

# ROXANN (MCNEISH) TAORMINA

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## EDUCATION

PhD in PUBLIC HEALTH – Behavioral Health Concentration  
University of South Florida Tampa, Florida May 2014

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
University of South Florida Tampa, Florida May 2006.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK  
University of South Florida Tampa, Florida May 2006.

BACHELOR OF ARTS- PSYCHOLOGY  
University of South Florida Tampa, Florida May 2002.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Academic Experience**

#### **Research Assistant Professor**

December 2015-Present University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences,  
Department of Child and Family Studies

#### **Affiliate Faculty**

2022- Present University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Community and  
Family Health – Behavioral Health Concentration

#### **Adjunct Faculty**

2023-Present University of South Florida, School of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community  
Sciences

#### **Adjunct Faculty**

2011-2015 University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Community and Family  
Health

#### **Knowledge Manager- Center for the Advancement of Child Welfare Practice**

2008-2015 University of South Florida, Department of Child and Family Studies, Florida Mental Health  
Institute

#### **Assistant in Research**

2006-2008 University of South Florida, Florida Mental Health Institute Tampa, Fl

### **Other Professional Experience**

#### **Therapist- Crisis Response Team (A Child Welfare Diversion Program)**

2007-2008 Hillsborough Kids, Inc Tampa, Fl

Provided individual & family short-term crisis intervention and psychotherapy to children and families referred to the program, conducted weekly home visits, and performed assessments and case management services as needed. Assisted families in formulating needs assessments and treatment plans, Provided referrals to appropriate community resources, Collaborated with Sheriffs Office and other agencies as necessary and related to family's plan of care

**Therapist- Parents as Partners, Family Preservation Program**

2006-2007 Mental Health Care Inc

Tampa, Fl

Provided individual & family intervention psychotherapy to children and families, Provided parenting assistance to identified families,

**Funding Agency:** Administration for Children, Youth and Families.  
**Funding Level:** \$185,000  
**Role in Project:** Evaluation Consultant  
**Project Dates:** October 2019 through October 2024

**McNeish, R.**, Massey, O., Walker., C., Sowell, C., Rigg, K., Simmons, C., and Tran, Q. (2023). Building Capacity to Create Community Change (BC4): A Model to Support Successful Program Planning and Implementation.

**McNeish, R.**, Delva, J., Sowell, C., Vatalaro, A., & Tran, Q. Promoting mental well-being among Pacific Islander male youth: A qualitative study. *Target Journal: Journal of Youth Mental Health*.

### **Book Chapters**

**Taormina, R. M.**, & Tran, Q. (2024). Promoting male mental well-being through community-based strategies. In *Essentials in Health and Mental Health: Unlocking the Keys to Wellness* (pp. 199-205). Cham: Springer International Publishing. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-56192-4\\_13](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-56192-4_13)



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**McNeish, R.** (2016) *Evaluation of Framework” teens in action program: Final report*. Tampa, FL:

**McNeish, R.**, Walker, C., and Simmons, C. (2022, November) *Conducting evaluation with men and boys of color and their communities: Lessons learned*. Presentation at the Annual American Evaluation Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Hernandez, L., Baker, C., **McNeish, R.**, & Simmons, C. (2022, November). *Predictors of African American men's perceived health*. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.

**McNeish, R.** (2021, March). *Improving implementation in the community*. Invited Panel Presentation: Application of Implementation Science Principles in Behavioral Health Practice: Implementation, Evaluation, and Community Practice at the 8th Annual USF Translational Research in Adolescent Drug Abuse Conference, Virtual.

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## TEACHING

***SOW 6438 Evaluation of Clinical Practice in Diverse Settings*** Fall 2023, 2024

This evaluation course discusses program evaluation, single subject/system design, and statistical and qualitative concepts to facilitate the use of empirical and evidence-based interventions in social work practice in diverse settings.

***PHC 6949 Applied Practice Experience*** 2022-Present

This course provides students the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and practical applied experience, while demonstrating the competencies attained in fulfillment of the Masters in Public Health degree.

***PHC 6943 Integrated Learning Experience*** 2022-Present

This course allows students to demonstrate synthesis of foundational and concentration competencies in fulfillment of the Masters in Public Health degree.

***MHS 6915 Directed Research*** Spring 2023-2024

***MHS 6901 Independent Studies/Research*** Spring, Fall 2023

***MHS 6900 Male Mental Health and Wellbeing*** Spring 2022-Present

Developer/Instructor: This online graduate course explores male mental health and well-being prevalence, perception, practices, and promotion. Students can examine various male mental health and well-being topics from a multidisciplinary, multicultural and intersectional across the life span.

***MHS 6068 Community-based Behavioral Health Interventions for Culturally Diverse Youth*** Summer 2016-Present

This distance learning course focuses on behavioral health interventions for culturally diverse youth in community-

***MHS 4490 Behavioral Healthcare Issues for Children***  
Co-

Spring 2014- 2017

Instructor Search Committee, Outside Member, School of Social Work                      Spring and Fall, 2015

Committee Member, Promotion Committee for the Assistant in and Technical Assistant in Line    2015

**Service to the Community**

Program Consultation, Champions for Children FRANC (Fatherhood) program,                      August 2024

Board Member, Eckerd Community Alternatives Hillsborough County,    February 2019-June 2022

Community Grant Reviewer, Children's Board of Hillsborough County.    July 2014, July 2015, April 2017

Community Advisory Board Member, REACHUP, Inc. (Towards Reducing Disparities in Infant and Maternal Health project)                      January 2015- 2017

**Service to the Profession**

Reviewer, Inter