



Subject Matter Expert Susan Foosness



Expertise

Ms. Foosness has more than 14 years of experience working with vulnerable children, youth, and families as a direct service provider and manager. For PCG Human Services, she works on an interdisciplinary team to provide strategic consultation to public and private health and human service agencies focused on child welfare and other vulnerable child, youth, and family populations.

Experience

Prior to joining PCG, Ms. Foosness worked for five years as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker providing trauma-based psychotherapy to children and families in North Carolina (NC) and managing the non-profit outpatient mental health clinic at the Center for Child and Family Health in Durham, NC. Ms. Foosness worked previously in community mental health in North Carolina, for Head Start grantees in Oregon and Washington, and at a child welfare and juvenile justice law firm in Portland, Oregon. She has been engaged with the NC System of Care Expansion Planning Grant and development of the NC Foster Care Health Oversight and Coordination Plan.

Ms. Foosness brings a deep understanding of the impact of trauma on child development, health, and well-being; the relationships between child welfare, behavioral health, Medicaid, and the educational system; and the connection between health and human services policy and financing, frontline services, and the lives of vulnerable children, youth, and families.

Publications

Susan Foosness, William Shutt, and Richard Whipple, "Cross-System Approaches that Promote Child Well-Being," (Boston: Public Consulting Group, July, 2014),
http://www.publicconsultinggroup.com/landingpage/white_papers/approaches.html

Education

Ms. Foosness holds a BA in Psychology with honors from Lewis & Clark College; a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of Washington with a concentration in Clinical Social Work and Children, Youth, and Families; and a Master of Public Policy (MPP) from Duke University with a concentration in Health Policy.