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Carlson, Patricia M	Integrated Family Care and Support (IFCS) Research Support	CT Dept. of Children and Families (DCF)/CT Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP)	Dr. Carlson provides lead research support for the Integrated Family Care and Support (IFCS) program. IFCS is a new initiative of CT DCF that engages families while connecting them to concrete, traditional and non-traditional resources in their community, utilizing components of a Wraparound Family Team Model approach. Families will have access to the full array of CT DCF funded services.	9/1/2020	8/31/2020	\$73,534
Elsaesser, Caitlin	Preventing Youth Violence through Technology Enhanced Street Outreach: A Community Engaged Approach	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Building on Dr. Elsaesser's ongoing partnership with the Hartford community based organization "Compass Youth Collaborative," this study will conduct youth focus groups and develop a youth survey as part of a community-based participatory approach to understanding youth violence with the goal of informing prevention strategies. The project involves two years of additional coursework on related topics and mentorship with leading national experts (at UConn and elsewhere).	9/30/2020	9/29/2022	\$250,000
Fendrich, Michael Park, Crystal Russell, Beth	Emotion Regulation Interventions for Preventing Collegiate Escalations in Drinking: A Randomized Controlled Trial to Establish Acceptability, Feasibility and Preliminary Efficacy	National Institute of Health (NIH)/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA)	Drs. Fendrich, Russell, & Park are testing the feasibility and efficacy of two interventions – Yoga and Distress Tolerance – on enhancing emotional regulation and preventing alcohol use in a randomized controlled trial of 180 high-risk college-age (18-25) students.	9/25/2019	8/31/2022	\$694,314
Kurz, Brenda	DRS Performance Improvement Center (PIC)	CT Dept. of Children and Families (DCF)	Dr. Kurz's PIC works closely with the DCF to provide data-driven feedback to local agencies on the impact of screening, placement decisions, and resources provided to families of children at risk for maltreatment.	3/9/2012	6/30/2021	\$2,550,000

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Kurz, Brenda	DRS Performance Improvement Center (PIC)	Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/ DCF	See above.	7/1/2014	9/30/2021	\$776,520
Libal, Kathryn R and Clark, Maureen Dimmock	Care of Coercion: A Critical Phenomenological Study of the Embodied Experience of Involuntary Civil Commitment in Early Adulthood	New York Community Trust Fahs Beck Doctoral Dissertation Grant	Ms. Clark's doctoral research explores how individuals in early adulthood narrate and embody their experience of involuntary civil commitment, with emphasis on the connection to identity formation and how societal values and ideologies related to mental illness impact the policy and practice of involuntary civil commitment.	12/1/2017	1/31/2021	\$5,000
Libal, Kathryn and Harding, Scott	Risk, Vulnerability and the Limits of Choice: Home Care Workers' Views on COVID-19	UConn School of Social Work	Working with Dr. Shareen Hertel (Co-PI, Political Science), Drs. Libal (PI) and Harding (Co-PI) received the 2020 Dean's Incentive Award to initiate a pilot qualitative study to analyze the lived experiences of U.S. home care workers amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. As the pandemic unfolds and patterns of infection as well as policy responses shift in relation to essential workers and public safety, this study seeks to understand home care workers' own lived experiences and perceptions, which the Co-PIs believe are key to understanding risk and vulnerability of low-wage workers more broadly.	6/1/2020	6/30/2021	\$5,000
Lin, Hsiu-Ju	Young Adult Services (YAS) Program Data Management	DMHAS	Dr. Lin provides data management for YAS, the DMHAS division developed to help young adults transition successfully from the DCF & Families to the adult mental health system and to achieve skills for adulthood.	7/1/2014	6/30/2021	\$589,282

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Lin, Hsiu-Ju	Transitions Clinic Network: Post Incarceration Addiction Treatment, Health Care and Social Supports (TCN PATHS)	National Institute on Drug Abuse/Yale University	In TCN, formerly incarcerated community health workers are embedded within primary care teams and address social determinants of OUD, provide social support, help patients build trust in the health system and advocate in interactions with the criminal justice system. The objective of this study is to assess whether the Transitions Clinic Network (TCN) program, which provides enhanced primary care and OUD treatment for people recently released from incarceration, improves measures in the opioid treatment cascade.	7/15/2019	4/30/2024	\$195,945
Lin, Hsiu-Ju	Linking Data Sources to Elucidate Non-Fatal and Fatal Opioid-Related Overdose Epidemiology and the Role of FDA-Regulated Products	DHHS/FDA/Food and Drug Administration (FDA)/Yale University	In collaboration with Dr. William Becker at Yale, Dr. Lin links datasets from various state agencies in an effort to assess the role of FDA-regulated substances in fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses.	9/1/2017	8/31/2020	\$30,000
Lin, Hsiu-Ju	Justice-Involved Individuals Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology (JUSTICE)	NIH/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)/Yale University	In collaboration with Dr. Emily Wang and her team at Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Lin's JUSTICE project follows 500 individuals leaving the CT Dept. of Corrections with cardiovascular risk factors and measures their perceived control over these risk factors.	4/1/2018	1/31/2022	\$473,261
Lin, Hsiu-Ju	Data Integration Grant (DIG) Program Evaluation and Analysis	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/DMHAS	DIG aims to improve health outcomes for persons living with HIV by enhancing providers' ability to coordinate client information sharing and services across funding programs. Information is shared through a bidirectional data exchange between CareWare and CareWorthy HMIS systems. Dr. Lin provides program evaluation and analysis to measure DIG's progress toward improving information sharing.	7/1/2018	6/30/2021	\$470,284

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Lin, Hsiu-Ju	Incarceration and Cancer-Related Outcomes (ICRO)	NIH/National Cancer Institute (NCI)/Yale University	In collaboration with Dr. Emily Wang and her team at Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Lin's ICRO project explores the relationship between incarceration and cancer incidence, mortality, and quality of cancer care.	7/13/2018	6/30/2021	\$123,534
Okpych, Nathanael J	CALYOUTH	California Wellness Foundation/University of Chicago	CalYOUTH is an evaluation of the impact of the California Fostering Connections to Success Act on outcomes during the transition to adulthood for foster youth. CalYOUTH includes collection and analysis of information from three sources: 1) transition-age youth, 2) child welfare workers, and 3) government program data.	3/1/2020	5/31/2020	\$26,000
Parekh, Rupal M	Using Social Network Analysis to Optimize Access to Culturally Responsive and Affordable Transportation for Older (Im)migrants	Department of Transportation/University of Texas, Arlington	Dr. Parekh and her co-investigators at the University of Texas, Arlington are using social network analysis to examine older (im)migrants' access to transportation knowledge and resources and how it relates to their existing social networks in senior centers.	8/1/2019	12/31/2020	\$3,000
Parr, Kathryn E	Social Impact Bond (SIB) Evaluation Project	Social Finance/UCONN Health Center	Dr. Parr's Social Impact Bond Evaluation (SIB) Project evaluates Pay for Success (PFS) program efficacy. PFS is a public-private partnership which funds effective social services through a performance-based contract. PFS engages private funders to cover up-front costs to increase high-impact programs and establishes performance goals to measure outcomes and track success over the long term. If the program achieves predetermined outcomes that benefit society and generate value for government, government repays the original investment.	12/1/2016	1/31/2022	\$107,544

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Parr, Kathryn E	Office of Early Childhood Project	CT Office of Early Childhood	Dr. Parr is leading the creation of a new evaluation center in collaboration with the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood. As the center takes shape, it will lead innovative approaches to the evaluation of programs and policies that could benefit children and families across the state.	8/2/2018	6/30/2021	\$7,715,779
Rodis, Eleni T	Evaluation of Supportive Housing (FUSE)	DMHAS	Under the direction of Ms. Rodis, the DMHAS Research Division is conducting an evaluation of supportive housing programs in Connecticut. Supportive Housing combines affordable housing, most often through a rental subsidy, with intensive yet flexible support services. These services focus on housing based case management, or assisting the tenant reintegrate into the community by teaching him/her the basic skills of tenancy.	9/30/2010	6/30/2022	\$577,690
Rodis, Eleni T	Evaluation of Advanced Supervision and Intervention Support Team (ASIST)	DMHAS	Under the direction of Ms. Rodis, the DMHAS Research Division is conducting an evaluation ASIST. This program is the product of a collaboration among the Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (CSSD), the CT Dept. of Correction, and DMHAS. The program was developed to make existing Alternative to Incarceration Centers (AICs) an accessible diversionary option to persons with significant psychiatric disorders.	9/1/2016	8/31/2020	\$94,542

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Rodis, Eleni T	Connecticut Transformation Transfer Initiative (CT TTI)	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors/DMHAS	CT TTI seeks to develop a psychiatric bed registry based off an existing state substance abuse services registry. Ms. Rodis and her team are leading the evaluation of this initiative.	8/1/2019	1/31/2021	\$75,000
Rodis, Eleni T	Emergency COVID-19	SAMHSA/DMHS	The primary focus of the grant is to address the needs of persons with severe mental illness, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, youth with severe emotional disturbances and their families, individuals with less severe mental health conditions, and healthcare practitioners.	6/1/2020	9/30/2021	\$300,000
Rodis, Eleni T	Healthy Transitions Evaluation	SAMHSA/DMHAA	In partnership with the state's Department of Children and Families (DCF), Healthy Transitions launched a state and 3-municipality initiative called CT STRONG (Seamless Transition and Recovery Opportunities through Network Growth) to engage and connect transition-age youths and young adults who have, or are at risk for, behavioral health disorders to high-quality care. At the direction of Ms. Rodis, the Research Division is conducting an evaluation of this program.	6/1/2020	5/31/2021	\$100,000

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Rodis, Eleni T	DMHAS State Opioid Response (SOR) Evaluation	DHHS/SAMHSA/DMHAS	Under the direction of Ms. Rodis, the DMHAS Research Division is conducting an evaluation of Connecticut's SOR grant. SOR grants aim to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment using the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for opioid use disorder.	9/30/2018	9/29/2020	\$780,714
Rodis, Eleni T	Connect Greater Hartford Homeless to Wellness (CGRHHW)	DHHS/SAMHSA /Chrysalis Center	In collaboration with Chrysalis Center, this project will implement the Cascade of Care model coupled with two evidence based practices – Critical Time Intervention (CTI) and integrated health and behavioral health care – to ensure that 500 persons (100 per year) experiencing homelessness receive integrated behavioral health and primary care, permanent supportive housing, and assistance with housing retention, access to benefits, and recovery supports.	9/30/2018	9/29/2023	\$182,094
Smith, Ellen R	Integrating Care Across the Lifespan (ICAL)	DHHS/US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	Dr. Smith's ICAL project seeks to train master's level social work students to provide integrative behavioral health services to underserved populations in Connecticut through field placements across the state. Students work on interprofessional collaborative teams with doctors, nurses, therapists, dietitians, and substance abuse counselors.	9/30/2017	8/31/2021	\$1,399,917

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Smith, Tanya Rhodes	Your Vote + Your Count = Your Voice % OUR Power	Hartford Foundation for Public Giving	Through this grant Dr. Smith, director of the Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work, provides support and resources to organizations that want to integrate voter registration, education, and outreach into their service delivery.	9/1/2019	2/15/2021	\$25,000
Ulaszek, Wendy R	WISE Evaluation - Phase II	DMHAS	Dr. Ulaszek WISE Evaluation project examines WISE, a waiver program for individuals with serious mental illness that encourages the community treatment of people with serious psychiatric disabilities. The Waiver also serves individuals who are currently in nursing facilities or who are at risk for this level of care.	3/31/2012	6/30/2021	\$460,046
Wilson, Cristina	Increasing Health and Well-Being of Hispanic Fathers Who Have a Child with Disabilities: Cultural Factors, Fatherhood Identity, and Father Self-Efficacy as Moderators to Stigma	UConn School of Social Work	Dr. Mogro-Wilson received the 2020 Dean's Incentive Award to conduct a pilot qualitative study to better understand how Hispanic fathers navigate their roles and contributions as parents, particularly as it relates to children with disabilities. Stigma for parents raising children with disabilities can be high, but is understudied as it relates to Hispanic fatherhood. Dr. Mogro-Wilson will engage doctoral students in the research and subsequent publication(s).	6/1/2020	6/30/2021	\$4,000
Wilson, Cristina Bruder, Mary Beth	The Connecticut Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Program (LEND)	DHHS Maternal & Child Health Bureau	In collaboration with her co-PI, Dr. Wilson's LEND grant will help provide interdisciplinary leadership education at the community, state, and graduate education level to improve health care for those with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities.	7/1/2016	6/30/2021	\$1,000,000
Wilson, Cristina Bruder, Mary Beth Grela, Bernard	Masters Level Training Interdisciplinary Grant	Department of Education (DoE)	Dr. Wilson and her co-PIs at the UConn Health Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) will training master's level students to provide early intervention and early childhood special education to infants and young children who have Autism Spectrum Disorders.	11/1/2019	10/31/2024	\$1,153,930

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Wilson, Cristina Bruder, Mary Beth Kaiser, Ann	Doctoral Level Consortia	DoE	Dr. Wilson and her co-PIs at UCEDD are developing a doctoral training consortium in early childhood intervention for infants and young children with “high intensity needs because of intellectual and developmental disabilities.” This grant provides doctoral training to 28 scholars across 10 universities from social work, occupational therapy, and speech and language programs.	11/1/2019	10/31/2024	\$6,500,000
Wilson, Cristina Cifuentes Jr., Alberto (<i>PhD student</i>)	Health Policy Research Scholars (HRPS) Program	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Mr. Cifuentes’s doctoral research explores the relationship between stigma and the sexual health outcomes of commercial sex workers, analyzing data and findings through the lens of policy advocacy and practice.	9/1/2018	8/31/2023	\$120,000