Collaborating to Increase Awareness, Capacity, and Response to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Support in Rural Communities

Dr. Amanda Rumsey's research agenda focuses on topics related to trauma and secondary traumatic stress, supporting vulnerable children and adolescents, and professional counselor development. Her professional counseling background includes over 20 years of working with children and adolescents in residential treatment centers, agencies, therapeutic wilderness programs, and public schools. She has collaborated on multiple research studies and her work has been published in *Professional School Counseling, Counselor Education and Supervision,* and the *Journal of Addictions & Offender Counseling* to name a few. Amanda has also collaborated on multiple grant applications and currently serves as Co-PI on the SAMHSA practitioner education grant, “REAL Counselor Training and Development: Reinforcing Education through Addictions-focused Learning” and as PI on an ADR grant entitled “An Exploration of a Rural Community Response to Youth Impacted by the Opioid Epidemic.”

Amanda will share preliminary findings from a collaborative study she is conducting with Dr. Corrine Sackett and Dr. Liz Boyd and discuss other collaboration efforts and future goals for her work.

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