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Who Are We?

Our team is composed of 12 undergraduate students and 4 graduate students. All members are actively involved in various projects.

Our current undergraduate students are:

Shawn Braxton, Sarah Corregan, Nicole Diaz, Megan Drozda, Anna George, Jaclyn Green, Kristie Harris, Kimberly Kirby, Whitney Moore, Martha Perry, Jennifer Urbach, and Adam Waldrop.

Our current graduate students are:

Franklin Carvajal, Ph.D., Jimmy Hadder, Chris Immel, and Monica Parelkar, M.S.

Visit our Website!!

To find information on Dr. Jones and our team, check out our new website designed by Anna George!!

<http://www.psyc.vt.edu/firetrauma>



Dr. Russell T. Jones, Ph.D.
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Dr. Jones Aids With Recovery Effort After Hurricanes

Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Dr. Jones was deployed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to Louisiana and Gulfport Mississippi. Dr. Jones provided assistance to those suffering loss resulting from these natural disasters.



Current Team Projects...



Below is a brief description of the projects Dr. Jones and members of the team are involved in at the current time

Recovery Efforts After Child Trauma (R.E.A.C.T.)

The recently devised Recovery Efforts After Child Trauma program based on the Child Development-Community Policing Program at the Yale Child Study Center at Yale University is making good progress. We are currently reaching out to families who have recently experienced residential fire. We have sent materials to approximately 30 families, and are currently seeing two families in our clinic.

Conducting Research in Diverse, Minority, and Marginalized Communities

Russell T. Jones, James Hadder, Franklin Carvajal, Sara Chapman, & Apryl Alexander.

The authors listed above contributed a chapter to the book Research Methods for Studying Mental Health after Disasters and Terrorism: Community and Public Health Approaches edited by Fran Norris et al. The chapter discusses how minorities in the United States are impacted by disaster and trauma and the problems associated with these minority groups from becoming involved in research. Minorities discussed in the chapter include Asian Americans, African Americans, Native Indians, and Latinos. The goal of this chapter is to provide recommendations for involving these individuals. Dr. Jones believes this chapter has specific application to individuals impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. For a draft of this chapter click on 'Minority Chapter' on our website.

CONSORT-PI (Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials in Psychosocial Interventions)

Dr. Jones and members of the team are developing a CONSORT-PI which will be used to systematically assess the methodological rigor of psychosocial interventions. It was originally used for the literature review of the CDCP-F but will be applicable to any psychosocial intervention project. The CONSORT-PI entails a checklist for internal and external validity, measuring whether or not certain items are present in a given program methodology. Ultimately, the CONSORT-PI will provide conclusions as to whether or not a certain methodology presents a sound quality of treatment. This will help to distinguish which methods are more effective versus those that are least effective. Portions of this effort have been presented at the 2004-2005 International Society For Traumatic Stress Studies 21st Annual Meeting (ISTSS).

NIMH Mini Projects

This semester all undergraduate members of the team are working in groups to run a correlation using variables measured in the NIMH project. Members of the team have been trained in SPSS and are developing hypotheses and methodology to conduct their analyses. The NIMH project is providing the undergraduates with valuable research experience and the hope is that all will present their findings at the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) this year at Virginia Tech.

“Where there’s
smoke...
there’s fire”



We are always looking for reports on residential fires!! If you hear of a residential fire, email Whitney Moore at whmoore@vt.edu with any information you have!!



Virginia Fire Departments

Recovery Efforts After Child Trauma

Our R.E.A.C.T. program and team are very excited about our recent developments with various fire departments in Virginia. The Virginia Department of Fire Programs, the City of Roanoke Fire Department, and Tiffany Bradbury have provided us with great experiences and contacts. Members of the team have been part of Ride Alongs with the Roanoke Fire Department. We have been able to gain first hand experience with families and residential fires, as well applying all the work we have done behind the scenes. This has also been a great method to test the applicability of our program.

Dr. Jones is so excited about our program and seeing it get off the ground!!

Each year U.S. Fire Departments respond to 2 million fires... Over 2/3 of these fires are residential.

Dr. Jones In The Media...

TV:

Dr. Jones had the opportunity to discuss aspects of the Recovery Efforts After Child Trauma (R.E.A.C.T.) program on WDBJ7 and WSL5 in Roanoke, Virginia!

Radio:

Dr. Jones shared information about trauma related events (i.e. the tsunami and Hurricane Katrina) on both local radio stations and on National Public Radio (NPR). He was also a guest on the National Bev Smith Radio Talk show to talk about the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and other related traumatic experiences.

Documentary:

The documentary entitled Beyond The Scars is being aired nationally on the Public Broadcasting Station (PBS).

Thank you for checking out our newsletter! Feel free to email us with any feedback, especially if there is anything in particular you would like to see included in our next issue!

Email Whitney Moore (whmoore@vt.edu) or Sarah Corregan (scorrega@vt.edu) with any questions or concerns you may have. Also, let us know if there is anyone who was left off of this listserv. Look for a newsletter every semester. Again, let us know of any feedback you have!!



Recent Presentations...



2005 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) World Safety Conference and Exposition

Dr. Jones presented information about the Recovery Efforts After Child Trauma (R.E.A.C.T.) program at the NFPA conference and exposition in June 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jones, R.T. (June 2005). Assessing the Impact of Residential Fire on Children: An Intervention Strategy Based on the Yale University Model. Presented at the National Fire Protection Association World Safety Conference and Exposition, Las Vegas, Nevada.

2005 International Society For Traumatic Stress Studies 21st Annual Meeting (ISTSS)

Dr. Jones traveled to Toronto, Canada to attend the ISTSS conference in November 2005. Below are the posters presented there.

Bergeron, A., King, L., King, D., Doron-Lamarca, S., Jones, R.T. (November 2005). Parent-Child Agreement on PTSD, Depression, and Dysthymia. Presented at The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 21st Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.

Jones, R.T., Wang, Y., Ollendick, T., Kephart, C. (November 2005). Children's Religious Coping After Residential Fire. Presented at The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 21st Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.

Jones, R.T., Sirbu, C., Hurley, J., Hadder, J., Carey, J. (November 2005). Consort-PI: A Tool to Rate the Report of Psychosocial Interventions. Presented at The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 21st Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.

Samper, R., Doron-Lamarca, S., Jones, R.T., King, D., King, L., Bergeron, A. (November 2005). Predicting PTSD and Depression in Children: A Longitudinal Study. Presented at The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 21st Annual Meeting Toronto, Canada.

Parelkar, M., Jones, R.T., Ollendick, T. (November 2005). Religious Coping, Resources and PTSD in Child Trauma. Presented at The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 21st Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.

