

# RENA KREIMER, MSW

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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- Experienced policy and evaluation expert dedicated to improving public systems through creative translations between research, policy and practice.
- Motivated collaborator, skilled communicator, and innovative analyst

## EDUCATION

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**University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice:** Philadelphia, PA  
Master of Social Work GPA: 3.94 May 2011

**Pitzer College:** Claremont, CA  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Honor GPA: 3.87 May 2009

**Pitzer College in Ecuador: Language and Cultural Immersion Program:** Quito, Ecuador January-May 2008

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab at Drexel University**

*Director of Grants and Evaluation* June 2018 – Present

- Lead the management of multiple multi-million dollar federal grant awards for numerous juvenile justice research and evaluation projects

*Data and Evaluation Manager* May 2017 – June 2018

- Manage the acquisition, analysis and dissemination of data related to the federally grant-funded evaluation of the Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program
- Facilitate communication between diverse stakeholders and research partners to ensure effective grant reporting, data sharing, and program analysis

**Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers** December 2015 – June 2016

*Detention Reform Consultant*

- Provided project-based consulting on detention and placement alternative program design and evaluation, conditions of confinement assessment, and statistical analysis of detention risk assessment instruments

### **Philadelphia Department of Human Services/Family Court, Philadelphia, PA**

*Juvenile Justice Initiatives Coordinator* November 2011- Present

- Coordinated the City of Philadelphia's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI); Managed the JDAI Implementation Team, leading team on collecting data and creating, analyzing, and disseminating a quantitative Detention Utilization Study, and engaged diverse stakeholders through public outreach, relationship-building and trainings to create and maintain a functioning JDAI Collaborative Board with four Task Forces
- Lead the construction of a standardized Risk Assessment Instrument for Court Intake
- Increased data coordination and collaboration with state partners, utilized advanced excel and specialized data systems to regularly report and analyze key indicators on juvenile justice outcomes
- Supported joint Court and DHS activities; prepared case reviews for weekly Youth Review Meetings to reduce the youth population in secure detention, supported case management for complex cases
- Conducted a pilot study evaluation and implementation report which resulted in the adoption of the Youth Level of Service assessment by the Juvenile Probation Department
- Wrote multiple successful grants and budgets for Philadelphia Family Court that enabled the implementation of the statewide Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy

### **Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

*Research Specialist* September 2009-June 2010

- Assisted with research, data management and project assistance for Critical Time Intervention studies with inmates in Camden, NJ

### **California Institute for Mental Health, Los Angeles, CA**

*Research Assistant* June 2008-May 2009

- Conducted grant proposal evaluation and constructed funding recommendations for programs for at-risk youth

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## COMMUNITY TRAINING AND SERVICE

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### **The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research, Philadelphia, PA**

*Social Policy & Research Associate*

September 2010-June 2011

- Assisted families in the waiting room at Philadelphia Family Court access local resources, created and updated a resource manual and resource handouts of community services
- Conducted research and contributed to White Papers on child policy and information sharing
- Designed and executed original research on delinquent and dependent crossover youth, including IRB approval, project design, data collection, qualitative participant interviews and statistical data analysis

### **Bridging the Gaps Community Health Internship Program, Philadelphia, PA**

*Community Health Intern*

June 2010 -August 2010

### **Victim/Witness Services of South Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA**

*Victim Advocate*

June 2010-August 2010

### **Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA**

*Youth Engagement Coordinator*

May 2009-June 2010

- Facilitated weekly youth engagement groups for youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, including issue identification and guidance on a youth-lead year long advocacy project
- Conducted curriculum adaptation, lesson planning and development for youth programs
- Wrote successful grants for youth groups, secured funding for an entire year of program operation

### **American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California: Jails Project, Los Angeles, CA**

*Jails Project Intern*

June 2007-May 2009

- Monitored physical conditions of Los Angeles county jails and filed appropriate inmate complaints
- Conducted weekly visits to facilities including Men's Central Jail, evaluated regulation compliance
- Assembled case information and medical records and interviewed inmates in custody for class action suit regarding mental health treatment in Los Angeles county jail facilities

### **Camp Afflerbaugh-Paige Detention Facility, Laverne, CA**

*Tutor and Workshop Facilitator*

January 2007- December 2008

- Tutored incarcerated youth in language arts and math
- Created and conducted workshops on employment and nonviolent conflict resolution for youth in secure detention

### **Prototypes Women's Center, Pomona, CA**

*Autobiography Workshop Facilitator*

Fall 2006

- Designed and implemented autobiography-writing and poetry workshops for participants in the alternative incarceration drug and alcohol rehabilitation program

## ACADEMIC AND SCHOLARLY SERVICE

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### **Pitzer College Psychology Department, Claremont, CA**

*Teaching and Research Assistant*

September 2007- May 2009

- Ad-hoc peer-review reviewer: Journal of Juvenile Justice
- Content reviewer: US Department of Education
- Conference and symposia planning and preparation

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND ACCREDITATION

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Spanish language proficiency (oral and written); MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Access, PowerPoint); SPSS Statistical Package; ArcGIS Geographic Information Systems mapping software; Licensed Social Worker in Pennsylvania (2012)