

## MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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**David S. Crampton, MSW, Ph.D.**, is an Associate Professor of Social Work at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. He received his Ph.D. in Social Work and Political Science from the University of Michigan in 2001 and joined the faculty of CWRU in 2002. Prior to joining CWRU, he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Michigan's International Institute where he participated in a seminar entitled "Contested Childhood in a Changing Global Order." He has a master's degree in Social Work and a master's degree in Public Policy, both from the University of Michigan. He received his undergraduate degree in Russian Studies from Oberlin College. From 1995-2001 he worked as a program evaluator in Kent County, Michigan where he helped implement and evaluate child welfare reform initiatives that included the use of Family Group Decision Making to divert children from foster care and into kinship care. An evaluation of this program was funded by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation and the U.S. Children's Bureau and was the topic of his Ph.D. dissertation. He has taught courses in child welfare policy, policy analysis, program evaluation, and public management. Prior to working in child welfare, he was an aide to former U.S. Senators Tim Wirth (D-CO) and Bob Kerrey (D-NE). Since joining MSASS, he has successfully taught policy classes for MSSA students numerous times.

His primary research interests concern the evaluation of child welfare programs and specifically the use of family meetings in cases of child maltreatment. He is currently implementing research with the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services and the Annie E Casey Foundation on their use of Team Decisionmaking.

More recently, he is part of an effort in Cuyahoga County to use social impact funding to serve homeless parents who have children in foster care with the aspiration of returning the children to their parents more quickly by providing housing and case management to the family.

With CWRU colleagues, he completed a study of how Cleveland neighborhood characteristics relate to DCFS investigations. He plans to use this research to inform a study of how neighborhood organizations called "collaboratives" can help reduce child abuse. Among other things, the collaboratives attend Team Decisionmaking meetings.