

# Roni Diamant-Wilson

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## Education

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Ph.D. Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago  
M.S.W. School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley  
M.S.N. School of Nursing, University of California, San Francisco  
B.S.N. School of Nursing, San Jose State University  
B.A. Department of Political Science, University at Albany, SUNY

## Summary of Professional Experience

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Dr. Diamant-Wilson is committed to improving the lives of vulnerable populations by integrating practice and research to help meet the needs of marginalized children, families, and communities. As a nurse practitioner she provided care to young people who sought sexual and reproductive health services and found that a number of the youth seeking care were also in foster care. Her interactions with these youth motivated her to return to school to study social work, first to obtain an MSW degree and later a doctoral degree in social work.

## Research Experience

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### Research Associate

#### **National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG)**

#### **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Helen Bader School of Social Work, 2017-2019**

The QIC-AG was a five-year federally funded research project established by the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families. The QIC-AG team worked with eight sites across the nation to test evidence-based interventions that sought to facilitate permanence and ensure long-term stability for children who exited foster care through adoption or guardianship.

- Conducted literature reviews.
- Designed and implemented on-line surveys.
- Interviewed study participants.
- Analyzed data using SPSS and Atlas.ti software.
- Prepared and authored manuscripts for peer review and project reports

### PhD Dissertation Research

#### **University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, 2011-2017**

Conducted a sequential mixed methods study investigating how adolescents and transitional age youth in foster care are supported to engage in healthy intimate relationships and safer sex practices.

- Critically examined research literature and developed robust research questions.
- Analyzed quantitative data using univariate, bivariate and multivariate statistics.
- Analyzed qualitative data using grounded theory methods.
- Developed proficiency in SPSS and MAXQDA software.

### **Research Assistant**

#### **Recognize, Engage, Affirm, Love (get *R.E.A.L*)**

#### **University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, 2013-2015**

get *R.E.A.L.* is a Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) initiative to improve the sexual health and identity development of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) children and youth in the child welfare system.

- Conducted statistical analyses assessing pre/posttests from participants at three transgender convenings held in different parts of California.
- Obtained LGBTQ curricula from child welfare agencies in all 50 states and assessed areas lacking LGBTQ education.
- Conducted literature reviews on LGBTQ intersectionality and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) among foster youth.
- Interviewed child welfare workers in the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), California regarding abuse/neglect reporting of Latinx youth.

### **Research Assistant**

#### **Adult Connections Team (ACT) Project**

#### **University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, 2012-2013**

The Adult Connections Project was a five-year longitudinal, experimental study investigating an intervention targeted to improve the relational capacities and employment opportunities of young people in foster care.

- Entered and managed research data in SPSS.
- Prepared Institutional Review Board (IRB) amendments.
- Collaborated with child welfare stakeholders in interdisciplinary team meetings.

### **Research Assistant**

#### **Health Disparities Among HIV Clients**

#### **University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work School of Social Work, 2011-2012**

Assisted principal investigator's (PI) research on interventions that retain African American adults in HIV/AIDS treatment.

- Conducted literature review on the practice implications with HIV/AIDS clients.
- Critically reviewed articles in preparation for publication.
- Obtained proficiency in Excel, Microsoft Word and reference software.

### **Graduate Student Researcher**

#### **California Connected by 25 Initiative (CC25I)**

#### **University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare, 2008-2010**

CC25I is a collaborative effort by five funding foundations to assist California public child welfare agencies to improve practice and outcomes statewide for young people in foster care.

- Assisted eleven foster care agencies with Social Solution's Efforts to Outcome (ETO) software.
- Inputted vital data on foster youth including assessments, point of service tracking and demographic information.
- Mentored social service agency personnel on ETO to maximize program utilization.

## Publications

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### Peer Reviewed Publications

- Diamant-Wilson, R.** & Leathers, S. (2020). Safer sex strategies and the role of gender among African American youth transitioning from foster care. *Children and Youth Services Review, 111*, 104798. doi: 10.1016/j.chilyouth.2020.104798
- Diamant-Wilson, R.** & Blakey, J. (2019). "Strap up:" Sexual socialization and safer sex practices among African American youth in foster care. *Child Abuse & Neglect, 88*, 466-477. doi: 10.1016/j.chiabu.2018.08.007.
- Robertson Diamant, R.** (2013). The invisibility of adolescent sexual development in foster care: Seriously addressing sexually transmitted infections and access to services. *Children and Youth Services Review, 35*, 493-504. doi: 10.1016/j.chilyouth.2012.12.009.

### Manuscripts Under Peer Review

- Diamant-Wilson, R.** & Williams, J. (*R & R received August 2020*). Normative sexual health development in non-normative circumstances: Exploring healthy intimate relationships among youth in foster care. *Journal of Adolescent Research*.

Leathers, S., **Diamant-Wilson, R.**, Spielfogel, J., Annes, L., Thomas, A., & Garrett-Wilson, S. (*R & R received August 2020*). Team Decision-making Service Planning: Fidelity and Initial Outcomes Among Youth at Risk for Multiple Placement Disruptions. *Children and Youth Services Review*.

### Chapter in Edited Book

- Rolock, N., White, K., Perez, K., Fong, R. & **Diamant-Wilson, R.** (2020). Families formed through adoption and guardianship. In M. Hanna, R. Fong, N. Rolock, & R. McRoy (Eds.). *Introduction to child welfare: A culturally responsive, multisystemic, evidence-based approach* (Chapter 15). New York: Cognella Press.

### Professional Reports

- Rolock, N., **Diamant-Wilson, R.**, Blakey, J., Zhang, L., White, K., Cho, Y., Fong, R. (2019). Evaluation results from Wisconsin-Final evaluation report. In Rolock, N. & Fong, R. (Eds.). *Supporting adoption and guardianship: Evaluation of the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG)-Final evaluation report*. (pp. 7-1 – 7-68). Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. <http://hdl.handle.net/2186/ksl:2006056699>
- Rolock, N., **Diamant-Wilson, R.**, White, K., Cho, Y., & Fong, R. (2019). Evaluation results from Tennessee-Final evaluation report. In Rolock, N. & Fong, R. (Eds.). *Supporting adoption and guardianship: Evaluation of the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG)-Final evaluation report*. (pp. 9-1 – 9-66). Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. <http://hdl.handle.net/2186/ksl:2006056701>

- Rolock, N., White, K., Cho, Y., Zhang, L., **Diamant-Wilson, R.**, & Fong, R. (2019). Evaluation results from Illinois-Final evaluation report. In Rolock, N. & Fong, R. (Eds.). *Supporting adoption and guardianship: Evaluation of the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG)-Final evaluation report*. (pp. 6-1 – 6-74). Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. <http://hdl.handle.net/2186/ksl:2006056698>
- White, K., Rolock, N., Cho, Y., **Diamant-Wilson, R.**, & Fong, R. (2019). Evaluation results from Catawba County, North Carolina-Final evaluation report. In Rolock, N. & Fong, R. (Eds.). *Supporting adoption and guardianship: Evaluation of the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG)-Final evaluation report*. (pp. 8-1 – 8-51). Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. <http://hdl.handle.net/2186/ksl:2006056700>
- Ocasio, K., Rolock, N., White, K., Cho, Y., **Diamant-Wilson, R.**, MacKenzie, M., Greenfield, B., & Fong, R. (2019). Evaluation results from New Jersey-Final evaluation report. In Rolock, N. & Fong, R. (Eds.). *Supporting adoption and guardianship: Evaluation of the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG)-Final evaluation report*. (pp. 5-1 – 5-73). Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. <http://hdl.handle.net/2186/ksl:2006056697>
- Rolock, N. & **Diamant-Wilson, R.** (2018). Tennessee Data Summary: Results of the ASAP Staff Survey. Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG) survey results provided to the Tennessee QIC-AG team and Adoption Support and Preservation Program (ASAP) staff.
- White, K. R., Rolock, N., Testa, M. F., Ringeisen, H., Childs, S., Johnson, S., & **Diamant-Wilson, R.** (2018). Understanding Post Adoption and Guardianship Instability for Children and Youth Who Exit Foster Care: Literature Review and Conceptual Framework (report submitted to the Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).

## **Social Work Practice and Community Service**

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### **Indivisible San Francisco, CA, 2020-present**

- Vote Forward – letter-writing campaign to increase voter turnout in November 2020 including writing over 1000 letters to potential voters.
- Text banking for the Payback Project. Peer-to-peer texting program (Text Out) to ensure voters in key states vote in the upcoming elections.

### **Children's Book Project, San Francisco, CA, 2018-present**

- Board member for the Children's Book Project a non-profit literacy organization that provides free books to children/youth who need them in San Francisco and the Bay Area.
- Activities include survey development, grant writing, political advocacy, fund-raising, and programming for the organization.

**Coalition on Homelessness (COH), San Francisco, CA, 2017-2018**

- Analyzed Street Sheet (homeless) newspaper database to determine statistics for grant funding.
- Conducted focus group with Street Sheet vendors to obtain feedback on the newspaper's quality and distribution efforts.
- Collaborated with COH staff in preparation to write grant that would improve the financial stability of Street Sheet vendors.
- Engaged with vendors and staff as a frontline office worker.

**Medical Social Worker, DRG Professional Health Care Staffing, South San Francisco, CA, 2011**

- Conducted intakes/assessments of renal dialysis and/or kidney transplant patients in three medical centers.
- Planned inpatient discharges referring patients to home health and outpatient services.
- Participated in interdisciplinary case conferences and utilization reviews.

**MSW Intern, San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and their Families (DCYF), 2009-2010**

- Interviewed directors and developed plan to form intermediary of 10 transitioning youth-serving organizations in San Francisco.
- Reviewed case management and workforce development standards.
- Represented DCYFs on the Foster Care Task Force Committee.

**MSW Intern, National Center for Youth Law (NCYL), 2008-2009**

- Created web-based toolkit for legislators/policy-makers on minor consent guidelines.
- Developed resources to assist youth in accessing sensitive health services.
- Analyzed NCYL financial and human resource capacities and provided report to NCYL executive director.

## **Nursing Practice**

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**COVID-19 Contract Tracing, Johns Hopkins University through Coursera, June 2020**

- Completed certification course to investigate COVID-19 cases and trace contacts.

**Nurse Practitioner, La Clinica de La Raza, 2012-2013 (summers)**

- Provided primary care to students at two high school-based health centers.
- Conducted physical examinations, pregnancy testing, and sexually transmitted infection detection and treatment
- Assessed and treated acute and chronic illnesses.

**Nurse Practitioner, Dimensions LGBTQ Clinic, San Francisco Department of Public Health, Castro-Mission Health Center, San Francisco, CA 2009-2011**

- Provided primary health care to LGBTQ youth ages 12 to 24 years old.
- Treated acute and chronic illnesses.
- Delivered appropriate hormonal therapy and psychosocial support for transgender youth who were transitioning.

**Public Health Nurse, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA 2006-2008**

- Managed the health care needs of over 300 foster youth: ensured foster youth received regular medical and dental care, appropriate insurance coverage and updated Health and Education Passports. Collaborated closely with child welfare social workers.
- Created health education materials and distributed over 350 packets on pregnancy and STI prevention to foster youth, social workers and public health nurses.
- Assisted in linking quantitative data from San Francisco Communicable Disease Control and Prevention and San Francisco Children and Family Services to evaluate the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections in the foster care population.

**Co-Chair, Adolescent Minor Consent Committee, San Francisco Department of Public Health, 1999-2000**

- Assisted in formulating and writing the San Francisco Department of Public Health's policy on Consent and Confidentiality for Non-Emergency Health Care of Dependent Minors (Ages 12- 17) which was signed by the head of the health department.

**Nurse Practitioner, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA, 1990-2006**

- **Balboa Teen Health Center:**  
*Clinical:* Lead clinician responsible for providing health care to 1000 multi-cultural, inner-city high school youth; collaborated with social workers, therapists and health educators to provide integrated primary health care, including acute and chronic illnesses, trauma and emergency care, sexual and reproductive health care/treatment, and preventative health services; participated in interdisciplinary case conferences. *Mentoring:* Preceptor for student nurse practitioners (NPs), registered nurses (RNs), medical students and fellows rotating through the clinic; supervised other NPs, RNs and health workers in the clinic. *Administrative:* Collaborated with the school principal, teachers and officials to maximize clinic utilization; worked with school administration to coordinate emergency care to students; updated medical protocols; created and updated orientation manual; participated in the Nurse Practitioner Practice Group at the SFDPH.
- **Hip Hop to Health Clinic:** Provided primary health care to adolescents in disenfranchised area of San Francisco with limited access to medical care, psychosocial support and HIV prevention services. Coordinated care with the clinic's HIV and mental health counselors, outreached to youth at nearby schools and worked with local community to enhance health outcomes.

## Teaching Experience

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**Instructor, University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, Spring Semester 2017: Social Welfare Policy (MSW students)**

Provided an overview of the history of social welfare policy, the development of the current social welfare system, and social welfare policies and service delivery in relation to social and economic justice.

**Instructor, University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, Fall Semester 2017: HIV/AIDS: Social Work Challenges (MSW students)**

Examined the psychosocial, cultural, and medical dimensions of HIV/AIDS as these issues related to social work practice and policy. Explored the impact on at-risk racial/ethnic and cultural groups, and system and community responses.

**Guest Lecturer, University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, 2016**

Lectured on mixed methods research in Social Work Research course.

**Guest Lecturer, University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, 2016**

Lectured on adolescent development in Human Behavior and the Social Environment.

**Guest Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare, 2010**

Lectured on career paths to social work in Social Welfare Undergraduate Colloquium.

**Associate Clinical Professor, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing, 1991-2006**

Clinical preceptor for 45 Masters-track nurse practitioner students and 30 medical Fellows and/or Residents who rotated through Balboa Teen Health Center in San Francisco. Also taught adolescent health and development classes to nurse practitioner students and medical students at the UCSF.

## **Presentations**

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### *National Presentations*

Williams, J., & **Diamant-Wilson, R.** (October 2020). *Normative sexual health development in non-normative circumstances: Exploring safer sex practices among youth in foster care.* Accepted (round table) paper for the 2020 Annual American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. Virtual.

**Diamant-Wilson, R.** (November 2019). *"Every time I got in there I get tested, and I leave out calm:" Gender differences in STI/HIV testing and condom use among young people in foster care.* Poster presented at the 2019 Annual American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

**Diamant-Wilson, R.** (October 2019). *Gender differences in STI/HIV testing and condom use among transitional age African American youth in foster care.* Poster presented at the 9th Conference of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adults (SSEA). Toronto, Canada.

**Diamant-Wilson, R.** (November 2016). *Perspectives from transitional age youth in foster care who protect against STIs/HIV.* Paper presented at the 2016 Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

**Diamant-Wilson, R.** (January 2016). *"I tell her everything:" Social support and sexual well-being among adolescents in foster care,* Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington D.C.

**Diamant-Wilson, R.** (October 2014). *Gender identity and expression of children and LGBTQ: Curriculum development in the child welfare system*. Paper presented at the National Staff Development and Training Association (NSDTA) Annual Conference. Louisville, KY.

**Robertson, R. D.** (November 1996). The partner support program: A teen pregnancy prevention program *Minor consent and confidentiality*. Paper presentation at the 1996 Annual American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. New York, New York.

#### *Local Presentations*

**Robertson, R. D.** (January 2009). *Community issues and foster care*. Social Justice Symposium. University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare. Moderator for panel discussion.

**Robertson, R. D.** (January 2008). The history and development of the foster care task force. San Francisco General Hospital Family and Community Medicine. San Francisco CA. Invited speaker.

**Robertson, R. D.** (October 2002). *Consent and confidentiality*. Northern California's Planned Parenthood Conference. San Francisco CA. Invited speaker.

**Robertson, R. D.** (November 2002). *Minor consent and confidentiality*. 3rd Bay Area Adolescent Health Conference. Asilomar, California. Conducted workshop.

**Robertson, R. D.** (November 2000). *Minor consent and confidentiality*. 2nd Bay Area Adolescent Health Conference. San Francisco, CA. Conducted workshop.

## **Honors/Awards/Scholarships**

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Magna Cum Laude, University of California, Berkeley School of Social Welfare

Recognized by former San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom for my extended service as a nurse practitioner at Balboa Teen Health Center

Selected as a member of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Content Expert Panel, American Nurses Credentialing Center

Scored #1 both in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Adolescent Nurse Practitioner Civil Service Exam, SFDPH