



Research Impact Talk - Substance Use & Abuse

We hope you can join us for our first of many Research Impact Talks to learn about current research surrounding important community issues and partnership opportunities with the School of Social Welfare. During this event, participants will have the opportunity to learn about current research and trends in substance use and abuse from two perspectives: child welfare and substance abuse treatment systems. Current drugs of abuse, including alcohol, methamphetamine, cocaine and the opioid epidemic will be discussed. Drs. Jody Brook and Nancy Kepple will review national and local data and provide information about current KU School of Social Welfare research displaying how various public service systems have responded and developed in different and sometimes incompatible ways.

Friday, April 27, 2018

8:30 a.m. to Noon

[Edwards Campus](#) Regnier Hall 265

[Please RSVP here by April 25](#)



PRESENTER - DR. JODY BROOK

Dr. Jody Brook is an Associate Professor at the University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare and the Director of the Center for Children and Families. Her scholarly work focuses on the intersection of parental substance abuse and child maltreatment, and the implementation of interventions into the child welfare service delivery system to improve outcomes for children and families. She has published over 25 articles in the peer reviewed literature in this area. She has served as the Program Evaluator for 15 externally funded research projects which center on designing, implementing, monitoring, refining, and evaluating the ongoing implementation of services and program practices. She is a licensed social work clinician, and practiced in the substance abuse treatment field working with children and families impacted by multigenerational addiction. She has a particular interest in the development of women centered therapeutic techniques and approaches to addiction treatment. She currently teaches SW 987 (Teaching Social Work in Higher Education); and has taught SW 740 (Research Methods), SW 633 (Bachelor Level Crisis Intervention), SW 868 (Master Level Crisis Intervention), and SW 874 (Social Work Practice with Women). In Academic Year 2016-2017, Dr. Brook served as a KU Diversity Scholar.



PRESENTER - DR. NANCY JO KEPPLER

Nancy Jo Kepple is an Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare. She has worked as a social worker in the South Los Angeles and Skid Row neighborhoods of Los Angeles with individuals exposed to community and family violence and addressed the consequences that arise from these traumatic experiences. Dr. Kepple's clinical experiences motivated her to research community, family, and individual factors that may contribute to individuals engaging in violence towards others with a particular interest in child maltreatment and substance use. She has worked on multiple NIH-funded research projects and was a NIDA-funded pre-doctoral trainee in addiction and health services research. Her research currently explores the contribution of parent substance use in the development of child maltreatment behaviors, the social contexts that may mitigate risk for violence perpetration, and the responsiveness of addiction services to dynamic community needs.

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