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EDUCATION

Duke University, Master of Public Policy (2003)

Villanova University, Bachelor of Arts in History (1998)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR ADVANCING CORRECTIONAL EXCELLENCE, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, Fairfax, VA

Research Faculty - Project Director, 2009-Present

- Serves as co-PI for the administrative core of the Justice Community Overdose Innovation Network (JCOIN) Coordination and Translation Center, a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded collective that connects scientists and practitioners to build evidence about “what works” for individuals living with substance use disorder and criminal-legal system involvement.
- Leads development and manages content for the [JCOIN Training and Engagement Center](#), a popular website that hosts eCourses, podcasts, and short learning modules for a variety of audiences. Tracks metrics for courses, including enrollment, completion, and satisfaction.
- Co-developed and executed studies grounded in implementation science: 1. Creating and validating an instrument to measure perceptions of communication effectiveness and 2. Using facts and first-person narrative to influence perceptions of medications for opioid use disorder.
- Developed [Public Health SUSTAIN](#), a series of eCourses that provides health professionals with foundational knowledge about how the criminal-legal system impacts individuals.
- Served as Project Director for HEAL (Helping to End Addiction Long-term) Connections, a National Institutes of Health initiative focused on building community partnerships, supporting research teams, and creating meaningful and accessible dissemination products for study findings.
- Partnered with researchers, practitioners, and people with lived experience to develop [SUSTAIN Justice and Behavioral Health](#), an eCourse that builds knowledge and skills for professionals working with individuals with criminal-legal system involvement.
- Co-developed the [Cascade of Care Toolkit](#), an online tool to assist communities in estimating local need for prevention and treatment of substance use disorders. Developed supplementary materials, such as user guide and workbook.
- Conducts research and provides training/technical assistance for the [Risk-Need-Responsivity \(RNR\) Simulation Tool](#), a portal of translational tools designed to assess treatment program quality and improve treatment matching for people with criminal-legal system involvement.
- Manages over 25 initiatives with state and local jurisdictions that use the RNR Simulation Tool.
- Collaborated with a large probation agency to develop, pilot-test, and refine a needs assessment instrument used by over 1,000 probation officers over the course of 10 years.
- Develops and delivers in-person and virtual trainings and presentations on criminal-legal and health topics to researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.

- Directs a learning initiative that integrates eLearning with coaching for probation professionals and treatment providers, with the objective of increasing knowledge and use of evidence-based practices in criminal-legal system supervision.
- Develops and revises manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, and other written materials on study findings and policy implications.
- Presents study findings at research, policy, and practitioner conferences, including the College on Problems of Drug Dependency, the American Society of Criminology annual meeting, the American Probation and Parole Association Annual Learning Institute, the Addiction Health Services Research Conference, and others.
- Develops web copy for multiple public-facing websites.
- Develops grant applications and supporting materials.
- Manages Institutional Review Board applications, amendments, and renewals for research studies.
- Supervises research assistants, graduate students (Ph.D. and Master's level), interns, and administrative and research staff.
- Served as Project Director for a NIDA-funded randomized controlled trial on medication for addiction treatment for individuals living with HIV and opioid use disorder.
- Served as Project Director for a NIDA-funded implementation study that examined the use of contingency management in federal problem-solving courts.

CENTER FOR EVIDENCE-BASED CORRECTIONS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE, Irvine, CA
Research Specialist, 2008-2010

- Primary responsibilities included conducting quantitative and qualitative research for projects with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), as directed by the Division of Research; providing regular briefings on research projects and policy issues to CDCR stakeholders; analyzing administrative data; developing publications; and managing and mentoring graduate students

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG), San Diego, CA
Research Technician, 2006-2008

- Primary responsibilities included managing projects on social science topics, concentrating in criminal-legal and public health systems; managing data collection; conducting focus groups; conducting interviews; analyzing qualitative and quantitative data; developing reports; presenting findings to executive leadership teams; training staff; conducting literature searches; and developing research instruments

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES GROUP, INC., Bethesda, MD
Deputy Project Director 2004-2007

- Primary responsibilities included coordinating training activities; revising curricula; managing subcontracts; reviewing and editing consultant reports; contributing to grant applications and other business development efforts; supervising project assistants; analyzing quantitative data for performance measurement development; designing presentations and training materials; and developing website content

TATC CONSULTING, Washington, DC/Bethesda, MD

Research Associate, 2003-2004

- Primary responsibilities included conducting literature searches; managing data collection; conducting interviews; analyzing data; contributing to grant application and other business development efforts; developing publications; developing website content

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO), Seattle, WA

Health Care Analyst Intern, Summer 2002

- Primary responsibilities included contributing to end-stage preparation efforts for GAO Report; researching state Medicaid billing procedures; providing summaries of interviews, meetings, conference calls, and videoconferences; writing analytic work-papers; researching regional policy issues in the northwest United States for an internal project.

PROJECTS AND AWARDED GRANTS

Funder/Years: NIDA, 2024-Present

Project: HEAL Initiative: Justice Community Overdose Innovation Network Coordination and Translation Center (U2C Clinical Trial Optional)

Project Role: Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, 2024-2027

Project: Justice Fidelity and Quality Assurance (JFQA) Initiative

Project Role: Project Manager (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: NIH, 2022-2025

Project: HEAL Connections

Project Role: Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: NIDA, 2019-Present

Project: HEAL Initiative: Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network Coordination and Translation Center (U2C Clinical Trial Optional)

Project Role: Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Council of State Governments Justice Center, 2019-2024

Project: Innovations in Supervision Initiative

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: North Carolina Department of Public Safety, 2018-2023

Project: North Carolina Predictive Analytics Supervision Effort (NC-PASE)

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Arizona Supreme Court, 2019-2022

Project: Arizona SUSTAIN

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, 2015-2019

Project: RNR Simulation Tool with Offender Reentry Program Grantees

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Arlington County, 2016-Present

Project: RNR Simulation Tool in Arlington County

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Council of State Governments Justice Center, 2015-2019

Project: RNR Simulation Tool with Second Chance Act Grantees

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Maricopa County, 2018-2023

Project: RNR Simulation Tool in Maricopa Community Corrections

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Nevada County, 2016-Present

Project: RNR Simulation Tool and SUSTAIN in Nevada County

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, 2016-2019

Project: RNR Simulation Tool for NYC

Project Role: Project Manager (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Delaware Department of Corrections, 2014-Present

Project: RNR Simulation Tool for Delaware

Project Role: Principal Investigator (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Philadelphia Adult Probation and Parole Department, 2014-Present

Project: Innovations in Supervision in Philadelphia Adult Probation and Parole Department

Project Role: Project Director (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2013-2016

Project: Staff Undertaking Skills to Advance Innovation (SUSTAIN) Development

Project Role: Project Director (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2013-2018

Project: Project STRIDE

Project Role: Project Director (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2009-2012

Project: Justice Steps (JSTEPS)

Project Role: Project Director (George Mason University)

Funder/Years: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 2008-2010

Project: Process Evaluation of the Parole Violation Decision-Making Instrument

Project Role: Research Specialist (University of California, Irvine)

WRITTEN WORKS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Horoszko UA, Smith L, Murphy A, Taylor BG, Lamuda PA, Pollack HA, Schneider JA, Taxman FS, Zhao X. (2025). Trust in doctors, social support, and belief in COVID-19 misinformation. *BMC Public Health*, 25(1), 2236.
- Harrell-Webber, A., Zhao, X., Horoszko, U. A., Murphy, A., Smith, L., & Taxman, F. S. (2025). Using narrative and informational messages to improve correctional professionals' attitudes toward medications for opioid use disorder. *Health & Justice*, 13(1), 53.
- Zhao, X., Hingle, A., Shaw, C. C., Murphy, A., Riddick, B. R., Davidson Mhonde, R. R., ... & Taxman, F. S. (2024). Endorsement of COVID-19 misinformation among criminal legal involved individuals in the United States: Prevalence and relationship with information sources. *Plos one*, 19(1), e0296752.
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- Ramezani, N., Bhati, A., Murphy, A., Routh, D., & Taxman, F. S. (2022). Assessing the reliability and validity of the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) program tool. *Health & justice*, 10(1), 19.
- Zhao, X., Toronjo, H., Shaw, C.C., Murphy, A., & Taxman, F. S. (2022). Perceived communication effectiveness in implementation strategies: a measurement scale. *Implementation Science Communications*, 3(1), 38.
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- Mbaba, M., Brown, S., Wooditch, A., Kiss, M., Murphy, A., Kumari, S., Altice, F., Lawson, W., Springer, S. (2018). Prevalence, Diagnosis, and Treatment Rates of Mood Disorders among Opioid Users under Criminal Justice Supervision. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 54:1-10.
- Turner, S., Braithwaite, H., Kearney, L., Murphy A., & Haerle, D. (2012). Evaluation of the California Parole Violation Decision-Making Instrument (PVDMI). *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 35:269-295.
- Murphy A., Rhodes A.G., & Taxman F.S. (2012). Adaptability of Contingency Management in Justice Settings: Survey Findings on Attitudes toward Using Rewards. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 43(2):168-77.
- Rudes, D S., Portillo, S., Murphy, A, Rhodes, A., Stitzer, M, Luongo, P., & Taxman, F.S. (2011). Adding Positive Reinforcements in a Criminal Justice Setting: Acceptability and Feasibility. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 42(3):260-70.

MANUALS AND CURRICULA

- Murphy, A., Taxman, F.T., Bhati, A., & McGarrell, E. (2025). The Cascade of Care Toolkit Workbook: Implementing a Data-Driven Approach to Improve Substance Use Disorder Care. George

- Mason University. Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence! Arlington, VA.
<https://www.jcoinctc.org/wp-content/uploads/Cascade-of-Care-Workbook.pdf>
- Murphy, A., Toronjo, H., & Thurman, T. (2025). SUSTAIN Justice and Behavioral Health Curriculum. George Mason University. Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence! Arlington, VA.
<https://www.jcoinctc.org/courses/sustain-justice-and-behavioral-health/>
- Toronjo, H., Thurman, T., & Murphy, A. (2022). SUSTAIN: Staff Undertaking Skills to Advance Innovation Curriculum. George Mason University. Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence! Arlington, VA.
- Murphy, A. and Toronjo, H. (2020) Public Health SUSTAIN: Stigma and Trauma Curriculum, George Mason University. Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence! Fairfax, VA.
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- Taylor, L., Murphy, A., & Taxman, F. (2015). Advancing Evidence-Based Practices in the Delaware Department of Corrections: Final Report and Recommendations. Fairfax, VA: Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence (ACE!), George Mason University.

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