

Begun Bulletin



New Staff

New Notice of Awards

Dissemination, Media
Articles &
Interviews

Shout-outs



Upcoming Birthdays

February

14: Margaret Good
19: Jenny Row
20: Laura Overman
23: Adrian Johnson

March

03: Ric Kruszynski
04: Kelly Fischietto
05: Rodney Thomas
12: Michael Sanford

Celebrating Workiversaries

THANK YOU
for another year!

February

Vaishali Deo

March

Melissa Maxey
Rodney Thomas

New Staff

Jesse Bassett - Research Associate

He will be working with Jeff Kretschmar's team on two new projects Cuyahoga County BJA VIP Court, and Cuyahoga County Drug Court Expansion.



Kathryn Potoma - Research Associate

She will be working with Richard Kruszynski's SUDCOE team.



Elizabeth Schultheis - Research Associate

She will be working with Michelle-Riske Morris' team on the Evaluation of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Program.



Welcome to the Team



Emma McCann has been promoted to Research Associate effective January 1, 2025. CONGRATULATIONS!!

New Projects Awarded:

- * Cleveland Co-responder Evaluation
(PI - Dr. Flannery)
- * CCJC Safe Harbor Evaluation 2025
(PI - Dr. Kretschmar)
- * County of Orange ACT Training
(PI - J. Evenden)
- * ECHO Federal & state Grants
(PI - B. Beale)

Important Announcements

2025 CWRU compliance training is due on March 31. Please refer to Liza Palazzo's email.

The Request for Authorization to Travel form needs to be submitted by **ONLY** the BEGUN team, not the CIP and CEBP team. Please reach out to Paula Kertes or Madhurima Mallik-Banerjee for the form.

CIP Department Administrator - PATRICIA ROSS MARTIN, has retired. CIP's Adrian Johnson, Dept. Administrator, will solely be the point of contact for the Center.

Dissemination & Media Articles

Katherine Lewis co-authored an article on "Opportunities to Address Health Disparities in Suicidality for Sexual and Gender Minority Youth in Public Systems" which was published in Mental Health Science Journal in Dec 2024.

Shout-Outs

Three Begun Center employees earn "Whatever It Takes" award - Erin Fiorito, Maureen Kishna and Pamela Mitterling have all been recognized by the "Multisystemic Therapy (MST) services' : Whatever It Takes" Program. This recognition is given to individuals within the MST community who have demonstrated outstanding and meritorious service. CONGRATULATIONS!!