intramural Research Training Award

National Institutes of Health
2014

Magna cum Laude

University of Massachusetts -
Boston
2012