

# REEMA BANIABBASI

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## EDUCATION

**Master of Public Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences** Expected August 2026

*Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD*

Relevant Coursework: Fundamentals of Program Evaluation; Program Planning for Health Behavior Change; Management of Nonprofit Organizations; Statistical Methods in Public Health I-III; Qualitative Data Analysis

**Master of Counseling Psychology** August 2015

*Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Boston, MA*

**Bachelor of Psychology** May 2013

*Northeastern University College of Science, Boston, MA*

## PROGRAM PLANNING & EVALUATION EXPERIENCE

**Master of Public Health Candidate** June 2025 - August 2026

*Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD*

- Co-designed and presented a gun violence reduction program in West Baltimore after conducting stakeholder analysis and creating a problem loop diagram using Kumu.
- Co-designed and presented a youth mutual aid program to improve access to healthy food and activities.
- Prepared and presented a grant application for a non-profit for loneliness prevention in Baltimore.

**Project Coordinator, Livable Streets Coalition** October 2025 - June 2026

*Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy, Baltimore, MD*

- Co-designed an evaluation with Delegate Robbyn Lewis, active coalition members, and the primary investigator to help the coalition improve advocacy on walkable streets.
- Gathered physical and digital community survey data using Typeform.
- Analyzed quantitative survey data using R program.
- Analyzed qualitative focus group data.

**Psychology Advisor** December 2020 - September 2024

*Takalam, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*

- Outlined online workplace and university student emotional wellbeing programs and advised the startup founders on navigating barriers to their telemental health app's delivery and engagement.
- Improved the app's services by creating and providing feedback on counselor recruitment policy, journaling prompts, mood tracking, toolkits, outcome measures, and mental health educational materials.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

**Project Coordinator, Livable Streets Coalition** October 2025 - June 2026

*Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy, Baltimore, MD*

- Organized two community meetings with 38 attendees from 14 organizations to discuss coalition updates in advocating for equitable access to walkable streets, building more cross-sector partnerships than prior years.
- Spoke at seven neighborhood association meetings which lead to 42 additional email subscriptions.
- Wrote three reports for community members and donors.

**Counseling Psychologist**

July 2019 - February 2025

*The Psychiatry & Therapy Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

- Featured in Harper's Bazaar Arabia, Gulf News, and global podcasts on mental health awareness.
- Led 14 online and in-person workshops and presentations for 10 to 200 attendees to raise awareness.
- Contributed 15 articles for two local magazines to destigmatize mental health.
- Facilitated three staff discussions on counseling Muslim clients, navigating personal grief while providing psychotherapy, and loneliness in Dubai which influenced clinic programming.

**Pre-Licensed Counselor Under Supervision**

October 2018 – March 2019

*The Lighthouse Arabia, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

- Lead two 1-hour workshops for participants aged 18+ on creativity and mindfulness as part of an annual public event promoting emotional wellbeing.

**Clinical Intern**

August 2017 - June 2018

*Renewal House, Roxbury, MA*

- Designed and led trauma-informed adult groups to promote emotional wellbeing for multi-lingual shelter residents who were survivors of domestic violence.

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE****Counseling Psychologist**

July 2019 - February 2025

*The Psychiatry & Therapy Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

- Provided individual in-person and online psychotherapy in Arabic and English for ages 18+.
- Mentored a clinical master's-level trainee to support her professional development.

**Pre-Licensed Counselor**

October 2018 – March 2019

*The Lighthouse Arabia, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

- Provided individual coaching sessions for ages 18-49 to support mental wellbeing.

**Clinical Intern**

August 2017 - June 2018

*Renewal House, Roxbury, MA*

- Supported a single mother and her toddler in therapy and domestic violence advocacy.
- Served as a mental health consultant for domestic violence advocates.
- Assisted hotline callers in safety planning and locating shelter and community resources.

**Pre-Licensed Counselor**

October 2015 – September 2016

*Lynn Community Health Center, Lynn, MA*

- Provided individual psychotherapy, advocacy, and care coordination in Arabic and English and utilized interpreters for refugee and immigrant clients who spoke other languages.

**LANGUAGES & SKILLS**

Fluent in English and Arabic

Data Analysis and Survey Software: R; Atlas.ti; Typeform

Systems Thinking Software: Kumu