

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Abigail Palmer Molina, LCSW, MA acpalmer@usc.edu	POSITION TITLE Ph.D. Candidate	INSTITUTION University of Southern California School of Social Work
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EDUCATION/TRAINING

<u>INSTITUTION AND LOCATION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FIELD OF STUDY</u>
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA	Ph.D.	In-Progress	Social Work
Yale University School of Medicine New Haven, CT	Certificate	2014	Advanced Clinical Social Work Fellowship, Yale Child Study Center
University of Illinois, Chicago, IL	Certificate	2013	Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Fellowship
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	M.A.	2013	Social Service Administration (Social Work)
University of California, Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA	B.A.	2009	English Literature/Communication Studies

Professional and Research Interests: Maternal, infant, and early childhood mental health, health equity, parenting, Latinx families, intervention research, community-based participatory approaches, mixed methods, and implementation science

Professional Experience:

08/2016 – present	Research Assistant, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
04/2015 – 07/2016	Bilingual Senior Therapist, Project ABC, Children’s Institute, Inc., Torrance, CA
07/2014 – 04/2015	Bilingual Therapist, Early Intervention and Community Wellness Division, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic, Los Angeles, CA
07/2013 – 06/2014	Bilingual Advanced Clinical Social Work Fellow/Therapist, IICAPS Program, Yale Child Study Center, New Haven, CT

Honors and Other Activities:

2021 – present	Implementation Research Priorities for Maternal Health National Working Group
2021 – 2022	Research Scholars Program Award, National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families
2021 – 2022	Student Scholar Award, USC Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics
2020 – present	Member, PhD Self-Study Subgroup on Social Justice, USC School of Social Work
2020	Summer Research and Writing Grant, USC Graduate School
2019 – 2021	External Funding Top Off Award, USC Graduate School
2019 – 2021	External Funding Top Off Award, USC School of Social Work
2019	Student Scholarship Award, University of Michigan Mixed Methods Program
2019	Participant, Inaugural Reimagining Social Work Research Symposium, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work
2019	Mentored Summer Research Fellowship Award, University of Southern California
2019	Qualifying Examination Distinction, University of Southern California
2018 – 2019	Future Faculty Teaching Institute Graduate, USC Center for Excellence in Teaching
2018 – 2019	PhD Traineeship in Research Communication, Society for Social Work and Research
2018	Mentored Summer Research Fellowship Award, University of Southern California
2018	Member, Engaged Graduate Education Learning Community, University of Southern California
2017	Mentored Summer Research Fellowship Award, University of Southern California
2016 – 2019	Provost’s Fellowship, University of Southern California
2013 – 2014	Advanced Clinical Social Work Fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center
2013	LEND Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago
2013	Family Support Program of Study Fellowship, University of Chicago SSA
2013	Susan and Edward Rosenson Fellowship, University of Chicago SSA
2011 – 2013	Tuition Grant, The University of Chicago
2011	International House Graduate Resident Fellowship, The University of Chicago
2009	Phi Beta Kappa member and Magna Cum Laude graduate, UCLA

2008 – 2009 Bette and Don Prell Merit Scholarship, UCLA Honors Program
2007 – 2009 Waldo A. Neikirk Merit Scholarship, UCLA

Academic Teaching Experience:

Summer 2021 Instructor, Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups, USC (online)
Fall 2019 Instructor, Social Work Practice with Children and Families in Early and Middle Childhood, USC (on ground)
2019 – 2021 Curriculum Development, Task Force on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and Developmental Neuroscience, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and Erikson Institute
2018 – present Curriculum Development, Social Work Practice with Children and Families in Early and Middle Childhood, USC
Fall 2018 Co-Instructor, Social Work Practice with Children and Families in Early and Middle Childhood, USC (on ground)

Research Experience:

02/2021 – present Principal Investigator. Promoting Maternal Mental Health in a Time of Crisis: Examining Depression Screening in the Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Program, USC Center for the Changing Family and the Parents as Teachers National Center (\$25,302)
05/2020 – 12/2020 Principal Investigator. COVID-19 Impacts on Maternal Mental Health and Economic Well-Being Among Latinx Families, USC Center for the Changing Family, USC School of Social Work, and the Southern California Clinical and Translational Science Institute (\$9,800)
12/2019 – 12/2021 Principal Investigator. Effectiveness and Implementation of a Maternal Depression Treatment in a Head Start Setting, NIMH NRSA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (\$81,918)
10/2019 – present Graduate Research Assistant. Rapid Response Virtual Home Visitation, Dr. Dorian Traube, University of Southern California
08/2019 – 12/2020 Graduate Research Assistant. Protection and Quality of Care for Children Project in El Salvador, USAID, Omar Lopez, University of Southern California
01/2019 – present Co-Investigator. Adults with Child Maltreatment Histories: Positive Outcome Narratives, Dr. Julie Cederbaum and Dr. Janet Schneiderman, University of Southern California
01/2019 – 02/2021 Graduate Research Assistant. Dr. Daniel Hackman's Research Team, USC
08/2016 – present Graduate Research Assistant. Healthy Moms, Healthy Kids Intervention Study, ACF, Dr. Ferol Mennen, University of Southern California
08/2016 – present Graduate Research Assistant. Project ABC, SAMHSA, Dr. Ferol Mennen, University of Southern California
08/2016 – 08/2017 Graduate Research Assistant/Data Collection Team Lead. Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods Collaborative, Dr. Michael Hurlburt, University of Southern California
10/2012 – 05/2013 Graduate Research Assistant. "Padres en Acción," a parent training program for Latino parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, NIDILRR, Dr. Sandy Magaña

Publications:

Traube, D. E., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Kemner, A., & Henk, J. (In press). Early childhood home visitation to address perinatal mental health support during COVID-19. *Prevention Science*.

Schneiderman, J. U., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Mennen, F. E., & Negriff, S. (In press). Effect of caregiver depressive symptoms on the concordance between caregiver and youth assessment of youth physical health. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*.

Mennen, F. E., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Monro, W., Duan, L., Stuart, S., Sosna, T. (2021). Effectiveness of an Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT) group depression treatment for Head Start mothers: A cluster-randomized controlled trial. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 280 (Part B), 39-48.

Palmer Molina, A., Skowron, E., Hackman, D. A. (2020). Maternal intimate partner violence exposure and autonomic reactivity: Associations with positive parenting. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Traube, D. E., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Taylor, A., Kemner, A., Shah, L., & Rau, A. (2020). Caregiver experiences of developmental screening. *Child: Care, Health, and Development*, 47(3).

Cederbaum, J., Negriff, S., & **Palmer Molina, A.** (2020). Child maltreatment and romantic relationships in adolescence and young adulthood: The mediating role of self-perception. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 109, Article 104718.

Palmer Molina, A., Traube, D. E., & Kemner, A. (2020). Addressing maternal mental health to increase participation in home visiting. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 113, Article 105025.

Negriff, S., **Palmer Molina, A.**, & Hackman, D. A. (2020). Parental exposure to childhood maltreatment and offspring's mental health: Investigating pathways through parental adversity and offspring exposure to maltreatment. *Child Maltreatment*, 25(4).

Palmer Molina, A., Palinkas, L., Monro, W. & Mennen, F. E. (2020). Barriers to implementing a group treatment for maternal depression in Head Start: Comparing staff perspectives. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 47(4), 545-554.

Palmer Molina, A., Palinkas, L., Monro, W., & Mennen, F. E. (2019). Mothers' perceptions of help-seeking for depression in Head Start: A thematic, discourse analysis by language group. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 56(3), 478-488.

Palmer Molina, A., Negriff, S., Monro, W., & Mennen, F. E. (2018). Exploring the relationships between maternal mental health symptoms and young children's functioning in a low-income, minority sample. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, (27)12, 3975-3985.

Palmer Molina, A., Traube, D. E., Kemner, A., & Henk, J. (Revise & resubmit). COVID-19 and family needs: The role of home visitation in a changing landscape.

Hackman, D. A., Suthar, H., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Dawson, W. C., & Putnam-Hornstein, E. (Revise & resubmit). Neighborhood social mobility and early developmental health in a population birth cohort.

Palmer Molina, A., Ponting, C., Hernandez, Y., Traube, D. E., Pham, D., Garcia, I., & Mennen, F. E. (Under review). Latina mothers' pandemic stress, health, and resilience during COVID-19.

Perrigo, J., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Hurlburt, M., Palinkas, L., & Finno-Velasquez, M. (Under review). A qualitative approach to understand neighborhood-level child maltreatment under- and over-reporting drivers.

Palmer Molina, A., Skowron, E., & Hackman, D. A. (In progress). Domains of cumulative risk and parenting among low-income mothers of young children: The role of maternal psychological functioning.

Palmer Molina, A., Mennen, F. E., Hackman, D. A. (In progress). Economic pressure and maternal trauma exposure among Latina mothers of young children: Testing an adapted Family Stress Model.

Mennen, F. E., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Monro, W., Duan, L. (In progress). Correlates of maternal depressive symptomatology among ethnic minority Head Start mothers.

Conference Presentations:

Cederbaum, J., Schneiderman, J., Mennen, F. E. & **Palmer Molina, A.** (2021). Positive narratives: Social supports as a facilitator of positive outcomes for young adults with histories of child-welfare involvement. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, virtual conference.

Palmer Molina, A., Mennen, F. E., Hackman, D. A. (2021). Economic pressure and maternal trauma exposure among Latina mothers of young children: Testing an adapted Family Stress Model. In F. Varner (Chair), Examining family processes across culturally diverse families: A focus on family functioning within Black, Latinx, and Chinese Families. Symposium presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development conference, virtual conference.

Hackman, D. A., Suthar, H., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Dawson, W. C., & Putnam-Hornstein, E. (2021). Neighborhood-level intergenerational mobility, poverty, and early developmental health in a population birth cohort. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development conference, virtual conference.

Lanier, P., Traube, D., & **Palmer Molina, A.** (2021). A longitudinal study of the effects of Covid-19 on family well-being and service engagement in PAT. Paper presented at the National Home Visiting Summit, virtual conference.

Palmer Molina, A., Skowron, E., & Hackman, D. A. (2021). Domains of cumulative risk and parenting among low-income mothers of young children: The role of maternal psychological functioning. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference, virtual conference.

Palmer Molina, A., Mennen, F. E., Hackman, D. A. (2021). Economic pressure and maternal trauma exposure among Latina mothers of young children: Testing an adapted Family Stress Model. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference, virtual conference.

Palmer Molina, A., Traube, D. E., & Kemner, A. (2021). Addressing maternal mental health to increase participation in home visiting. In B. Jones-Harden (Chair), Preventive interventions with infants and toddlers and their families: The role of maternal mental health. Symposium presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference, virtual conference.

Mennen, F. E., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Monro, W., Duan, L., Stuart, S., Sosna, T. (2021). Effectiveness of an Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT) group depression treatment for Head Start mothers: A cluster-randomized controlled trial. Paper presented at the Society of Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference, virtual conference.

Delgrosso, P., Mckenzie, K., Coleman, A., & **Palmer Molina, A.** (2020). Providing family support services in Head Start and home visiting. Federal session presentation at the National Research Conference on Early Childhood. (Conference Cancelled)

Palmer Molina, A., Traube, D. E., & Kemner, A. (2020). Initiation of mental health services for depression improves maternal engagement in the Parents as Teachers home visiting program. Paper presented at the 17th World Congress of the World Association of Infant Mental Health. (Conference cancelled)

Negriff, S., **Palmer Molina, A.**, & Hackman, D. (2020). Mechanistic pathways explaining the impact of intergenerational transmission of maltreatment on adolescent mental health. Paper presented at the 18th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence. (Conference cancelled)

Perrigo, J., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Hurlburt, M., Finno-Velasquez, M., & Palinkas, L. (2020). Exploring child maltreatment under and overreporting drivers. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Mennen, F. E., **Palmer Molina, A.**, Bina, R., & Kye Price, S. (2020). Screening for maternal depression in mothers of young children: Considerations with low-income and racial/ethnic minority populations. Roundtable presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Palmer Molina, A., & Mennen, F. E. (2019). Incorporating the Family Stress Model into clinical social work teaching and practice. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Palmer Molina, A., & Mennen, F. E. (2019). Beyond postpartum: Strategies for maternal depression screening among mothers of young children. Poster presented at the Zero to Three Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Sommer, T. E., Gilpin, A., Mennen, F. E., & **Palmer Molina, A.** (2019). Building on strengths and aligning programs for children and families. Plenary presentation at the Child Care and Early Education Policy Research Consortium Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Palmer Molina, A., Palinkas, L., Monro, W., Mennen, F. E. (2019). Barriers to implementing a group treatment for depression with mothers of Head Start children. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Mennen, F. E., Monro, W., **Palmer Molina, A.** (2019). Using program evaluation to introduce an evidence-informed practice model to clinical social work. Roundtable presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Palmer Molina, A., Monro, W., & Mennen, F. E. (2018). The enduring association between maternal mental health symptoms and young children's behavioral problems in dyadic mental health treatment. Poster presented at the 34th Annual International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Conference, Washington, D.C.

Palmer Molina, A., Monro, W., & Mennen, F. E. (2018). Understanding mothers' experiences of depression in adapting IPT-Group for Head Start mothers. Poster presented at the Zero to Three Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Palmer Molina, A., Monro, W., & Mennen, F. E. (2018). Exploring the relationships between maternal trauma exposure and hostile parenting: The mediating roles of parenting stress and depressive symptoms, and the moderating role of maternal applied cognition. Poster presented at the National Research Conference on Early Childhood Conference, Washington, D.C.

Mennen, F. E., Monro, W., James, A., & **Palmer Molina, A.** (2018). Healthy Moms, Healthy Kids: Reducing maternal depression for better outcomes in Head Start children. Paper presented at the National Research Conference on Early Childhood Conference, Washington, D.C.

Palmer, A., Monro, W., & Mennen, F. E. (2018). Exploring the relationship between maternal depressive symptoms and parental warmth: The moderating role of exposure to verbal abuse. In L. Aparicio (Chair), Parenting in the wake of violence and trauma. Symposium presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

Palmer, A., Negri, S., Monro, W., & Mennen, F. E. (2018). Exploratory path analysis of the relationships between maternal mental health, parenting stress, and children's functioning. In F. Mennen (Chair), Maternal depression and trauma: Do they interact to impact children's psychosocial functioning? Symposium presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

Palmer, A., Monro, W., & Mennen, F. E. (2017). Parental traumatic stress and depressive symptoms predict child behavior problems at intake. Poster presented at the Zero to Three Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Professional Memberships/Certifications:

Zero to Three

Society for Research in Child Development

Society for Social Work Research

World Association for Infant Mental Health

National Association of Social Workers

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW 70641), CA Board of Behavioral Sciences

Certified in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (evidence-based treatment)

Certified in Child-Parent Psychotherapy (evidence-based treatment)

Certified in Reflective Parenting Program (evidence-based treatment)

Certified in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (evidence-based treatment)

Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT), Level A certification (evidence-based treatment)

Managing and Adapting Practice (MAP) Instructor (evidence-based service delivery model)

Endorsed as an Infant – Family and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist (IFECMHS) by the California Center for Infant-Family and Early Childhood Mental Health

Perinatal Mental Health Certification (PMH-C) from Postpartum Support International

Media:

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work NewsBytes, April 13, 2021, Giving voice to Latina immigrant mothers affected by COVID-19

<https://dworakpeck.usc.edu/news/giving-voice-to-latina-immigrant-mothers-affected-covid-19>

USC Daily Trojan, June 2, 2021, Dornsife center focuses on the changing family

<https://dailytrojan.com/2021/06/02/dornsife-center-focuses-on-the-changing-family/>