

Adam J. Darnell

Education

Ph.D. 2006 Georgia State University, Community Psychology
M.A. 2002 Georgia State University, Community Psychology
B.A. 1997 The Evergreen State College, Psychology

Experience

Principal 2019-present

DDR Consulting (Tacoma, WA)

- Independent contracting for evaluation research, including projects for the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Seattle-based homelessness advocacy organization Building Changes, and the French Monitoring Center for Drugs and Addiction

Senior Research Associate 2014-2019

Washington State Institute for Public Policy (Olympia, WA)

- Lead the legislatively required 20-year evaluation and benefit-cost analysis of marijuana legalization in Washington State
- Oversee all aspects of study design, management, and execution
- Manage and supervise the work of project team
- Report and present study findings to Legislature, media, and diverse stakeholder groups
- Awarded outstanding oral presentation for excellence in bridging science and practice

Senior Research Associate 2011-2014

Casey Family Programs (Seattle, WA)

- Independently conducted studies in child welfare including analyses of national datasets and extraction of administrative data from state and local jurisdictions to examine effects of various interventions on public child welfare systems
- Consulted on all aspects of program evaluations conducted by external partners
- Provided technical assistance to increase capacity for data-driven decision making in public child welfare systems
- Co-chaired ethical oversight committee for institutional human subjects research
- Spurred the development of innovative methods for dissemination of research

Project Director & Project Manager 2008-2011 & 2006-2008

EMSTAR Research, Inc. (Atlanta, GA)

- Led the evaluation of federally-funded systems of care, a system change initiative focused on coordination of services for severely emotionally disturbed youth
- Developed evaluation model for systems of care and applied it to numerous other local systems of care initiatives in the state
- Managed the development of a multi-site online database to satisfy both service delivery and evaluation purposes

- Cultivated and maintained the participation of diverse stakeholder groups in evaluation advisory capacity for multiple projects
- Managed and supervised project teams
- Managed project contracting and budgets
- Presented evaluation findings to diverse audiences including youth and families, academic audiences, state agency executives, boards of directors, and the Governor's Office and the First Lady of Georgia
- Conducted evaluations for diverse clients including the American Cancer Society, DARE America, other private non-profit entities, public school systems, a public-private partnership focused on community collaboration, and various recipients of federal, state, or local government funding

Graduate Assistant and Instructor

2000-2006

Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)

- Taught three semesters of undergraduate research methods
- Received Rogers-Percival Statistics Award for outstanding achievement in statistics by a graduate student
- Assisted numerous program evaluations including logic model development, measure development, data collection and management, statistical analysis, and reporting
- Assessment and training for cultural competence of public behavioral health providers

Advanced Training & Continuing Education

Leadership

- 2019 Communicating through conflict, Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County
- 2018 Leading others, Washington Department of Enterprise Services
- 2012 Strategic leadership, Casey Family Programs
- 2012 Facilitation skills, Casey Family Programs

Research

- 2019 Analytic methods for causal inference in non-experimental settings, Johns Hopkins University
- 2013 Missing data analysis, Society for Prevention Research
- 2008 Probability sampling, instrument development, & system dynamics modeling, American Evaluation Association Summer Institute
- 2006 Latent variable growth curve modeling, Oregon Research Institute
- 2005 Structural equation modeling in longitudinal research, American Psychological Association Advanced Training Institute

Peer-Reviewed Publications & Edited Chapters

- Fluke, J. D., Harlaar, N., Brown, B., Heisler, K., Merkel-Holguin, L., & Darnell, A.J. (2019). Differential response and children re-reported to child protective services: county data from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). *Child Maltreatment, 24*(2), 127-136.
- Firth, C. L., Maher, J. E., Dilley, J. A., Darnell, A.J., & Lovrich, N. P. (2019). Did marijuana legalization in Washington State reduce racial disparities in adult marijuana arrests? *Substance Use & Misuse, 54*(9), 1582-1587.
- Summers, A. & Darnell, A.J. (2015). Examination of judicial practice in Texas permanent managing conservatorship hearings. *Journal of Public Child Welfare, 9*(4), 341-361.
- Darnell, A.J. & Schuler, M. (2015). Quasi-experimental evaluation of Functional Family Therapy for juvenile justice aftercare in a racially and ethnically diverse community sample. *Children and Youth Services Review, 50*, 75-82.
- Darnell, A.J., Fluke, J.F., Casillas, K., Rudlang-Perman, K., Guterman, K. (accepted & withdrawn). Exploring the relationship between alternative response utilization and re-reporting: A county-level analysis of the risk threshold for alternative response. *Child Abuse and Neglect*.
- Darnell, A.J., Barile, J.P., Weaver, S.R., Harper, C.R., Kuperminc, G.P., Emshoff, J.G. (2013). Testing effects of community collaboration on rates of low infant birthweight at the county level. *American Journal of Community Psychology, 51*(3-4).
- Barile, J., Darnell, A.J., Weaver, S., Erickson, S. (2012). Multilevel measurement of dimensions of collaboration in a network of community collaboratives. *American Journal of Community Psychology, 49*(1-2).
- Kuperminc, G.P., Darnell, A.J., & Alvarez-Jimenez, A. (2008). Parent involvement in the academic achievement of Latino youth: Teacher expectations, school climate, and perceived competence as mediators. *Journal of Adolescence, 31*(4), 469-483.
- Emshoff, J.G., Darnell, A.J., et al. (2007). Systems change as an outcome and a process in the work of community collaboratives for health. *American Journal of Community Psychology, 39*(3-4), 255-267.
- Darnell, A. J. & Kuperminc, G.P. (2006). Organizational cultural competence in mental health service delivery: A multilevel analysis. *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development 34*(4), 194-207.
- Lee, R. M. & Darnell, A. J. (2002). Theory and method of multicultural counseling competency assessment. In K. S. Kurasaki, S. Okazaki, & S. Sue (Eds.), *Asian American mental health*. (pp. 283-299). New York: Kluwer.

Recent Reports

- Darnell, A.J., Hirsch, M., & Wanner, P. (2019). *Suppressing illicit cannabis markets after state marijuana legalization*. Washington State Institute for Public Policy: Olympia, WA.
- Darnell, A.J. (2019). *Measuring youth cannabis use in Washington State*. Washington State Institute for Public Policy: Olympia, WA.

Darnell, A.J., Goodvin, R., del Moral, S., Hicks, C., Wanner, P., & Westley, E. (2018 & 2016). *Updated inventory of programs for the prevention and treatment of youth cannabis use*. Washington State Institute for Public Policy: Olympia, WA.

Darnell, A.J. & Bitney, K. (2017). *I-502 evaluation and benefit-cost analysis: 2nd required report*. Washington State Institute for Public Policy: Olympia, WA.

Darnell, A.J. (2015). *I-502 evaluation plan and preliminary report on implementation*. Washington State Institute for Public Policy: Olympia, WA.

Presentations available on request.