



Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations

Annual Report

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Executive Summary

- Over the course of the 2006-2007 academic year, the Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations (referred to as the Center) engaged in several applied research or program evaluation activities. Currently, eight projects are continuing with six new studies being developed. Further information can be obtained from <http://arc.ou.edu>
- Graduate student achievement was high again this year. The Center provided funding support to five graduate research assistants. Four of these students graduated with three securing employment at Foundations, Research Organizations and Consulting Organizations. Additionally, three students who were not funded but participated in research experiences were admitted to doctoral programs.
- Securing external funding is a primary goal for the Center. Seven grants were secured over the course of the 2006-2007 year totaling \$265,250. Four community service agencies have applied for federal funding and have included the Center as the evaluation section. Currently, the Center is preparing an NSF proposal for a statewide study of non-profit organizations.
- Fourteen technical reports have been provided to the non-profit agencies. Each project was directed by a graduate student who prepared and presented the technical report.
- Eight scholarly manuscripts were published (or in press) over the academic year. While no students are included as authors on these projects, six manuscripts are either under review or being submitted to peer review journals. Five of these manuscripts have students as first authors.
- Graduate students presented their research at three national conferences and five regional conferences.

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Vision Statement

“The University of Oklahoma-Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations will collaborate with community based organizations to promote effective program services through the use of scientifically sound program evaluation partnerships, developing external funding opportunities, publications in scholarly journals and presentations at local, state and national conferences.”

Mission Statement

“The mission of the University of Oklahoma – Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations is to provide Tulsa and Northeast Oklahoma with the premier external research support services necessary to promote community agency effectiveness.”

Goals:

1. The University of Oklahoma – Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations will promote the use of the Scientific Method to obtain valid and reliable information through program evaluation and assessment.
2. The University of Oklahoma – Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations will provide experiential learning opportunities for students seeking knowledge about program evaluation and assessment of community service agencies.
3. The University of Oklahoma – Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations will actively seek external funding resources to support research activities to assess community agency effectiveness.
4. The University of Oklahoma – Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations will provide education and training to community agencies seeking to improve program services.
5. The University of Oklahoma – Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations will actively seek scholarship opportunities to disseminate knowledge.

**Center of Applied Research for Non-Profit Organizations
Current Research and Program Evaluation Projects**

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Assessing moderator effects in organizational research: An examination of statistical assumptions. Project Staff: Matt Vassar, Jody Worley, *Michelle Bravo & Chan Hellman.

Native American Tulsa Community Health Survey. Project Staff: Chad Johnson & *Steve Peck (Funded by the Indian Health Care Resource Center)

Aspiring Principal Leadership Program Evaluation. Project Staff: *Steve Peck, *Jeanette Muilenburg, & Chan Hellman. (Funded by Tulsa Public Schools).

The Impact of Family Support, Relationship Commitment and Psychological Strain Among College students. Project Staff: *Tara Young & Chan Hellman.

Role Identity and Its Influence on the Retention of Volunteers Working In a Non-Profit Organization. *Randy Macon & Chan Hellman. (Funded by Tulsa Mayor's Citizen Corps).

Tulsa City County Health Department It's All About Kids Preliminary Report On Obesity, Nutrition and Exercise Among Elementary School Students. Project Staff: *Amie M. Koehn & Chan Hellman. (Funded by Tulsa City County Health Department).

Family & Children's Services ADHD Program Development Report. Project Staff: *Amie M. Koehn, & Chan Hellman.

Rural Community Domestic Violence: Prosecution Rates and Number of Complaints. Project Staff: *Amie M. Koehn, & Chan Hellman.

GRANTS:

Hellman, C. M. (2007). Tulsa Public Schools. Positive Behavioral Support Initiative. (\$31,728).

Hellman, C. M. (2007). Tulsa City-County Health Department "It's all about kids" (\$26,000).

Johnson, C.V. (Feb, 2007). American Indian Community Health Needs Assessment. Grant funded by the Indian Health Care Resource Center (\$30,000).

Hellman, C. M. (2006). Tulsa City-County Health Department "It's all about kids" (\$23,856).

Hellman, C. M. (2006). Tulsa Public Schools – School Leadership Mentoring Program (\$20,000).

Worley, J. A. (2006). Tulsa Mayor's Citizen Corp – Volunteer Engagement (\$4,999).

Schaefer, S., Hellman, C. M., & Hoppes, S. (2005). HUD Community Outreach Grant (\$386,000).

AGENCY TECHNICAL REPORTS:

1. Okmulgee Memorial Hospital - perceptions and attitudes among staff.
2. Understanding sustained volunteer behavior: Values, prestige and perceived support.
3. Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma - healthy lifestyles community survey final report.
4. Department of Human Relations - alumni survey.
5. Domestic Violence Intervention Services - perceptions and attitudes among batterers.
6. Garnett Bilingual Preschool - parent evaluation.
7. Okmulgee Memorial Hospital - perceptions and attitudes among nursing staff.
8. Teen Tulsa Talks - pre & post-test survey results.
9. The Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges - member satisfaction survey.
10. The Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges - perceptions and attitudes among caregivers and providers.
11. The Tristesse Center - perceptions and attitudes among youth and parents during bereavement.
12. Tulsa City County Health Department - It's All About Kids preliminary results on attendance rates, mobility rates, school performance, and body mass index scores.
13. Tulsa Mayor's Citizen Corps - volunteer engagement.
14. Tulsa Public Schools - aspiring principals project.

Refereed Publications:

1. Vice, H., Peabody, L., Mulkey, K., Hellman, C. M., Jelley, M. & Scheer, J. (In Press). Enhancing public awareness about clinical research. *The Monitor*.
2. Hoppes, S., & Hellman, C. M. (In Press). Understanding Occupational Therapy students' attitudes and intentions regarding community service. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*.
3. Miller, J. W., & Hellman, C. M. (In Press). An examination of mediators and moderators in applied research. *Journal of Applied Research in the Community College*.
4. Cherry, A. L., Dillon, M. E., Hellman, C. M., & Barney, L. D. (In Press). The AC-COD Screen: Rapid detection of people with the co-occurring disorders of substance abuse, mental illness, domestic violence, and trauma. *Journal of Dual Diagnosis: Research and Practice in substance abuse comorbidity*.
5. Johnson, C. V., Hayes, J., & Wade, N. G. (2007). Psychotherapy with troubled spirits: A qualitative investigation. *Psychotherapy Research, 17*, 450-460.
6. Hellman, C. M., Fuqua, D. R., & Worley, J. (2006). The effects of mean age and number of items on score reliability: A reliability generalization study on the survey of perceived organizational support. *Educational & Psychological Measurement, 66*, 631-642.
7. Hellman, C. M., Hoppes, S., & Ellison, G. C. (2006). Factors associated with college student intent to engage in community service. *The Journal of Psychology, 140*, 29-39.
8. Hellman, C. M., & House, D. (2006). Volunteers serving victims of sexual assault. *The Journal of Social Psychology, 146*, 117-123.

National Presentations: *denotes student investigator

1. Koehn, A.* & Hellman, C. (2007). Rural community domestic violence: Prosecution rates and number of complaints. Eleventh Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Pasadena, CA.
2. Macon, R. K.* & Hellman, C. (2007). Quality of work life and perceived mission effectiveness. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition. Chicago, IL.
3. Hellman, C. M., Worley, J. A., & Muilenburg-Trevino, E.* (2007). A reliability generalization study on the belief in a just world. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Chicago, IL.

Regional Presentations: *denotes student investigator

1. Koehn, A.* & Hellman, C. (2007). Rural community domestic violence: Prosecution rates and number of complaints. OU-Tulsa's Graduate and Professional Studies Day. Tulsa, OK.
2. Macon, R. K.* & Hellman, C. (2007) Quality of work life and perceived mission effectiveness. OU-Tulsa's Graduate and Professional Studies Day. Tulsa, OK.
3. Macon, R. K.*, Muilenburg, K. J.* & Hellman, C. (2007) Volunteers' perceptions influence their intent to remain. OU-Tulsa's Graduate and Professional Studies Day. Tulsa, OK.
4. Macon, R. K.* & Hellman, C. (2007). Quality of work life and perceived mission effectiveness. Eighteenth Annual Research Symposium, Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, OK.
5. Muilenburg, K. J.,* Muilenburg-Trevino, E.* & Hellman, C. (2007). The impact of an intervention program on the life skills of elementary students. OU-Tulsa's Graduate and Professional Studies Day. Tulsa, OK.