

Amy Korsch-Williams, MSSA, CNM, LISW-S

Faculty Biographical Sketch

Amy Korsch-Williams is an Instructor and the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Field Education & Instruction at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. She joined the faculty full time in 2016 after spending 17 years in leadership roles within child welfare, public health and community behavioral health practice settings. Ms. Korsch-Williams' focus at the Mandel School is centered around ensuring that all students receive enriching, high quality field education experiences that successfully prepare them for future careers as professional social workers.

Ms. Korsch-Williams is a graduate of John Carroll University (BA, 1999) and Case Western Reserve University (MSSA, 2004; CNM, 2011). She is a licensed independent social worker with a practice background in early childhood and infant mental health and development, trauma informed care, child and adolescent behavioral health and early intervention. Ms. Korsch-Williams also has an extensive background as a successful grant writer. Prior to joining the school, Ms. Korsch-Williams served for eight years as a member of executive leadership and Senior Manager at Crossroads Lake County Adolescent Counseling Services in Mentor, Ohio. As part of her role as the Director of Early Childhood Services, she served as an Early Head Start Director and as the Director of Lake County's Early Intervention program, Help Me Grow. Ms. Korsch-Williams also served as the Director of the Help Me Grow program for five years while working for the Lake County General Health District before joining Crossroads in 2007.

Ms. Korsch-Williams began her career in child welfare, working as a social worker for the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services. Her commitment to and passion for teaching and field education began to take shape during her many years as a Field Instructor for the Mandel School, working with students in the Full Time, Intensive Weekend and Child Welfare Fellows programs. In addition to teaching and early childhood practice, her areas of interests include attachment, parent-child relationships, trauma, trauma informed practice, self-care, women's leadership, and nonprofit management. Ms. Korsch-Williams is a faculty affiliate of the Center on Trauma and Adversity and holds expertise in in complex trauma and trauma informed assessment and intervention at the individual, organizational and community levels. She contributes nationally to the training and professional development of students, educators and practitioners in the area of trauma informed care in developing a framework for trauma informed social work education, both in the classroom and in field education