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HEALTH SCIENCES
Psychiatry & Behavioural
Neurosciences

Research Work

My program of work examines the independent and intersecting experiences of child maltreatment and mental health concerns among children and adolescents. I have a special interest in child emotional abuse, child exposure to intimate partner violence, and child and adolescent eating disorders. I am also interested in how these experiences differ between Indigenous and non-Indigenous families. Establishing a successful program of research in this area requires a multidisciplinary approach and partnerships that integrate clinical and research expertise. With this in mind, my research uses mixed methods, as well as population-based and clinical samples to address the following the objectives: (1.) to determine the risk and protective factors, as well as outcomes for child maltreatment and mental health concerns among children and adolescents; (2.) to support health and social service providers to safely and confidently identify and respond to suspicions and disclosures of child maltreatment (including child exposure to intimate partner violence) when working with children and adolescents with mental health concerns; and (3.) to identify, evaluate, and disseminate evidence-informed secondary and tertiary preventative interventions for child maltreatment, intimate partner violence and mental disorders among children and adolescents.

Engagement Opportunities

Introductory Level

- Serve as a second reviewer on systematic review (20 hrs)
- Full-text screening of research articles (20hrs)
- Assist with qualitative interview and focus-group transcription (40 hrs or more (depending on trainee interest and availability).
- Assist with review protocol development (search terms, strategies, inclusion/exclusion criteria, etc.) (20 hrs)

Intermediate Level

- Write a section of a paper (10-20 hrs, depending on trainee interest).
- Serve as data extractor on systematic review (40 hrs)

Advanced Level

- Complete systematic review and write up (100 hrs)

If you are interested in learning more, please leave your contact information with the Research Office and/or contact Melissa Kimber (kimberms@mcmaster.ca).