'ACE'd it!
My Experience Working at ACE!

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Get to Know Me

- New York University Class of 2018
- Studying Global Public Health and Applied Psychology
- Wide range of interests
  - research, people, human behavior
  - learning, investigating, and exploring
Purpose

- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Summer Research Program
- Research internship for high school and undergraduate students
- Introduction to field of substance abuse and addiction research
- 8 weeks at a research center
Working on

- MAPIT Research Study with Dr. Faye Taxman, Jennifer Lerch, and Teneshia Thurman
- In-Person Motivational Interviewing (MI) vs. a Motivational Computer Program (MC) for Probationers
- Improving addiction treatment initiation in criminal justice system
- Data sources (instruments) (i.e. criminal history, sexual risk, mental health)
Methodology

- Recruitment and Data collection
  - Central Probation Intake Office (Baltimore, Maryland)
  - Baseline, 2 Month Follow-up, 6 Month Follow-up
- Working with missing data
  - SPSS and Excel
  - Interviewer recordings
- Analyzing and processing
  - Literature review of trauma and stigma papers
Courthouse Tracking
Baltimore Snapshots

6MFU Interview at Burger King

Waiting for Client

PIKESVILLE

Baltimore
YOURS for a Day

- Speaking with case manager
  - Intake process
- Home Detention Unit (YOURS) vs Probation (MAPIT)
- Observing Phases
  - Beginning/starting (YOURS) vs. latter end (MAPIT)
The Learning Curve

- Lessons from research experience
  - The importance of field investigation
  - How to conduct interviews and collect data
  - Problem(s) with criminal justice system
  - Importance of (specialized) treatment
    - Trauma
- Workplace environment
  - Communication skills
Questions?

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