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Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program

Dr. James C. McCutcheon and Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui of the **Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice** are partnering with the Memphis Police Department (MPD) on their Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program grant. MPD has received \$770,861 from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime to invest in providing services to family members and friends dealing with trauma. A victim specialist employed by MPD will provide secondary victims with a contact point to better serve these individuals and connect them with proper resources. Drs. McCutcheon and Iratzoqui will be conducting research and evaluation of the three-year MPD project.



Dr. James McCutcheon



Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui

Mid-South Social Work Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (MSW-SDS)

Led by **School of Social Work** faculty, Dr. Susan Neely-Barnes, Dr. Elena Delavega, Ms. Katie Norwood and Ms. Cherry Malone, the Mid-South Social Work Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (MSW-SDS) program will increase access for disadvantaged students to master's level clinical social work education. The project will train 117 students over the five years, with student scholarships totaling \$3,187,548. The program will increase access to MSW education for disadvantaged students and underrepresented minority students, increase the number of licensed graduate social workers in medically underserved communities and in primary care and leverage access to other HRSA-grant funded programs to improve students' knowledge of integrated behavioral health, interdisciplinary team practice, opioid addiction, and cultural and linguistic competency.



Dr. Susan Neely-Barnes



Dr. Elena Delavega



Ms. Katie Norwood



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COVID-19 and Trauma: The Need for Continued and Additional Supportive Services Through a Telehealth Framework



Dr. Susan Elswick



Dr. Gregory Washington

School of Social Work faculty, Dr. Susan Elswick and Dr. Gregory Washington, have received an award from the Refugee Empowerment Program (REP) to adapt the Bounce Back evidenced-based trauma-informed intervention for children in grades K-5 to a telehealth format in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As they implement the COVID-19 and Trauma: The Need for Continued and Additional Supportive Services Through a Telehealth Framework project, telehealth will be used to support the behavioral, social-emotional, and mental health needs of REP clients by breaking down the barriers to service delivery.

The Memphis Rotary Foundation and Clarity Wellness Partnership

Dr. Susan Elswick and Dr. Elena Delavega of the **School of Social Work** have received an award from the Memphis Rotary Foundation Youth Initiative to deliver services and conduct research with a community-based project addressing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The Memphis Rotary Foundation and Clarity Wellness Partnership project will assess and address family needs through various supportive programs and processes such as direct service delivery, linkage to services, and developing a directory for services. One key component of this work is to assess the effectiveness of the Clarity Wellness measurement in identifying the needs of community members and participants as well as tracking progress once the family is provided a supportive service.



Dr. Susan Elswick



Dr. Elena Delavega