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Area of Expertise

I am a community-engaged scholar in the areas of program evaluation, interpersonal violence, poverty, homelessness, women's health, lifestyle interventions, and community assessment. I collaborate with groups and organizations on the design of new programs, as well as the collection and analysis of data that can be used to improve or develop solutions for a healthier community. As a program evaluator, I have assessed numerous public health concerns, including breast cancer, asthma, cradle to career development, violence, trauma, economic well-being, post-incarceration re-entry, and women's wellness. I am particularly interested in interventions that are strengths-based and support human resiliency, such as Solution-Focused therapies, Motivational Interviewing, and asset-based community development.

Qualifications

PhD in Social Work
MSW, Florida State University
BSW, Florida State University

Recent Publications

What happens to agreement over time? A longitudinal study of self-reported substance use compared to saliva toxicological testing among subsidized housing residents

Rendon, A., Mun, E.-Y., Spence-Almaquer, E. E. & Walters, S. T., 1 Jun 2019, In : Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment. 101, p. 12-17 6 p.

Partnership Processes to Develop SHE Tribe: A Healthy Lifestyle Intervention

Dodgen, L., Spence-Almaquer, E. E., Cantu Anguiano, K., Hooker, A. & White, S., 1 Jan 2018, (Accepted/In press) In : Health Promotion Practice.

Beyond Body Mass Index: Are Weight-loss Programs the Best Way to Improve the Health of African American Women?

Dodgen, L. & Spence-Almaquer, E., 15 Jun 2017, In : Preventing chronic disease. 14, p. E48

Improving Asthma in Hispanic Families Through a Home-Based Educational Intervention

Carrillo, G., Spence-Almaquer, E. E., Lucio, R. L., Chong-Menard, B. & Smith, K., 1 Sep 2015, In : Pediatric, Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonology. 28, 3, p. 165-171 7 p.

U.S. Population Estimates and Correlates of Sexual Abuse of Community-Dwelling Older Adults

Cannell, M. B., Manini, T., Spence-Almaquer, E. E., Maldonado-Molina, M. & Andresen, E. M., 1 Jan 2014, In : Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect. 26, 4, p. 398-413 16 p.

Do official hospitalizations predict medical vulnerability among the homeless? A postdictive validity study of the vulnerability index

Cronley, C., Petrovich, J., Spence-Almaquer, E. E. & Preble, K., 1 May 2013, In : Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved. 24, 2, p. 469-486 18 p.

Stalking and Technology: The Double-Edged Sword

Spence-Almaquer, E. E., 1 Jan 2003, In : Journal of Technology in Human Services. 22, 1, p. 5-18 14 p.

Victims of stalking: A study of service needs as perceived by victim services practitioners

Spence-Almaquer, E. E. & Potocky-Tripodi, M., 1 Jan 2001, In : Journal of Interpersonal Violence. 16, 1, p. 86-94 9 p.

Sexual victimization: Analyzing the analysis

Spence-Almaquer, E. E., 1 Jan 1998, In : Journal of the American College Health Association. 47, 2, p. 93-94 2 p.

Sponsored Projects

Direction Home Program Year VIII

Spence-Almaquer, E.
United Way of Tarrant County
1/08/16 → 31/07/17

Directions Home Evaluation Program Year IV

Spence-Almaquer, E.
United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County
1/04/12 → 31/03/13

Directions Home Independent Evaluation PYV

Spence-Almaquer, E.
United Way of Tarrant County
1/06/13 → 31/05/14

Directions Home Program Year VI

Spence-Almaquer, E.
United Way of Tarrant County
1/08/14 → 30/07/15

Directions Home Program Year VII

Spence-Almaquer, E.
United Way of Tarrant County
1/08/15 → 31/07/16

Evaluation of the Second Chance Act Mentoring Program

Spence-Almaquer, E.
Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County Inc
1/11/13 → 31/12/15

HB4 Pre-K Quality Implementation Consultation and Report

Spence-Almaquer, E.
Early Learning Alliance
1/07/16 → 31/12/16

Health Advocacy Project for Interpersonal Violence Victims

Spence-Almaquer, E., Fulda, K., Walters, S. & Thompson, E.
Office of the Gov - Criminal Justice Div
1/10/18 → 30/06/19

Health Navigation Incentives for Dual Diagnosis Patients (Medicaid Waiver 1115)

Walters, S., Nejteck, V., Thombs, D. & Spence-Almaquer, E.
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
28/05/13 → 30/09/17

Key School Evaluation

Spence-Almaquer, E.
The Key School
1/05/13 → 31/01/14

Learning Community to Identify Best Practices for Self-Care for Mental Health Professionals

Spence-Almaquer, E. & Barnett, T.
Mental Health Connection of Tarrant Co.
1/08/18 → 31/01/21

Needs Assessment for Trauma Support Services of North Texas

Spence-Almaquer, E.
Trauma Support Services of North Texas
1/10/14 → 1/07/15

Play It Safe Evaluation - Women's Center of Tarrant County

Thompson, E., Spence-Almaquer, E. & Thompson, E.
Women's Center of Tarrant County
1/03/18 → 30/09/20

Reaching Teens Pilot Evaluation Project

Spence-Almaquer, E. & Spence-Almaquer, E.
Mental Health Connection of Tarrant Co.
1/09/14 → 31/08/17

Reforming and Integrating Policies for Hospital Discharge, Continuum of Care, and Social Services for People Who Are Homeless with Co-Occurring Mental and Medical Illness in Tarrant County

Nejtek, V. & Spence-Almaquer, E.
Hogg Foundation For Mental Health
1/02/13 → 31/01/15

Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program

Spence-Almaquer, E.
Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County Inc
1/10/18 → 30/09/21

Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors Program

Spence-Almaquer, E.
Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County Inc
1/12/14 → 31/12/17

Second Chance Mentoring Evaluation

Spence-Almaquer, E.
Cornerstone Assistance Network
18/11/14 → 15/01/17

Systems Change Project Center for Transforming Lives

Thompson, E. & Spence-Almaquer, E.
Center for Transforming Lives
1/01/19 → 30/06/19

TESSA: Technology Enhanced Screening and Supportive Assistance

Spence-Almaquer, E., Fulda, K., Walters, S. & Thompson, E.
DHHS - Office of Women's Health
15/08/15 → 31/07/18

Texas Asthma Control Evaluation

Spence-Almaquer, E. & Sterling, D.
Texas Dept of State Health Services
1/11/12 → 31/08/13

Texas Asthma Control Plan Evaluation
Spence-Almaquer, E. & Sterling, D.
TX Department of State Health Services
1/09/13 → 31/08/14

Texas Center for Minority Health Education, Research and Outreach - Outreach Core
Spence-Almaquer, E. & Paul, M.
NIMHD: Natl Institute on Minority Health
16/07/12 → 31/05/18

Texas Center of Minority Health, Education, Research and Outreach - Core 2
Spence-Almaquer, E.
NIMHD: Natl Institute on Minority Health
23/09/17 → 31/05/22

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Texas Center of Minority Health, Education, Research and Outreach - Core 2
Spence-Almaquer, E. & Chhetri, S.
NIMHD: Natl Institute on Minority Health
23/09/17 → 31/05/22

Texas Center of Minority Health, Education, Research and Outreach - Project 3
Spence-Almaquer, E., Walters, S. & Barnett, T.
NIMHD: Natl Institute on Minority Health
23/09/17 → 31/05/22

Texas Center of Minority Health, Education, Research and Outreach - Project 3
Spence-Almaquer, E., Walters, S. & Barnett, T.
NIMHD: Natl Institute on Minority Health
23/09/17 → 31/05/22

Texas Minority Health, Education, Research, and Outreach (Texas MiHERO)
Vishwanatha, J., Knebl, J., Raines-Milenkov, A., Cunningham, T., He, J., Spence-Almaquer, E., Clay, P. & Basha, R.
NIMHD: Natl Institute on Minority Health
14/09/17 → 30/06/22

True Worth Place Implementation Support Services
Spence-Almaquer, E. & Walters, S.
True Worth Place
1/08/14 → 31/01/15

United Way: Financial Stability Evaluation: Year Four
Spence-Almaquer, E.
United Way of Tarrant County
1/09/13 → 31/10/19

United Way of Tarrant County Community Assessment Project Director and Vendor
Spence-Almaquer, E.
United Way of Tarrant County
1/02/18 → 31/12/18

United Way of Tarrant County Education Evaluation

Spence-Almaquer, E.

United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County

1/07/12 → 30/06/13

United way of Tarrant County Finacial Stability Evaluation

Spence-Almaquer, E.

United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County

1/07/12 → 30/06/13