

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- DNP – Doctor of Nursing Practice, Primary Care Providers' Knowledge of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Screening: An Integrative Review – Defended March 4, 2016
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky – May 2016
- MSN – Post Masters of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky – August 2013
- MSN – Masters of Science in Nursing, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner,
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee – August 2006
- BA – Bachelors of Arts, Psychology with a Minor in Biology
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky – May 2004

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Medical Center Psychiatry, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Bowling Green, Kentucky; Supervisor: Dr. Grayson Grau, MD
April 2015 – Present
- The DBT Center of Western Kentucky, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Bowling Green, Kentucky; Supervisor: Cindy Lemon, APRN
March 2014 – February 2015
- Western Kentucky University Health Services, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Bowling Green, Kentucky; Supervisor: Dr. Patricia Blewett, MD
January 2011 – May 2013
- Vanderbilt University Student Health Center, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Nashville, Tennessee; Supervisor: Dr. Brad Williams, MD
October 2009 – December 2010
- Wellness Solutions, Inc., Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Nashville, Tennessee; Supervisor: Dr. John Cain, MD
June 2009 – October 2009
- Quinco Mental Health Center, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Bolivar and Jackson, Tennessee, Supervisor: Dr. Kevin Turner, MD
September 2006 – April 2009

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE

- Western Kentucky University, Associate Professor – School of Nursing and Allied Health
Bowling Green, Kentucky; Director: Dr. Liz Sturgeon, PhD, RN, CNE
July 2022 – Present

- University of Kentucky, Assistant Professor – College of Medicine, Division of Academic Medical Education
Bowling Green, Kentucky; Director: Dr. Todd Cheever, MD
April 2024 – Present
- Western Kentucky University, Assistant Professor – School of Nursing and Allied Health
Bowling Green, Kentucky; Director: Dr. Mary Bennett, DNS, APRN-FNP
July 2016 – June 2022
- Western Kentucky University, Instructor – School of Nursing
Bowling Green, Kentucky; Director: Dr. Mary Bennett, DNS, APRN-FNP
July 2012 – June 2016

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

- BSN Prelicensure Program
 - Mental Health Nursing Lecture (NURS 343)
 - Mental Health Nursing Clinical (NURS 344), Course Coordinator
 - Complementary Health Care Lecture (NURS 415)
 - Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice Lecture (NURS 413)

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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- Western Kentucky University, College of Health and Human Services, Institute for Rural Health, Co-Director. May 2023-Present.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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- WKU Faculty Leadership Year (FLY) Program, 2023-2025

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*Student Author)

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- Norrod, P. E., MacDonald*, M., **Link**, K., & Ickes, M. J. (2025). Evaluating implementation of the Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) training for rural suicide prevention among mental health and healthcare professionals. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 46(5), 436-443. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01612840.2025.2474117>
 - Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., Haughtigan, K., Beer, O. W. J., *Powell, L., & Royse, D. (2025). A new approach: Using biomarkers to explore the physiological stress of working in child welfare. *Journal of Technology in Behavioral Science*, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41347-024-00475-x>
 - Macy, G., Harper, W., Murphy, A., **Link**, K., & Griffiths, A. (2024). Using concepts of Photovoice to engage in discussions related to burnout and wellbeing. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 21(2), 192. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph21020192>

- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., Haughtigan, K., Beer, O. W. J., *Powell, L., & Royse, D. (2023). Physiological evidence of escalating stress during COVID-19: A longitudinal assessment of child welfare workers. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 18(1), 158-181. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2023.2182396>
- Haughtigan, K., Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., Beer, O. W. J., & *Powell, L. (2023). Lessons learned: Facilitating a health and wellness intervention for frontline child welfare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Child Welfare*, 101(4), 31-52.
- Oldham, C., Guffey, K., & **Link**, K., Sampson, S., *McQueen, T., & *Stanton, A. (2023). Measuring gatekeeper instructor comfort to inform suicide prevention train-the-trainer recruitment and training in agricultural communities. *Journal of Agromedicine*, 28(4), 689-702. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1059924X.2023.2215249>
- **Link**, K., Griffiths, A., Haughtigan, K., Beer, O. W. J., & *Powell, L. (2023). Child welfare workforce health: Exploring stress, burnout, depression, and sleep during COVID-19. *Child Welfare*, 100(5), 79-103.
- **Link**, K., Tinius, R., & Logsdon, M. C. (2022). A web-based educational intervention to increase perinatal nurse and pre-licensure student knowledge and self-efficacy in providing postpartum depression care. *The Journal of Perinatal Education*, 31(1), 29-37. doi:10.1891/J-PE-D-21-00008
- Haughtigan, K., **Link**, K., Sturgeon, L., Garrett-Wright, D., Lartey, G., & Jones, M. S. (2021). Beyond biometrics: Including mental health screenings in annual wellness programs. by *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*, 59(10), 19-25. doi:10.3928/02793695-20210513-03
- Garrett-Wright, D., Haughtigan, K. S., & **Link**, K. (2021). Interactive poverty simulation: Nursing students' perceptions of poverty. *Nursing Education Perspectives*, 42(6), 380-382. doi:10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000000777
- Blankenship, M., **Link**, K., *Henry, S., & Tinius, R. (2020). Patient and Provider Communication Regarding Exercise During Pregnancy in a Rural Setting. *International Journal of Exercise Science*, 13(3), 1228-1241.
- Tinius, R., *Edens, K., **Link**, K., Jones, M. S., Lyons, S., *Rebelle, T., *Pearson, K. J., & Maples, J. (2020). Effect of evidence-based materials and access to local resources on physical activity levels, beliefs, and motivation during pregnancy in a rural setting. *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*, 17(10), 947-957. <https://doi.org/10.1123/jpah.2019-0440>
- **Link**, K., Garrett-Wright, D., & Jones, M. S. (2020). The burden of farmer suicide on surviving family members: A qualitative study. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 41(1), 66-72. doi:10.1080/01612840.2019.1661048
- **Link**, K. A., Tinius, R., Maples, J., & Logsdon, M. C. (2019) Self-efficacy and postpartum depression teaching by perinatal nurses in a rural setting: A replication study. *The Journal of Perinatal Education*, 28(4). doi:10.1891/1058-1243.28.4.190

- **Link, K. A.,** Haughtigan, K. S., & Garrett-Wright, D. (2019). Using a poverty simulation exercise in mental health nursing. *Nursing Education Perspectives*, 40(3), 165-167. doi:10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000000360
- **Link, K. & Smith, L. S.** (2017). Primary care advanced practice RNs' knowledge of posttraumatic stress disorder and screening. *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*, 55(9), 23-32. doi:10.3928/02793695-20170818-10
- Garrett-Wright, D., Bormann, L., & **Link, K.** (2016). *Therapeutic communication: Ensuring its effectiveness with patients affected by mental health disorders*. Retrieved from <http://nursing.advanceweb.com/Continuing-Education/CE-Articles/Therapeutic-Communication.aspx>
- **Link, K.** Garrett-Wright, D. M., & Branstetter, M. (2015). Practice matters: Screening and referring congregants with major depression. *International Journal of Faith Community Nursing*, 1(3), 81-90. Retrieved from <https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/ijfcn/vol1/iss3/6/>

PEER-REVIEWED ORAL PRESENTATIONS (*Student Author)

International

- Macy, G., Golla, V., Sanyang, E., Taylor, R., Burch, K., Basham, J. R., **Link, K.,** & Haughtigan. (October, 2025). *Strengthening Firefighter Well-Being: A Total Worker Health® Approach in Rural Kentucky*. 4th International Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health® in Bethesda, MD.
- Griffiths, A., *Spears, K., **Link, K.,** Haughtigan, K., & Powell, L. (2024, April). *Implementing a Custom Designed Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program with Frontline Child Protection Workers in Kentucky*. Oral presentation at the Social Work Workforce Research Special Interest Group at the European Social Work Research Association's 2024 European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR) in Vilnius, Lithuania (Online).
- Griffiths, A., Powell, L., **Link, K.,** & Haughtigan, K. (2023). Healthier Workforce, Healthier Community: An Interdisciplinary Wellness Initiative. Oral presentation at the 38th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment in San Diego, California. January 2023.
- Griffiths, A., **Link, K.,** & Haughtigan, K. (2021). Evidence and Advocacy: Improving the Health and Wellness of Child Welfare Workers. Oral presentation (Virtual); Kempe Center International Virtual Conference: A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare. October 7th, 2021.
- Griffiths, A., **Link, K.,** & Haughtigan, K. (2021). Building Interdisciplinary Partnerships to Improve the Health and Wellness of Child Welfare Workers in the United States. Oral presentation (Virtual); 2021 Joint Social Work Education and Research Conference. Fringe Event, hosted online by Cardiff University, United Kingdom. July 8, 2021.
- Mazur, J. M., Oldham, C., Witt, C., Guffey, K., **Link, K.,** Jones, M. S., & Malin, C. (2021). Developing and Implementing a Pilot Agricultural Community Suicide Prevention Program for Farmers and Farm Families. Oral presentation (Virtual); International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) Conference, June 21-24, 2021.

- Oldham, C., Mazur, J. M., Witt, C., Guffey, K., **Link**, K., Jones, M. S., & Malin, C. (2021). Agricultural Community Willingness to Intervene: Preliminary Findings in Farmer Suicide Intervention. Oral presentation (Virtual); International Society for Agricultural Health and Safety (ISASH) Conference. June 21-24, 2021.
- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2021). Improving the Health and Wellness of Child Welfare Workers in the United States. Oral presentation (Virtual); Social Work Workforce Research Special Interest Group at the European Social Work Research Association's 2021 European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR); Bucharest, Romania. May 5-7, 2021.
- **Link**, K. Garrett-Wright, D., & Jones, M. S. (2019). The burden of suicide on farm family members. Oral presentation; International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health 2019 Annual Conference; Des Moines, Iowa. June 25, 2019.
- **Link**, K. & Smith, L. S. (2017). Primary care advanced practice registered nurses' knowledge of posttraumatic stress disorder and screening practices. Oral presentation; Sigma Theta Tau International 44th Biennial Convention; Indianapolis, Indiana; October 29, 2017.
- Garrett-Wright, D., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2017). Poverty simulation: A teaching tool for undergraduate nursing students. Oral presentation; Sigma Theta Tau International 44th Biennial Convention; Indianapolis, Indiana; October 28, 2017.

National

- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., Haughtigan, K., & Powell, L. (2025, May). Innovation and Impact: Designing Effective Workforce Health Solutions for Child Welfare. Oral presentation at the National Title IV-E Roundtable Conference in Birmingham, Alabama.
- Griffiths, A., *Powell, L., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2023, November). Wearable Biometric Technology: A Strategy for Advancing Justice in Child Welfare. Accepted for an ePoster at the Annual Program Meeting of the National Council on Social Work Education in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Griffiths, A., *Powell, L., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2023, May). Innovation and Cross-System Collaboration: Evidence from a Child Welfare Workforce Health and Wellness Initiative. Oral presentation at the National Title IV-E Roundtable Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Griffiths, A., Beer, O. W. J., **Link**, K., Haughtigan, K., & *Powell, L. (2022, April). *Novel Actions to Understanding the Health and Coping Responses of the Child Welfare Workforce: Efforts from a Collective Partnership*. Oral Presentation (60-minute Action Lab) at the Child Welfare League of America National Conference in Washington, DC.
- Haughtigan, K., **Link**, K., Griffiths, A., Beer, O. W. J., & *Powell, L. (2022, May). Combining Diverse Perspectives: Developing a Multidisciplinary Collaboration to Improve Child Welfare Worker Health. Oral presentation at the National Title IV-E Roundtable Conference in Bowling Green, KY.
- Griffiths, A., Beer, O. W. J., *Powell, L., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2022, May). Utilizing Biometric Data to Better Understand the Psychological and Physiological Impacts of Work-Related Stress Among

Child Welfare Workers: Implications for Title IV-E Training and Education Partnerships. Oral presentation at the National Title IV-E Roundtable Conference in Bowling Green, KY.

- Oldham, C., Norrod, P., Mazur, J., Guffey, K., **Link, K.**, *McQueen, T., and *Stanton, A. (2021). Evaluating Farmer Suicide Burden and Gatekeeper Interventions. Oral presentation (Virtual); American Evaluation Association Annual Conference: Evaluation 2021: Reimagined, November 8, 2021.
- Mazur, J. M., Witt, C., Guffey, K., **Link, K.**, Oldham, C., Jones, M. S., & Malin, C. (2021). Developing and Implementing a Pilot Agricultural Community Suicide Prevention Program for Farmers and Farm Families. Oral presentation (Virtual); Agrisafe for National Farm Safety and Health Week Conference, September 19-25, 2021.

Regional

- Witt, C. & **Link, K.** (2021). Exploration of the mental health of female farm operators. Oral presentation (Virtual); Southeast Regional Research Symposium with SouthOn (Southeastern States Occupational Network); February 17, 2021.

State/Local

- *Win, S., *East, A., Macy, G., Murphy, A., Harper, W., **Link, K.**, & Griffiths, A. (2024). Using concepts of Photovoice to engage in discussions related to burnout and wellbeing among health and human services professionals. Oral presentation; Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) Conference; March 8, 2024.
- *Powell, L., Griffiths, A., **Link, K.**, & Haughtigan, K. (2023). Using Biometric Technology to Measure Physiological Stress in Child Welfare Workers. Oral presentation at the 53rd Annual Western Kentucky University Student Scholar Showcase; Bowling Green, Kentucky; April 1, 2023.
- **Link, K.**, Tinius, R., & Logsdon, M. C. (2021). A web-based educational intervention to increase perinatal nurse and pre-licensure student knowledge and self-efficacy in providing postpartum depression care. Oral presentation (Virtual); Sigma Theta Tau International, Kappa Theta Chapter 24th Annual Research Day; Bowling Green, Kentucky; May 18, 2021.
- **Link, K.**, Haughtigan, K. & Garrett-Wright, D. (2018). Using a poverty simulation exercise in a baccalaureate mental health nursing course. Oral presentation: University of Kentucky College of Nursing 14th Annual Nursing Faculty Development Workshop; Establishing an Evidence-Based Teaching Culture; Lexington, Kentucky; May 11, 2018.
- **Link, K.**, & Garrett-Wright, D. (2017). Using a psychosis simulation to enhance the mental health nursing clinical experience. Oral presentation: University of Kentucky College of Nursing 13th Annual Nursing Faculty Development Workshop; Improving Learning by Engaging Students; Lexington, Kentucky; May 12, 2017.
- Garrett-Wright, D., & **Link, K.** (2017). Poverty simulation: A teaching tool for mental health nursing. Oral presentation: University of Kentucky College of Nursing 13th Annual Nursing Faculty Development Workshop; Improving Learning by Engaging Students; Lexington, Kentucky; May 12, 2017.
- **Link, K.** & Smith, L. S. (2017). Primary care advanced practice registered nurses' knowledge of

posttraumatic stress disorder and screening. Oral presentation; 20th Annual WKU Nursing Research Day; Bowling Green, Kentucky; April 21, 2017.

PEER-REVIEWED POSTER PRESENTATIONS (*Student Author)

International

- Haughtigan, K., **Link**, K., & Griffiths, A. (2021). Developing an Interdisciplinary Virtual Mindfulness-Based Stress Management Program for Child Welfare Workers During COVID-19. Sigma Theta Tau 32nd International Nursing Research Congress (Virtual); Singapore. July 21-23, 2021.
- Witt, C., & **Link**, K. (2021). Investigation of Female Farm Operators' Mental Health: A Pilot Study. Poster presentation (Virtual); International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) Conference. June 21-24, 2021.

National

- Reckard, A., & **Link**, K. (2025). Collaborating for Health: Community Priorities in the BRADD Region. National Network of Public Health Institutes, Open Forum: Next Generation (NxGen), Pittsburgh, PA; October 8-10, 2024.
- Griffiths, A., *Powell, L., **Link**, K., Haughtigan, K., & Royse, D. (2023). Wearable Biometric Technology: A Strategy for Advancing Justice in Child Welfare. ePoster presentation at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in Atlanta, Georgia; October 2023.
- Tinius, R. *Edens, K., *Yoho, K., **Link**, K., Jones, S., Lyons, T. S., *Pitts, B., *Pearson, K., *Cade, W., & Maples, J. (2019). Effects of Evidence-Based Materials and Access to Local Resources on Physical Activity During Pregnancy. American College of Sports Medicine 66th Annual Meeting 2019; Orlando Florida; May 31, 2019.

State/Local

- *West, A., **Link**, K., & Jones, S. (2025). Understanding Perceived Pediatric Healthcare Needs in the Rural Mennonite Communities of South-Central Kentucky: A Community-Based Research Study. WKU Student Scholar Showcase; Bowling Green, Kentucky; April 5, 2025.
- *West, A., **Link**, K., & Jones, S. (2025). Understanding Perceived Pediatric Healthcare Needs in the Rural Mennonite Communities of South-Central Kentucky: A Community-Based Research Study. Posters at the Capitol 2025; Frankfort, Kentucky; March 6, 2025.
- **Link**, K., Macy, G., Harper, W., Murphy, A., Griffiths, A., *Win, S., & *East, A. (2024). Connecting Healthcare Students with Professionals to Reduce the Risk of Burnout. Western Kentucky Heart and Lung Med Center Health 2024 Research Symposium; Bowling Green, Kentucky; April 19, 2024.
- Haughtigan, K., Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., & *Powell, L. (2023). Lessons Learned: A Process Evaluation of a Wellness Initiative for Frontline Child Welfare Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Kentucky Rural Health Association Annual Conference; Bowling Green, Kentucky; November 16-17, 2023.

- **Link, K.,** Griffiths, A., Haughtigan, K., & *Powell, L. (2023). Work-Related Stress in Frontline Child Welfare Workers: An Exploration of Baseline Sleep Quality and Stress Levels. Western Kentucky Heart and Lung Med Center Health 2023 Research Symposium; Bowling Green, Kentucky; April 14, 2023.
- Tinius, R., **Link, K.,** & Logsdon, M. C. (2019). Educational Intervention Increases Knowledge and Self-Efficacy on Postpartum Depression Teaching Practices among Perinatal Nurses. WKU CHHS Research Week 2019; Bowling Green, Kentucky; March 29, 2019.
- **Link, K.A.,** Tinius, R., Maples, J., & Logsdon, C. M. (2018). Self-efficacy and Postpartum Depression Teaching by Perinatal Nurses in a Rural Setting. 20th Annual Kentucky Rural Health Association Conference; Bowling Green, Kentucky; November 15, 2018.
- *Edens, K., *Pitts, B., *Yoho, K., Maples, J., Lyons, T. S., **Link, K.,** Jones, S., & Tinius, R. (2018). Effects of evidence-based materials and access to local resources on physical activity during pregnancy. 20th Annual Kentucky Rural Health Association Conference; Bowling Green, Kentucky; November 15, 2018.
- **Link, K.A.,** Tinius, R., Maples, J., & Logsdon, C. M. (2018). Self-efficacy and Postpartum Depression Teaching by Perinatal Nurses in a Rural Setting. WKU CHHS Research Week 2018; Bowling Green, Kentucky; March 30, 2018.
- Garrett-Wright, D., & **Link, K. A.** (2016). Using simulation to expand psychiatric-mental health nursing clinicals. Poster presentation; Kentucky League for Nursing Annual Conference; Louisville, Kentucky; May 18, 2015.
- Garrett-Wright, D., Jones, N., **Link, K. A.,** Haughtigan, K., & Warise, L. (2015). Starting off right: A fun and creative way to review basic skills. Poster presentation; Kentucky League for Nursing Annual Conference; Louisville, Kentucky; May 21, 2015.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (*Student Author)

- **Link, K.** (2025, May). *Community Voices from Across the BRADD Region*. Presentation on the Barren River Initiative to Get Healthy Together (BRIGHT) Coalition's Community Health Assessment Qualitative Findings at the monthly BRIGHT Coalition meeting.
- Griffiths, A., **Link, K.,** Haughtigan, K., *Powell, L. (2023, March). *The Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative: Preliminary Results and Avenues for Advocacy*. Presentation to the Two Rivers Service Region, Kentucky Department for Community Based Services, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (online).
- Griffiths, A., **Link, K.,** & Haughtigan, K. (2022, July). *Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative*. Oral presentation at the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services State University Partnership Biannual Summer Meeting (online).

- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2021, July). *Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative*. Oral presentation at the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services State University Partnership Biannual Summer Meeting (online).
- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2020, November). *Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative*. Oral presentation at the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services State University Partnership Biannual Winter Meeting (online).
- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2020, November). *The Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative: An Introduction*. Oral presentation to the Commissioner's Office, Kentucky Department for Community Based Services, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Frankfort, KY (online).
- Griffiths, A., Desrosiers, P., **Link**, K., Murphy, A., Weiler, B., & Woodward, M. (2020, October). *The Center for Child Welfare Education and Research: Transforming Lives, Inspiring Hope*. Oral presentation at the Western Kentucky University College of Health and Human Services Research Seminar Series, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

TECHNICAL REPORTS (*Student Author)

- **Link**, K., Griffiths, A., & Wyatt, R. (2025, March). *Final Report on the Recovery-Oriented System of Care Summit Series*. Submitted to Kentucky Court of Justice.
- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., Haughtigan, K., Beer, O. W. J., & *Powell, L. (2022, July). *Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative Biannual Report #4*. Submitted to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Data and Analytics.
- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., Haughtigan, K., Beer, O. W. J., & *Powell, L. (2021, December). *Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative Biannual Report #3*. Submitted to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Data and Analytics.
- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2021, July). *Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative Biannual Report #2*. Technical Report. Submitted to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Data and Analytics.
- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2021, January). *Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative Biannual Report #1*. Technical Report. Submitted to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Data and Analytics.
- Sturgeon, L., Wright, D., Haughtigan, K., **Link**, K., Jones, M. S., Vickous, K., & Lartey, G. (2020). *Promoting occupational wellness at Kobe Aluminum Automotive Products*. Technical Report. Submitted to KOBE Aluminum Automotive Products Human Resources Department.

POLICY BRIEFS (*Student Author)

- **Link**, K. (2024, January). *Suicide and Access to Mental Health Services in Kentucky*. Asclepius Initiative, <https://www.asclepiusinitiative.org/policy-briefs>

- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., Haughtigan, K., Beer, O. W. J., & *Powell, L. (2021, December). *Occupational Stress in Child Welfare: Biometric Evidence from a Pilot Study in Kentucky*. Submitted to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Data and Analytics.
- Griffiths, A., **Link**, K., & Haughtigan, K. (2020, December). *Improving the Health of the Child Welfare Workforce: Implications for Families and Children*. Submitted to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Data and Analytics.

RESEARCH FUNDING (*Student Author)

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- Macy, G. (PI), Burch, K. (Co-PI), Basham, J. R. (Co-PI), Haughtigan, K. (Co-PI), & **Link**, K. (Co-PI). Peer Support Program for First Responders. Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Submitted, August, 2025, \$100,000.
 - Haughtigan, K. (PI), **Link**, K. (Co-PI), Macy, G. (Co-I), Burch, K. (Co-I), Farley, Z. (Co-I), & Malin, C. (Co-I). Bridging the Gap: Equity-Focused Workforce Development for Kentucky Medicaid. KY Cabinet for Health and Human Services (State University Partnership Program SUP28 Cohort). Submitted, August, 2025, \$145,002.93.
 - Noel, C. (PI), **Link**, K. (Co-I), & Zhuhadar, L. (2025). Comorbid Mental Health Diagnosis for College-Age with Autism Diagnosis Disorder. National Institutes of Health, Autism Data Science Initiative (ADSI). Submitted, June, 2025, \$1,993,609.
 - **Link**, K. (PI), & Noel, C. (Co-PI). Shaping Future Leaders in Autism Care. WKU Transdisciplinary Opportunity Program (TOP). Fully Funded, April, 2025, \$82,496.
 - Noel, C. (PI), & **Link**, K. (Co-PI). Working Together Kentucky: Network Planning for Mental Health Needs of Autistic Adults. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Rural Health Network Development Planning Program. Submitted, February, 2025, \$99,498, not funded.
 - **Link**, K. (PI), & Noel, C. (Co-PI). Working Together Kentucky: Mental Health Care for Autistic Adults. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program. Submitted, January, 2025, \$962,941.
 - **Link**, K., Macy, G., Haughtigan, K., *Powers, A., *Kendrick, B., & *Arechiga, C. Enhancing Community Health Understanding in the Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) Region Through Qualitative Data Analysis. Scholar Quick Turn Around Grant (S-QTAG). Fully Funded, February, 2025, \$5,946.
 - Haughtigan, K. (PI), Macy, G. (Co-I), **Link**, K. (Co-I), Houchens, N. (Co-I), Ellis-Griffiths, G. (Co-I), 7 Eaton, M. (Co-I). Exploring Stress and Burnout in healthcare Administrators Through Photovoice. Collaborative Quick Turn Around Grant (C-QTAG). Fully Funded, October, 2024, \$8,528.
 - **Link**, K. (PI), & Noel, C. (Co-PI). Project Rural Adult Autism Service (RAAS). Organization for Autism Research (OAR). Submitted, July, 2024, \$49,892, not funded.

- **Link, K.** (PI), Griffiths, A., & Wyatt, R. (2024). Evaluation of the Statewide Recovery-Oriented System of Care Regional Summits in Kentucky. Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, U.S. Dept of Justice, Fully Funded, May, 2024, \$29,953.
- Macy, G. (PI), & **Link, K.** (Co-PI). (2024). Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program: Prevention, Education, Empowerment, & Resources for Students (PEERS) Program. Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Fully Funded, April, 2024, \$6,548.
- Song, Q. (PI), **Link, K.** (Co-PI), Stone, W. (Co-PI), & Eagle, S (Co-PI). (2023). Exercise and Health: Program Evaluation and Needs Assessment for Community Cardio-drumming Classes. Collaborative Quick Turnaround Grant (C-QTAG). Fully Funded, December, 2023, \$9,225.
- Taylor, R. (PI), Burch, K., Macy, G., Basham, J. R., Sanyang, E., Haughtigan, K., & **Link, K.** (2023-2025). Developing a Center of Excellence in Total Worker Health: Total Firefighter Health Pilot. Transdisciplinary Opportunity Program (TOP) Seed Grant. Fully Funded, December, 2023, \$100,000.
- *West, A., & **Link, K.** (2023). Understanding Perceived Pediatric Healthcare Needs in the Rural Amish and Mennonite Communities of southcentral Kentucky: A Community Based Research Study. WKU FUSE Grant, Fully Funded, November, 2023, \$3,000.
- Eagle, S. (PI), **Link, K.** (Co-PI), & Song, Q. (Co-PI). (2023). Acceptability and feasibility of large-scale primary prevention framework for youth and adolescent drug use in South Central Kentucky. Collaborative Quick Turnaround Grant (C-QTAG). Fully Funded, August 2023, \$9,028.06.
- Macy, G. (PI), Harper, W. (Co-PI), Murphy, A. (Co-PI), **Link, K.** (Co-PI), & Griffiths, A. (Co-PI). (2023). Using Concepts of *PhotoVoice* to Connect Students and Community Professionals. Collaborative Quick Turnaround Grant. Fully Funded, July 2023, \$8,108.
- Crandall, J. (PI), **Link, K.** (Co-PI), & Haughtigan, K. (Co-PI). NCOA KY Dept of Aging and Independent Living COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccine Uptake Initiative. Fully funded, April 2023, \$152,837.
- **Link, K.** (PI), & Griffiths, A. (Co-PI). (2023). Warren County Public Schools, Systematic Process for Preventative Mental Health Screening for Students. Fully funded, January, 2023, \$10,600.
- Ickes, M. (University of Kentucky), Bernard, M. (Kentucky State University), Botts, T. (Eastern Kentucky University), Guffey, K. (Murray State University), **Link, K.** (WKU) McClellan, M. (Eastern Kentucky University), Moore, M., (Eastern Kentucky University), & Song, Y. (University of Kentucky) (2022). Agricultural Community Mental Health Project: Researching Networks, Communication, and Training Outcomes. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Fully funded, September 2022, \$1,250,000.
- Taylor, R. (PI), Macy, G. (Co-PI), Basta, T. (Co-I), Griffiths, A. (Co-I), Haughtigan, K. (Co-I), **Link, K.** (Co-I), Sanyang, E. (Co-I), Burch, K. (Co-I), & Zhuhadar, L (Co-I) (2021). Health and Public Safety Workplace Resiliency Training Program: Bureau of Health Workforce, Division of Nursing and Public

Health Grant. Submitted to U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in September 2021 for a total funding amount of \$1,140,332, not funded.

- Mazur, J. (University of Kentucky), Song, Y. (University of Kentucky Center for Computational Sciences), Bernard, M. (Kentucky State University, College of Agriculture, Community, and the Sciences), & **Link**, K. (WKU). (2021). Kentucky Department of Agriculture-Farm and Southern Region Ranch Staff Assistance Network Peer to Peer Mobile App. Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Fully funded, September 2021, \$70,000.
- Griffiths, A. (PI), & **Link**, K. (Co-PI) (2020-2022). Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative. Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, Fully funded, July 2020, \$108,068 (WKU match of \$108,068 for total funding of \$216,136).
- Griffiths, A. (PI), & **Link**, K. (Co-PI) (2020-2022). Kentucky Child Welfare Workforce Wellness Initiative. Kentucky Social Welfare Foundation, Partially funded, April 2020, \$8,000 (WKU match of \$12,100 for total funding of \$20,100).
- Tinius, R. (PI), & **Link**, K. (Co-PI) (2018). An educational intervention on postpartum depression for perinatal nurses. WKU CHHS Quick Turn Around Grant (QTAG), Awarded, October 2018, \$1200.
- **Link**, K. (PI), Tinius, R. (Co-I), & Maples, J. (Co-I) (2017). Is perinatal nurses' self-efficacy a predictor of providing PPD education to new mothers in a rural inpatient setting? WKU CHHS Quick Turn Around Grant (QTAG), Awarded, October 2017, \$1000.

RESEARCH FUNDING TRAINING

- KY INBRE, NIH R15/R16 Virtual Grant Writing Workshop, October 19th, 2024.
- Hanover Faculty Grants Academy, Member, 2023-2024.
- 18th Annual Research Capacity Building Workshop hosted by the University of Cincinnati Education and Research Center, Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences (March 14th-15th, 2022).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (*Student Author)

- *West, A., **Link**, K., & Jones, M. S. Parental Views of Children's Healthcare in an Old Order Mennonite Community. Manuscript submitted for review to *The Journal of Plain Anabaptist Communities* on August 25, 2025.
- Oldham, C., Guffey, K., **Link**, K., & Clontz, K., & Altschuler, M. Behavioral Intentions in Suicide Prevention: Examining Attitudes, Norms, and Control Among Agricultural Workers. Manuscript submitted for review to *The Journal of Rural Health* on May 30, 2025.
- Haughtigan, K., Macy, G., **Link**, K., Houchens, N., Ellis-Griffith, G., & Eaton, M. Engaging Healthcare Administration Students and Community Healthcare Leadership to Explore Stress and Burnout Using Concepts of Photovoice.

- **Link, K.** (PI), Song, Q., Eagle, S., McClain, L., Reckard, A., Widener, S., & Willis, S. (2024). BRIGHT Community Health Assessment – Survey.
- Macy, G. (PI), Burch, K., Taylor, R., Basham, J. R., Haughtigan, K., **Link, K.**, & Sanyang, E. (2024). Using Concepts of PhotoVoice to Explore Behavioral Health Among Firefighters.
- **Link, K.** (PI), Song, Q., Eagle, S., McClain, L., Reckard, A., Widener, S., & Willis, S. (2024). BRIGHT Community Health Assessment – Focus Groups.
- Macy, G. (PI), & **Link, K.** (Co-PI). (2024). Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program: Prevention, Education, Empowerment, & Resources for Students (PEERS) Program.
- Taylor, R. (PI), Burch, K., Macy, G., Basham, J. R., Sanyang, E., Haughtigan, K., & **Link, K.** (2023-2025). Developing a Center of Excellence in Total Worker Health: Total Firefighter Health Pilot.
- *West, A., & **Link, K.** (2023-2024). Understanding Perceived Pediatric Healthcare Needs in the Rural Amish and Mennonite Communities of southcentral Kentucky: A Community Based Research Study.
- Ickes, M. (University of Kentucky), Bernard, M. (Kentucky State University), Botts, T. (Eastern Kentucky University), Guffey, K. (Murray State University), **Link, K.** (WKU) McClellan, M. (Eastern Kentucky University), Moore, M., (Eastern Kentucky University), & Song, Y. (University of Kentucky) (2022-2024). Agricultural Community Mental Health Project: Researching Networks, Communication, and Training Outcomes. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

STUDENT-FOCUSED RESEARCH

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- FUSE Grant Faculty Advisor for Allison West, WKU Pre-Nursing Student. (2023-2025). Understanding Perceived Pediatric Healthcare Needs in the Rural Amish and Mennonite Communities of southcentral Kentucky: A Community Based Research Study.
 - Faculty Advisor for Meredith Cherry, WKU School of Nursing Honor's Student. (2021). Hallucinogenic and Sedative Drug Treatment and its Impact on Mental Health Nursing. Thesis successfully defended on April 15, 2021.
 - Thesis Committee Member for Kolbi Edens, WKU Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport Graduate Student. (2019). Effects of Evidence-Based Materials and Access to Local Resources on Physical Activity During Pregnancy. Thesis successfully defended on April 17, 2019.
 - Clinical Mentor for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) project for Allison Pedigo. (2019). In college athletes who have exhausted their NCAA eligibility (population), does greater athletic identity effect self-reported depression in the year following retirement?

SERVICE

Western Kentucky University

- WKU Faculty-Undergraduate Student Engagement (FUSE) Grant, Reviewer, 2024 – Present
- WKU Comprehensive Review of Dean Basta Committee, Member, 2023
- WKU Academic Calendar Committee, CHHS Representative, 2022-Present
- WKU Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Alternate CHHS Representative, 2020-2023
- WKU Student Research Conference, Volunteer Judge, 2020
- WKU Faculty Senate, School of Nursing Representative, 2018-2019
- WKU Budget and Finance Committee, CHHS Representative, 2018-2019

College of Health and Human Services

- Doctor of Physical Therapy Tenure Committee, Member, 2023-Current
- CHHS Lifeskills Center for Child Welfare Education and Research, Scholar, 2023-Present
- CHHS Lifeskills Center for Child Welfare Education and Research, Associate, 2022-2023
- CHHS Research, Innovation, and Scholarship Council, Member, 2022-Present
- CHHS Workgroup to Create an Applied Research Wellness Center, Member, 2022
- CHHS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Member, 2019-2023
- CHHS Academic Complaint Committee, SONAH Representative, 2020-2022
- CHHS Inter Professional Education (IPE) Committee, Member, 2020-2022
- CHHS Lifeskills Center for Child Welfare Education and Research, Scholar, 2020-2022
- CHHS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Alternate, 2016-2019
- CHHS Awards Banquet Committee, 2016-2018

School of Nursing and Allied Health

- School of Nursing and Allied Health Applied Research Committee, Chair, 2019-2023 & 2024-Present
- School of Nursing and Allied Health New Faculty Evaluation Tool Committee, Member, 2024
- School of Nursing and Allied Health Tenure Committee, Member, 2022-Present

- School of Nursing and Allied Health Applied Research Committee, Member, 2023-Present
- BSN Prelicensure Committee, Member, 2012 – Present
- BSN Curriculum Committee, Member, 2013 – 2023
- BSN Professional Standards Tool Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Co-Chair, 2020-2021
- BSN Professional Standards Tool Ad Hoc Committee, Member, 2019
- School of Nursing Continuing Education Committee, Member, 2012 – 2016

Community

- What Could BG Be? Public Health Pillar Committee, Member, 2025 – Present
- Southcentral Kentucky Dental Health Coalition, Co-Chair, 2025 – Present
- BRIGHT (Barren River Initiative to Get Healthy Together) Coalition Annual Workshop Planning Committee, Member, 2025 – Present
- BRIGHT (Barren River Initiative to Get Healthy Together) Coalition Community Health Improvement Plan Data Committee, Member, 2025 – Present
- BRIGHT (Barren River Initiative to Get Healthy Together) Coalition Community Health Assessment Data Committee, Co-Chair, 2024 – Present
- BRIGHT (Barren River Initiative to Get Healthy Together) Coalition, Board Member, 2024 – Present
- 2024 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference, Volunteer
 - Raising Hope Mental Health Screenings, January 3, 2024
- BRIGHT (Barren River Initiative to Get Healthy Together) Coalition, Community Member, 2023 – Present
- The Down Syndrome Society of South-Central Kentucky, Volunteer
 - Buddy Walk/Step Up for Down Syndrome Planning Committee, 2021 – Present
- The Down Syndrome Society of South Central Kentucky, Co-Chair
 - Buddy Walk/Step Up for Down Syndrome Planning Committee, 2018 – 2020
- The Down Syndrome Society of South Central Kentucky, Volunteer
 - Buddy Walk Planning Committee, 2014 – 2018
- The Down Syndrome Society of South Central Kentucky, Volunteer
 - Five Year Planning Committee, 2014 – 2015

- The Down Syndrome Society of South Central Kentucky, Volunteer
 - Crafts Class for Adults, Summer 2014
- WKU Progressive Agricultural Safety Day, Volunteer
 - Presentation Evaluator, September 28, 2017

Professional

- Kentucky Rural Telehealth Summit, Planning Committee, Member, 2024 – 2025
- The Asclepius Initiative, Board Member, 2024 – 2025
- The Asclepius Initiative, Research Advisory Committee, Member, 2023 – 2025
- Western Kentucky Heart and Lung Research Foundation and Educational Trust Research Symposium Planning Committee Member, 2022-2024
- 2022 National Title IV-E Roundtable for Child Welfare Training and Education, Committee Member, May 17-19, 2022
- Sigma Theta Tau International, Kappa Theta Chapter, Governance Committee Member, 2021-2025
- Southern Farmer Rancher Stress Assistance Network (S-FRSAN): Farmer Suicide Prevention Community-Based Network, Professional Consultant and QPR (Question Persuade Refer) Suicide Prevention Trainer, 2020-Present
- Nursing Education Perspectives, Peer Reviewer, 2020-Current
- Kentucky Nurses Helping Nurses Helping Nurses Program, Member, 2020
- Pearson Education, Peer Reviewer, 2017
- Journal of Primary Care and Community Health, Peer Reviewer, 2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Western Kentucky Heart and Lung/Med Center Health Research Symposium
 - Poster Competition, High Impact Award, Recipient – 2024
- WKU University Faculty Award for Excellence in Research/Creative Activity, Nominee – 2023
- Sigma Theta Tau International, Kappa Theta Chapter
 - Excellence in Research Award, Recipient – 2020
- The Down Syndrome Society of South Central Kentucky
 - Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk: Community Volunteer of the Year, Recipient – 2019

- The Down Syndrome Society of South Central Kentucky
 - Educator of the Year: Starfish Award, Recipient – 2018
- The Down Syndrome Society of South Central Kentucky
 - Chris Allen Community Buddy Award: Advocate of the Year, Recipient – 2015
- The Down Syndrome Society of South Central Kentucky
 - Buddy Walk: Community Volunteer of the Year, Recipient – 2015
- Vanderbilt School of Nursing
 - Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship Scholarship, Recipient- 2005 – 2006
- Vanderbilt School of Nursing
 - School of Nursing Dean's Fund Scholarship, Recipient- 2004 – 2005

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Sigma Theta Tau International, Kappa Theta Chapter, Member, 2020-Present
- American Nurses Association, Member, 2013 – Present
- Kentucky Nurses Association, Member, 2013 – Present
- National League of Nursing, Member, 2015-Present
- Kentucky League of Nursing, Member, 2016-2017
- Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives, Member, 2015 – 2016
- American College Health Association, Member, 2011 – 2012
- Sigma Theta Tau International, Iota Chapter, Member, 2006 – 2008

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSURE

- Kentucky Licensed Registered Nurse, January 2011 – Present
- Kentucky Licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, January 2011 – Present
- American Nursing Credentialing Center (ANCC), Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, November 2006 – Present
- QPR (Question Persuade Refer) Certified Gatekeeper Instructor for Suicide Prevention, June 2020 – Present