



2022-2024 Bernstein Fellows



Jamie Burgess-Flowers, MSW, LCSW

Jamie is a Clinical Assistant Professor at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She holds a dual faculty appointment at both the School of Social Work and Adams School of Dentistry. Jamie is a graduate of the UNC-CH School of Social Work MSW program, where she was a UNC-PrimeCare Scholar. Jamie's dual faculty appointment includes teaching responsibilities in both the School of Social Work and the Adams School of Dentistry.



Khristian Curry

Khristian joined the NC DHHS Office of Rural Health in December 2021 and currently serves as the Statewide CHW Coordinator. In her role, Khristian is collaborating with stakeholders across the state to advance the goals and vision of the NC CHW Initiative. Khristian obtained her Master of Public Health degree in 2019 from the UNC Greensboro with a concentration on community health education. Khristian is also a certified health and wellness coach and Certified Health Education Specialist.



Dr. Brandy Harrell

Dr. Harrell is the Behavioral Health Director at Kinston Community Behavioral Health Center, she has extensive experience and training in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder treatment as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist, Certified Clinical Supervisor, Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate, Certified Trauma Professional, Doctoral Addictions Counselor, as well as a qualified US DOT Substance Abuse Professional. She is an educator who exemplifies a high degree of enthusiasm and strong dedication to the total development of aspiring behavioral health professionals on a collegiate level.



Ashley Jarrett

Ashley is a Communicable Disease Nurse at Burke County Health Department. She works to prevent, monitor, and mitigate community spread of infectious diseases through implementation of interventions that center around social determinants of health and equity. As a Public Health Nurse, Ashley has pushed aside traditional concepts of healthcare delivery to generate a just, fair, and adaptable healthcare model concentrated in meeting people where they are conceptually and physically. Social Justice, Racism, Socioeconomics, Dignity, Value, Culture, and Education are powerful influences for Ashley personally and professionally.



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Savannah Junkins, PA-C, MPAS

Savannah, PA-C, MPAS is a physician assistant and the Director of Integrated Behavioral Health at Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Biology, Minor in English, from West Virginia University in 2008, and with a master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Chatham University in 2010. A native West Virginian, she moved to Rocky Mount, NC for her first job as a physician assistant in 2010, where she worked at a Federally Qualified Health Center. In 2017, she joined Freedom Hill Community Health Center, and founded the company's first medication assisted treatment program for patients with substance use disorders in 2019 and was promoted to Director of Integrated Behavioral Health in 2020.



Shaunessy Lofton

Shaunessy is a North Carolina native and Public Health professional. She received her Master of Public Health with a concentration in Community Health Education from her alma mater, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. During her studies as a master's student, she also obtained a certificate in Ethnic and Rural Health Disparities from East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine. As a public health professional, Shaunessy has contributed to the NCDHHS's NC Community Health Workers statewide initiative, developing a toolkit where she provided technical assistance for Advanced Medical Homes to integrate and optimize community health workers into their clinics.



Rachael Pennell

Rachael is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She works at Charlotte Community Health Clinic as the Lead Behavioral Health Consultant. She has implemented an integrated service delivery model at the existing two clinic sites and is currently working to expand the program.