DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS
DIVISION OF GENERAL PEDIATRICS & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (DOGPAH)

FACULTY

IRIS WAGMAN BOROWSKY, MD, PHD
Professor
DOGPAH Director
Director, Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship
Gisela and E. Paul Konopka Chair in Adolescent Health & Development

- Risk and protective factors for health-risk behaviors among youth
- Prevention of interpersonal and self-directed violence and bullying among youth

EMILY BORMAN-SHOAP, MD
Assistant Professor
Residency Program Director
Vice Chair of Education

- Medical education across the continuum
- Competency-based assessment
- Using technology in teaching and learning

Ann-Lauree Mcree, DRPH
Associate Professor
Associate Director for Training, Interdisciplinary Fellowship Program

- HPV vaccination
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Clinical preventative services

Peter Scal, MD, MPH
Associate Professor
Medical Director at St. Joseph’s Home Community Clinic

- Factors influencing services to foster the transition of adolescents with special healthcare needs to adult oriented care
- Analysis of racial/ethnic disparities in parent-provider interactions among parents of adolescents with special needs

Rebecca Shlafer, PhD, MPH
Assistant Professor

- Risk and protective factors of children with incarcerated parents
- Programs and policies that impact families in the criminal justice system

Nimi Singh, MD, MPH, MA
Assistant Professor
Director, Adolescent Medicine Resident Rotation
Director, Adolescent Medicine Fellowship Program

- Adolescent mental health promotion
- Promotion of healthy lifestyle to reduce chronic illness and disability

Veronica SvetaZ, MD, MPH, FSAHM, FAAFP
Assistant Professor

- Family-Centered Trauma-informed care for Latinx youth and their families, and youth in general
- Community-Based Participatory Research and Health Equity Leadership
- Sustainable interventions for youth Integrative Care, including Mental Health
PROGRAM STAFF

JENNIFER BAUMGARTNER, MS
Communications and Special Projects Manager
- Marketing and dissemination strategies and approaches
- Project, program, and partnership management service

KARA BECKMAN, MA
Senior Evaluator, HYD-PRC; Community Contracts: Legal Rights Center, Saint Paul Public Schools
- Evaluation of school and community restorative justice programs
- Mixed methods research
- Systemic bias in evaluation method

LAUREL DAVIS, PHD
Director, Center for Research in Family Home Visiting
- Home visiting as a strategy for improving maternal and child health
- Health equity
- Vulnerable families

JILL FARRIS, MPH
Director, Adolescent Sexual Health Training & Education; HYD-PRC
- Training on evidence-based interventions to prevent teen pregnancy and promote adolescent sexual health
- Providing technical assistance to agencies seeking to implement high quality youth programs
- Dissemination of county and state adolescent sexual health data reports

ABIGAIL GADEA, MPP, MSW
Research Implementation Specialist, Co-developer of Whole Learners Program; HYD-PRC
- Training, capacity building, and technical assistance
- Translation and dissemination of research
- Teacher professional development

AMY L. GOWER, PHD
Research Associate, HYD-PRC
- Multi-level research
- Health issues of LGBT adolescent populations
- Environmental and social contexts of adolescent health

JUDITH A. KAHN, MSW
Manager Interdisciplinary Training Fellowships / YouthCHAT
- Community youth development
- Program design and implementation
- Leadership development coaching

CHRISTOPHER J MEHUS, PHD, LMFT
Research Faculty, Institute for Translational Research in Children’s Mental Health, Project Director, PRC core project
- Parenting and parent-focused preventive interventions
- Supporting parenting through pediatric primary care

JENNY OLIPHANT, EDD, MPH
Research Associate and Community Outreach Coordinator, HYD-PRC, Instructor, Adolescent Medicine Rotation
- Innovating sexual health prevention services for young people
- Oral health and STDs of adolescents
- Healthy youth development, sports and community collaboration

SHARI PLOWMAN, MPH
Senior Evaluator, HYD-PRC; Community Contracts: Planned Parenthood, MN Dept of Education, TeenWise MN
- Adolescent sexual health
- Program evaluation planning and implementation
- Social media-based strategies for research subject recruitment, participation and follow-up

GLYNIS SHEA, BA
Communications Director, Konopka Institute & HYD-PRC; Community Contracts: Hennepin County, Association of Maternal & Child Health Professionals
- Training on the strategic use of media and communications to:
  1. Support health research and improve public health practice
  2. Drive the adoption of evidence based policies, programs and practices
  3. Build public support for investing in adolescents
SCHOOL OF NURSING

BARBARA MCMORRIS, PHD, MA, BA
Associate Professor
Core Research Director, HYD-PRC

- Prevention of risky health behaviors in adolescence
- Promotion of health among vulnerable populations
- Program evaluation, research methods and complex statistical modeling

MELISSA SAFTNER, PHD, CNM, FACNM
Clinical Professor

- Sexual and reproductive health
- Promotion of health among vulnerable populations
- Qualitative research methods

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Fellowship Coordinator, Academic General Pediatrics, Adolescent Medicine, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

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Executive Office and Administrative Specialist; DOGPAH

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Executive Office and Administrative Specialist; DOGPAH

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SONYA BRADY, PHD
Associate Professor

- Promotion of health protective behaviors among general and vulnerable populations of youth
- Psychosocial and developmental influences on health risk and health protective behaviors
- Mechanisms linking stressful life circumstances to risk behaviors and factors promoting resilience

DIANNE NEUMARK-SZTAINER, PHD, MPH, RD
Professor

- Adolescent health and nutrition
- Prevention of weight-related problems including eating disorders, unhealthy weight control behaviors, body dissatisfaction and obesity
- Program development and evaluation
- Family meals
- Yoga and implications for eating and weight-related health.

RENEE SIEVING, PHD, RN, FAAN, FSAHM
Professor
Director, HYD-PRC
Director, LEAH Fellowship Training Program
Pauline A. Vincent Chair in Public Health Nursing

- Understanding factors that help to prevent risky sexual behaviors, violence and early pregnancy among adolescents
- Testing interventions that involve clinics, schools, families and communities in promoting health and well-being among young people

SCHOOL OF NURSING

KRISTIN TEIPEL, MPH, BSN

Co-Principal Investigator & Director, State Adolescent Health Resource Center (SAHRC); Konopka Institute

- Strengthen public health systems to improve adolescent and young adult health
- Translation of research to practice
- Adolescent health strategic planning

MELISSA SAFTNER, PHD, CNM, FACNM
Clinical Professor

- Sexual and reproductive health
- Promotion of health among vulnerable populations
- Qualitative research methods