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Experience

Project Manager - Texas Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing **November 2020 - Present**

- Coordinate a statewide, inter-organizational team to create, implement, and evaluate sex education and healthy relationship interventions for youth in foster care and supportive adults
- Provide support, training, and technical assistance to project staff on community stakeholder engagement, facilitation, and evaluation
- Lead advisory boards of foster caregivers and young adults with lived experience in care
- Prepare presentations and written reports for a variety of audiences including funders, stakeholders, academics, and the general public

Voices Against Violence Prevention Coordinator - University of Texas at Austin **July 2018 - November 2020**

- Developed and delivered trauma-informed educational workshops to students, staff, and faculty regarding interpersonal violence, consent, healthy relationships, and supportive response
- Planned and executed violence prevention initiatives and events and coordinate program evaluation activities
- Supervised team of student employees who provided peer education and advised student organization dedicated to violence prevention and survivor support initiatives
- Created and disseminated communications including website content, social media, and poster campaigns

Research Project Manager - Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault **August 2016-July 2018**

- Managed research and program evaluation activities, budget, IRB submission, and deliverable creation
- Conducted research data collection including fielding longitudinal and climate surveys and facilitating research interviews and focus groups with survivors of violence and social service professionals
- Provided training and technical assistance on campus climate data analysis and utilization to higher education professionals

MSSW Final Field Intern - Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault **January 2016-August 2016**

- Developed survey instruments, collected and managed program evaluation data, created literature reviews and presentations related to interpersonal violence

Teaching Assistant - The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work **September 2015-August 2016**

- Facilitated undergraduate Social Work field seminar class discussions and activities

Social Work Intern - Hope Alliance **January 2015-May 2015**

- Worked with survivors of interpersonal violence through case management, support group facilitation, and hotline crisis intervention, and shelter intake
- Conducted violence prevention education at local secondary schools

Tutor - Encompass Tutorial Services **January 2013-June 2016**

- Provided academic mentorship and created student organizational and academic plans in collaboration with students, parents, and teachers

Education

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Master of Science in Social Work

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Plan II Honors, Degree Conferred with Special Honors

Bachelor of Social Work, Degree Conferred with High Honors

Publications and Reports

Ball, B., **Hoefler, S.**, Faulkner, M., Requesnes, A., Brooks, T., Munoz, G., Pacheco, E., Poland, C., Salmeron, C., & Zelaya, A.B. (2023). Innovation in sexuality and relationship education in child welfare: Shifting toward a focus on ongoing conversations, connection, and consent. *Prevention Science*, doi: 10.1007/s11121-022001476-z

Hoefler, S., Ball, B., & Faulkner, M. (2022). *Texas Foster Youth Health Initiative: Healthcare provider survey report*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

Hoefler, S. (2020, April). How to Build Healthy Dating Relationships [Guest Blog Contributor]. *Courtney Harris Coaching*. <https://courtneyharriscoaching.com/healthy-dating-relationships/>

Voth Schrag, R.J., Wood, L., **Hoefler, S.**, & Busch-Armendariz, N. (2019). #Metoosocialworkeducation: Exposure to interpersonal violence among social work students. *Journal of Social Work Education*. doi: 10.1080/10437797.2019.1671264

Kammer-Kerwick, M., Wang, A., McClain, T., **Hoefler, S.**, Swartout, K.M., Backes, B., & Busch-Armendariz, N. (2019). Sexual violence among gender and sexual minority college students: The risk and extent of victimization and related health and educational outcomes. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, doi: 10.1177/0886260519883866

Busch-Armendariz, N., Sulley, C., **Hoefler, S.**, Backes, B., Dempster, M., & Thompson, J. (2019). *Notification for Victims of Assault (NoVA): A guide for communities with untested sexual assault kits*. Austin, TX: Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, The University of Texas at Austin.

Wood, L., **Hoefler, S.**, Kammer-Kerwick, M., Parra-Cardona, J.R., & Busch-Armendariz, N. (2018). Sexual harassment at institutions of higher education: Prevalence, risk, and extent. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. doi: 10.1177/0886260518791228

Hoefler, S. & Hoefler, R. (2017). Worth the wait? The consequences of abstinence-only sex education for marginalized students. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 12(3), 257-276.

Busch-Armendariz, N, Wood, L., Sulley, C., Kammer-Kerwick, M., Kellison, B., McClain, T., **Hoefler, S.**, Wang, A., Westbrook, L., Olaya-Rodriguez, D., Hill, K. & Wachter, K. (2017). *Cultivating learning and safe environments*. Austin, TX: Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, The University of Texas at Austin.

Presentations

Requesnes, A., Rayne, K., & **Hoefler, S.** (2022, October 25). *Building connections to improve optimal health outcomes of youth in care*. Texas Childcare Administrators' Conference, Round Rock, TX.

Ball, B., **Hoefler, S.**, Brooks, T., & Patrick, C. (2022, October 18). *Building connections to support the sexual health needs of youth in care*. Healthy Teen Network Conference, Miami, FL.

Ball, B. & **Hoefler, S.** (2022, July 26). *Bridging the gap between child welfare and sex education*. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grantee Gathering – Office of Population Affairs, Virtual.

Hoefler, S., Zelaya, A.B., & Salmeron, C. (2022, May 24). *Brave Conversations: Trauma-informed, supportive conversations about sexual health with youth in foster care*. Texas Network of Youth Services, Houston, TX.

Hoefler, S., Ball, B. & Brooks, T. (2022, April 25). *Developing a trauma-informed sexuality and relationship education curriculum for youth in foster care.* Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Symposium, San Antonio, TX.

Ball, B., **Hoefler, S.,** Requeses, A. & Salmeron, C. (2021, September 27). *The Texas Foster Youth Health Initiative: Working together to improve sexual health outcomes for youth.* Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Symposium, Virtual.

Hoefler, S., Requeses, A., & Pacheco, E. (2021, August 5). *Supporting young people's sexual health through a trauma-informed collaborative framework.* Family Focused Treatment Association Conference, Virtual.

Hoefler, S., Protil, K., & Coleman, S. (2019, May 20). *Strong prevention from strong education: Connecting interpersonal violence prevention with sexual health education for healthier students.* 2019 Texas Association Against Sexual Assault State Conference, San Antonio, TX.

McClain, T., **Hoefler, S.,** Brimhall, J. & Baccus, B. (2018, May 1). *Disclosure and impact of campus sexual assault.* 2018 Texas Association Against Sexual Assault State Conference, South Padre Island, TX.

Hoefler, S. (2016, October 27). *From research to practice: A model for victim notification in cases of untested sexual assault kits.* Texas Victim Services Association Research Symposium: Victimization, Justice and Healing – from Theory to Practice, San Marcos, TX.

Media

Podcast Interview: Davoodi, S. (2020, January 7). *Conjuring up courage: Rape culture, rejection, and consent.* shohrehdavoodi.com/rape-culture-rejection-consent/

News Interview: Hundreds of sexual assault advocates, experts in SA to collaborate, close gaps. (2019, May 20). *KSAT 12 San Antonio.* [youtube.com/watch?v=mbjJVqkGXaA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbjJVqkGXaA)

Service

Travis County Sexual Assault Response & Resource Team Outreach Committee March 2019 – November 2020

- Work to increase access to SARRT member agencies for marginalized and underserved communities

UT Wellness Network Hazing Prevention Committee April 2019 – November 2020

- Work to prevent hazing behaviors and create communities of safety and belonging in student organizations

Volunteer - Texas Youth and Runaway Hotline November 2013-June 2014

- Answered phone calls and chat messages for youth and adults who were in crisis or had questions regarding runaway laws and related issues

Volunteer – Austin Child Guidance Center January 2011-June 2013

- Provided child care and support for families receiving mental and behavioral health services