



WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

Program Design, Implementation and Evaluation

Project Lead - Michelle Evans-Chase, MA, PhD

Social Scientist
Interventionist

Expertise:

Research and Evaluation, including Formative and Summative Evaluation; Qualitative and Quantitative methods.

Michelle has extensive experience conducting all phases of small and large research and program evaluation studies using surveys, interviews, focus groups, journals, and diaries. Michelle has conducted studies in challenging settings such as the criminal and juvenile justice systems as well as more traditional settings such as medical settings and college campuses. She has overseen projects where she was present for every data collection session as well as remotely on projects 7,000 miles away.

Michelle is also trained in evidence-based program design and implementation that takes into account the specific needs of different populations including those defined by age, resources, disability, and location. She has guided program implementation for youth in the juvenile justice system, for people with spinal cord injuries in rehabilitation settings, and for high-risk youth in educational settings. Her approach to program design begins with a thorough review of what has and has not worked with each specific populations and in the specific setting of implementation. Along with this evidence base, Michelle includes the perspectives, barriers, and needs specific to each program population with the goal of designing programs that ultimately empower individuals and communities to be the stewards of their own health and wellbeing.

Michelle has done invited presentations at conferences and workshops in New Jersey, Boston, Philadelphia, Colorado, and Denmark to academics, endurance athletes, justice organizations, and childcare study teams working with at-risk youth. She has been a University teacher for over 15 years and has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Psychology and Social Work.

Michelle has over 10 publications in academic, peer-reviewed international journals that have informed the work of national and international research and program delivery organizations. She has implemented programs serving incarcerated youth in the juvenile justice system, with people living with spinal cord injuries, youth and adults living in poverty in American Samoa. Michelle has worked on program design and evaluation with leaders in the justice systems in NJ and Denmark, and federal offices including NOAA and the VA.

Through all of this Michelle has developed not only the ability to conduct research in challenging settings but also the ability to synthesize high quality social-science research evidence and engage non-scientists in recognizing the value and practical application of such evidence to decision-making of all kinds.