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EDUCATION

Central Michigan University

- Doctor of Health Administration, 2023
- Dissertation: *“Implementation of Father-Inclusive Practice and Defined Father Engagement in Michigan Healthy Start Programs”*
- International Health Certificate, 2019 (*Belize, Switzerland, Wales*)

Grand Valley State University

- Master of Social Work, 2004 (Advanced Generalist, Macro/Mezzo Systems)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Bachelor of Arts: Sociology, 1999

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

- *Promoting Indigenous Research Leadership (PIRL)*, NIH, Montana State University, and Arizona State University, 2024
 - *Building Up Mentorship Program*, Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHHR), 2023–2024
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GRANTS & FUNDING

- **Principal Investigator**, *PC CARES Implementation and Training in Partnership with AIHFS-Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan (CFSEM)*, Awarded July, 2025.
 - **Principal Investigator**, *Strengthening Community-Led Prevention; Implementing PC CARES-ASU in Michigan Tribal Communities-* Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF), Submitted April 2025 (Decision expected September, 2025).
 - **Principal Investigator**, *Expanding Capacity for Culturally Responsive Substance Use Prevention Among Michigan’s American Indian Youth-* Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Submitted April 2025
 - **Principal Investigator**, *Exploring Institutional Pathways to Support Indigenous Behavioral Health Education and Career Development in Michigan*, Office of the Vice President of Research, Submitted July, 2025 (Decision expected September, 2025).
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Research Investigator, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research- Research Center for Group Dynamics

Ann Arbor, Michigan| 2024-Present

- Lead community-engaged research on behavioral health, suicide prevention, and health equity in Indigenous and rural communities.

- Facilitate Learning Circles to adapt and implement PC CARES.
- Develop grant proposals, coordinate projects, analyze qualitative and quantitative data.
- Disseminate findings through peer-reviewed publications and national presentations.
- Mentor graduate students and collaborate with interdisciplinary research teams.

Adjunct Lecturer, University of Michigan School of Social Work
Ann Arbor, Michigan| 2023-Present

- Taught and developed graduate-level courses in social work research and practice
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- SW 677 Community-Based Participatory Research with Indigenous Communities- University of Michigan School of Social Work (2023)
 - SW 507 Research Basics for Social Work Practice- University of Michigan School of Social Work (2023-2024)
 - SW 618 Research-Informed Practices to Prevent Substance Abuse in Racial and Ethnic Adolescents- University of Michigan School of Social Work (Fall 2025)
 - SW 590 Introduction to Social Work Practice- University of Michigan School of Social Work (Fall 2025)
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INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- Guest Lecturer, *Program Evaluation Basics* - SW 648: Issues in Global Social Work Practice, University of Michigan School of Social Work, 2019.
 - Guest Lecturer, *Data Collection in Rural Communities* - SW 677: Community-Based Participatory Research with Indigenous Communities, University of Michigan School of Social Work, 2024.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Area Specialist, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Program Evaluation Group
Ann Arbor, Michigan| 2018-2024

Responsibilities

- Led evaluation projects across national, state, and local levels.
- Designed logic models, evaluation measures, data collection methods, and management plans.
- Conducted mixed-methods data analysis and facilitated client capacity-building in evaluation.
- Applied utilization-focused and community-based participatory approaches.

President/Owner/Consultant, **Indigenous Health and Wellness Consulting Group**
Ypsilanti, Michigan| 2016- 2018

- Provided strategic leadership and participatory planning for tribal and community health organizations.
- Supported accreditation preparation, grant development, and health equity initiatives.
- Conducted focus groups, community education, and process improvement plans.

Business Services Coordinator, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Behavioral Health

Mount Pleasant, Michigan| 2007-2017

- Served as advisor on performance measurement, evaluation, and process improvement.
- Oversaw GPRA data reporting, IRB submissions, and grant compliance.
- Managed federal/state grants (SAMHSA, DOJ, OVW, MDHHS) and facilitated strategic planning.

Substance Abuse Director, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Behavioral Health

Mount Pleasant, Michigan| 2005-2007

- Directed outpatient and residential substance abuse programs.
- Opened a 16-bed inpatient treatment facility, developed policies, and achieved accreditation readiness.
- Integrated mental health and substance abuse services into unified electronic health records.
- Supervised staff, facilitated prevention programs, and managed program evaluations.

PUBLICATIONS

Wexler, L., White, L., Moto, M., Schmidt, T., Heinz, J., **Evans, E.**, Kapoulea, E., and Laws, H. (Under review). Training School Staff to Prevent Suicide and Promote Mental Health: Outcomes from Virtual PC CARES At School Intervention. *School Mental Health*. (Submitted)

Videka, L., Page, C., Buche, J., Neale, J., **Evans, E.**, Beck, A. J., Grazier, K. L., Railey, J. A., & Gaiser, M. (2023). Peer Support Services in Behavioral Health Facilities: Secondary Analysis From Two National Surveys. *Psychiatric Services*. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.20220366>

Arnett, M. C., Ramaswamy, V., Snay, S., **Evans, E.**, & Rulli, D. (2022). A qualitative assessment of dental hygiene educators' COVID-19 related burnout. *Journal of Dental Education*, 86(11), 1448–1458. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jdd.13009>

PRESENTATIONS (Conferences)

- Co-Presenter, *Evaluation with Diverse Communities* - Michigan Association for Evaluation Conference, 2021.
- Kevin's Song Suicide Prevention Conference, 2025 - *Creating a Community of Practice to Prevent Suicide: Promoting Community Conversations About Research to End Suicide (PC CARES)*
- Behavioral Health Communication Network Meeting, 2025

- Tribal Healthcare Workforce Summit presentation, 2024
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SERVICE

- Board of Directors, Fresh Start Clubhouse (Elected Member, 2021-Present)
 - Peer Reviewer, *BMC Health Services Research* (2016-Present)
 - Appointed Member, Michigan Behavioral Health Advisory Council (2013-2015)
 - Chair, Behavioral Health Communication Network (2008-2015)
 - Member, Integrated Treatment Committee Michigan Substance Abuse and Mental Health Division (2008-2009)
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Evaluation Association (Program Chair, Behavioral Health- TIG, 2022)
- Michigan Association for Evaluation
- Association of University Health Administration
- Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement