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## **EDUCATION**

DSW 1997 Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University  
MSW 1988 Hunter College School of Social Work, The City University of New York  
BS 1977 George Peabody College for Teachers, Vanderbilt University

## **GRANTS**

5/02-4/03 PSC-CUNY Planning for the Continuous Care of Children in HIV  
Affected Families  
5/02-4/03 PIAF Social Worker's Knowledge, Attitudes & Behavior:  
Future Care & Custody Planning For HIV Affected Families  
4/01-4/02 PSC-CUNY The Relationship of Social Support and Mood to HIV Disclosure  
Within Families  
4/01-4/02 PIAF Supplement to above  
  
1993-2000 Ryan White The Women's Project: Harm Reduction for HIV Positive,  
Chemically Dependent Women  
1995-2000 NYSDOH Families In Transition: Permanency Planning for HIV-Affected  
Families  
1997-1999 Liz Claiborne Early Support Group Project

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Letteney, S. (2002). Issues confronting HIV-affected families. Social Work Today  
(February 18), p. 22-23.

Letteney, S. (2000). How do I tell my children? HIV, IV drugs, and disclosure.  
The Counselor, (March/April), 13-17.

Beckerman, N., **Letteney, S.**, & Lorber, K. (2000). Couples of mixed HIV status: Key  
emotional issues. Social Work in Health Care, 31 (4), 25-41.

## PRESENTATIONS

- Demas, P., Lee, S., **Letteney, S.**, Allison, S., Simoni, J., Becker, L., Porricolo, M., Burton-Goode, J., & New, M. (2002). Issues facing children infected with HIV and their caregivers. Presented in Poster Session at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Letteney, S. (2001). Deconstructing stigma: The role of perceived stigma in the disclosure patterns of HIV seropositive mothers. Paper presented at the New York State Social Work Education Association 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Albany, NY.
- Franchi, D., Krauss, B., **Letteney, S.**, & Silverman, F. (2000). Future care and custody: Constants and changes in a half-decade of program experience with HIV-affected families. Paper presented at the Eighth Annual National Institute of Mental Health Conference, "The Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS," Chicago, IL.
- Krauss, B.J., Franchi, D., **Letteney, S.**, & Silverman, F. (1999). Caregiver contact and cultural sensitivity as predictors of successful future care and custody planning with HIV seropositive families [Abstract]. F. Lamb-Parker, J. Hagen, R. Robinson, & C. Clark (Eds.), Summary of Conference Proceedings: Children and families in an era of rapid change (p. 530). Washington, DC: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.
- Silverman, F., Franchi, D., Krauss, B., & **Letteney, S.** (1999). The referral problems of HIV positive parents: Influence on accessing permanency planning. Presented in Poster Session at the Seventh Annual National Institute of Mental Health Conference, "The Role of the Family in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS," Philadelphia, PA.
- Letteney, S. (1998). Disclosure of HIV status from seropositive mothers to their children: Implications for social work policy and practice. Paper presented at the Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work Conference, "HIV and Diversity," New York, NY.
- Krauss, B.J., Franchi, D., **Letteney, S.**, & Silverman, F. (1998). Caregiver contact and cultural sensitivity as predictors of successful future care and custody planning with HIV seropositive families. Presented in Poster Session at "Children and Families in an Era of Rapid Change," Head Start's Fourth National Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Letteney, S. (1996). Disclosure of HIV serostatus from mothers to children: Influencing factors. Paper presented at the 124th Annual Meeting and Exposition of The American Public Health Association, New York, NY.

Letteney, S. (1996). Women and harm reduction. Seminar presented at Gay Men's Health Crisis "Substance Use Counseling and Education and HIV Prevention Forum," New York, NY.

Silverman, F., Franchi, D., **Letteney, S.**, & Krauss, B. (1996). Permanency planning for HIV infected mothers and their children: Strengthening families and building new ones. Paper presented at the Association for the Care of Children's Health 31st Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Watkins, S., Franchi, D., Krauss, B., Silverman, F., **Letteney, S.** (1996). A hospital/community program for permanency planning in HIV-affected families. Presented in Poster Session at the XI-th International Conference on AIDS, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Letteney, S., Krauss, B.J., Silverman, F., Franchi, D., & Watkins, S. (1995). The role of outreach workers in serving HIV affected families: A professional/peer model of outreach. Paper presented at the Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work, "HIV and Diversity," Conference, New York, NY.

Letteney, S. (1995). A program model for reaching high-risk women on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Paper presented at the Harm Reduction Coalition Northeast Conference, "Drugs, Sex and Harm Reduction," New York, NY.

Krauss, B.J., Letteney, S., Silverman, F., Franchi, D., & Watkins, S. (1995). Families in Transition-Permanency planning for HIV affected families, a hospital/community collaboration. Presented in Poster Session at the Third Annual National Institute of Mental Health Research Conference, "The Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS," Chantilly, VA.

## **YORK COLLEGE SERVICE**

Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program, Faculty Mentor  
Faculty Senate, Member  
Elections Committee, Member  
Internal Review Board, Member  
Social Work Club, Faculty Advisor  
Women's History Month, Moderator

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

National Association of Social Workers  
Clinical Society of Social Workers  
Social Work in Research  
Society for the Study of Psychological Problems

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

New York State Certified Social Worker  
Academy of Certified Social Workers  
Field Instructor (SIFE)  
New York State Certified Divorce Mediator