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**Profile
Summary**

- Experienced program director with a successful career in agency, health and public health research management and a strong interest in public health policy.
 - Proficient at interfacing with others at all agency levels, policy-makers and community partners, to ensure organizational goals are attained.
 - Skillful leader in collaborative approaches which have resulted in policy, personnel and program successes.
 - Excellent interpersonal, analytical, writing and organizational skills.
 - Proven decision-making and communications skills within academic, research and non-profit environments.
 - Effective manager with the skills necessary to direct, train, and motivate staff and teams to their fullest potential.
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Employment

The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Research
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)
Chapel Hill, NC

2013- Present

Associate Director for Research Initiatives

The UNC Sheps Center seeks to improve the health of individuals, families, and populations by understanding the problems, issues, and alternatives in the design and delivery of health care services.

- provide Center administrative oversight and support
- manage multiple health-related research programs and projects
- support hiring and start-up for projects as needed
- support multiple investigators to develop new grant proposals

Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health (COPH)
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
Little Rock, AR

2004 -2013

Program Director

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded evaluation of the implementation of Arkansas Legislative Act 1220 to Combat Childhood Obesity, and subsequent public school policy and procedure changes.

- coordinate all multi-year data collection activities, direct study staff efforts and resources in a cost-efficient manner
- coordinate qualitative and quantitative data management activities to maintain and monitor progress toward study goals and objectives
- organize multi-site efforts with other obesity research grantees;
- maintain and document web-based and print information dissemination
- manage research assistant and graduate student personnel in a fast-paced, dynamic research environment
- comply with Institutional Review Board (IRB) policies and procedures
- coordinate annual budgeting process and other reporting requirements with institution and funding agency
- liaison for investigators, community partners and funder agency
- contribute to dissemination efforts, including writing reports, presentations, and manuscript publications
- coordinate dissemination including report preparation, presentations, and manuscript publications

Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, AR

2011-2013

Program Administrator

Prevention Research Center (AR-PRC) funded by the Centers for Disease Control.

- coordinate efforts of the UAMS CPH PRC core units to meet action plan goals
- comply with Institutional Review Board (IRB) policies and procedures
- coordinate annual budgeting process and other reporting requirements with institution and funding agency
- liaison for investigators, community partners and funder agency
- contribute to dissemination efforts, including writing reports, presentations, and manuscript publications
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Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, AR

2005-2007

Program Coordinator

Arkansas Tobacco Cessation Network (ATCN) state-wide program

- supervise 12 face-to-face tobacco cessation intervention counselors, within budget and project guidelines and protocols
- hire, train and evaluate job performance of clinical personnel
- manage nicotine replacement medication (NRT) distribution
- sustain good relationships with clinic or hospital host
- assist the Interventionists in professional & clinical skills development & successful execution of treatment program
- contribute to dissemination efforts, including writing reports, presentations, and manuscript publications

Division of Preventive Medicine
University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
Birmingham, AL

2001-2003

Program Coordinator and Clinic Manager

Women's Health Initiative (WHI), a multi-year, multi-center NIH-funded, observational study and clinical trial.

- ensure that all aspects of the complex protocol were conducted as required
- coordinate clinic exams, telephone interviews, and retention activities for 4,000+ participants
- direct study staff efforts and resources in a cost-efficient manner
- maintain and monitor progress toward study goals and objectives
- supervision of study personnel, including first line supervisors
- communication liaison between UAB, the coordinating center, other clinical centers, and the funding agency
- dissemination of information and reports

AIDS Alabama, Inc.
Birmingham, AL

1998-2001

Project Coordinator

Demonstration project development of a living facility sponsored by a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) demonstration grant, intended to permanently shelter HIV+, multiply diagnosed individuals, who cannot live independently.

- manage all aspects of development and construction, policies and procedures for operation, marketing and promotion for the facility

- establishment of an *Alabama Medicaid AIDS Waiver* planning committee, to secure future funding for the facility (the state AIDS Waiver began in 2002)
- launch evaluation and research in the agency, based on the HUD demonstration grant requirements, thus building agency capacity
- establish an agency-wide computerized Client Records system, streamlined documentation and evaluation process
- 1999 statewide Needs Assessment Survey of 400+ persons with HIV/AIDS: supervise all aspects of the instrument design and development, needs assessment, data collection, dissemination, use and publication of that data, with an agency IRB panel; contribute to, and coordinate, dissemination including report preparation, presentations, and manuscript publications

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
Birmingham, AL

1997-1998

Data Information Coordinator

Women Involved in Life Learning from Other Women Program, a 5-year study of behavioral interventions with HIV+ women.

- research team design of assessment instruments, recruitment procedures and implementation of the program

UAB 1917 Outpatient Clinic
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL

1996-1997

HIV Educator and Volunteer Coordinator

As a *National AIDS Fund/AmeriCorps* member, one year of service to the HIV/AIDS community.

- supervise of 40+ volunteers in a clinical /health setting
- collaborate with other service organizations on community projects
- serve on Patient Advisory Board, as staff representative
- public speaker on HIV/AIDS education, training, and outreach presentations

Education	Master of Arts, Education	1994
	and Bachelor of Science	1988
	University of Alabama at Birmingham	
	Graduate Certificate in Conflict Mediation	2009
	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	
Leadership	<u>Appointments and Service Positions</u>	
	UAMS Chancellor's Diversity Committee, served as <i>Committee Chair</i> for four years.	2005-2010
	Invited Guest Speaker annually for multiple courses, classes, workshops, trainings and conferences related to diversity issues and cultural competency, particularly in health/ public health settings.	2005-2013
	UAMS Health Disparities Task Force (disbanded 2010).	2006-2010
	UAMS House of Delegates, representative for UAMS <i>College of Public Health</i> .	2007-2011
	Child Health Advisory Committee for the State of Arkansas, on Nutrition & Physical Activity in Schools - appointed representative for the UAMS <i>Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health</i> . Vice-Chair (2008-2010), Chair (2010-2013).	2008-2013
	<i>Arkansas Women's Project Social Justice Fellowship Program Award</i> recipient.	2008

HIV/AIDS Minority Task Force , for the State of Arkansas, appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to serve as the representative for the UAMS <i>College of Public Health</i> .	2009-2013
Grant application reviewer for Arkansas Department of Health, Hometown Health Improvement Division and Arkansas Department of Education, Nutrition Division.	2009-2013
Invited member, Community UNITY Task Force , <i>Little Rock Chamber of Commerce</i> , Little Rock/Pulaski County.	2010-2013

Related Publications

Stewart, K.E., Cianfrini, L., & **Walker, J.F.** (2005). Stress, social support and housing are related to health status among HIV-positive persons in the Deep South of the United States. *AIDS CARE*, *16*(9), 1-9.

Stewart, K.E., Phillips, M.M., **Walker, J.**, Harvey, S., & Porter, A. (2010) Social Services Utilization and Need among a Community Sample of Persons living with HIV in the Rural South. *AIDS Care*. 2011 Mar, *23*(3), 340-7.

Phillips M.M., Raczynski J.M., West, D.S., Pulley, L., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., **Walker, J.** (2010). Changes in School Environments with Implementation of Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003. *Obesity*, *18*, S54-61.

Craig, R.L, Felix, H.C., **Walker, J.**, Phillips, M.M. Public Health Professionals as Policy Entrepreneurs: Arkansas' Childhood Obesity Policy Experience. (2010). *American Journal of Public Health*. November, *100*(11), 2047-2052.

Annual Evaluation Reports to the Arkansas Legislature and the Public <http://publichealth.uams.edu/research/publications-and-reports/>

Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., & **Walker, J.F.** Establishing a Baseline to Evaluate Act 1220 of 2003: An Act of the Arkansas General Assembly to Combat Childhood Obesity. 2004 ed. Little Rock, AR: Act 1220 Evaluation Team: University of Medical Sciences; College of Public Health.

Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., & **Walker, J.F.** *Year Two Evaluation: Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to Combat Childhood Obesity*. 2005 ed. Little Rock, AR: Act 1220 Evaluation Team: University of Medical Sciences; College of Public Health.

Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., & **Walker, J.F.** *Year Three Evaluation: Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to Combat Childhood Obesity*. 2006 ed. Little Rock, AR: Act 1220 Evaluation Team: University of Medical Sciences; College of Public Health.

Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., & **Walker, J.F.** *Year Four Evaluation: Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to Combat Childhood Obesity*. 2007 ed. Little Rock, AR: Act 1220 Evaluation Team: University of Medical Sciences; College of Public Health.

Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., & **Walker, J.F.** *Year Five Evaluation: Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to Combat Childhood Obesity*. 2008 ed. Little Rock, AR: Act 1220 Evaluation Team: University of Medical Sciences; College of Public Health.

Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., & **Walker, J.F.** *Year Six Evaluation: Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to Combat Childhood Obesity*. 2009 ed. Little Rock, AR: Act 1220 Evaluation Team: University of Medical Sciences; College of Public Health.

Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., & **Walker, J.F.** *Year Seven Evaluation: Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to Combat Childhood Obesity*. 2010 ed. Little Rock, AR: Act 1220 Evaluation Team: University of Medical Sciences; College of Public Health.

Related Presentations

- Stewart, K.E., Cianfrini, L., & **Walker, J.F.** (2002, April). *Stress, social support, and housing predict health status among HIV-positive persons in the Deep South*. Paper presented at the Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Abstract published in *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 24 (Supp.), S044.
- Sheffer, C., Greene, P., VanBiervliet, A., Seker, D., Harlan, J., **Walker, J.**, & Wayne, J. (2006, November). *Dissemination of evidence-based treatment for tobacco dependence*. Paper presented at the 134th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- Sheffer, C., Wayne, J, **Walker, J.**, & Smith, F. (2007, November). *Providing intensive, evidence-based treatment for tobacco dependence: Metropolitan vs. rural settings*. Paper presented at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- Montgomery, B.E.E., Stewart, K.E., Bursac, Z., Richter, J., & **Walker, J.** (2007, November). *Religiosity and sexual behavior among individuals living with HIV in America's "Bible Belt"*. Paper presented at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- Stewart, K.E., Phillips, M.M., Harvey, S., Porter, A., & **Walker, J.** (2010, April). *Changes in social service needs and utilization in an HIV-positive community sample: 1999-2007*. Poster presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Seattle, WA.
- Phillips, M.M., Evans, V.L., Raczynski, J.M., Pulley, L., **Walker, J.**, & Birdsong, M.C. (2006, March). *Early Environmental Policy changes in Schools after Arkansas Act 1220*. Paper presented at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.
- **Walker, J.**, Raczynski, J.M., Phillips, M.M., Kahn, R.F., West, D.S., Evans, V.L., & Bursac, Z. (2006, March). *Physician Response to Arkansas Childhood Obesity*. Paper presented at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.
- **Walker, J.**, Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., Perez, A.P., & Craig, R. (2007, March). *Arkansas School Districts Continue to Change Policies 4 Years after Legislation to Improve Nutrition and Physical Activity*. Poster presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, CA.
- Montgomery, B.E.E., West, D.S., Raczynski, J.M., Phillips, M.M., Gauss, C.H., Bursac, Z., & **Walker, J.** (2007, November). *Economic and educational factors do not explain racial differences in the accuracy of parental perception of overweight in their child*. Paper presented at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., West, D.S., Pulley, L., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., **Walker, J.**, Montgomery, B.E.E., Evans, V.L., Craig, R., & Philyaw, A. (2007, November). *No evidence of unintended consequences following passage of Arkansas obesity legislation*. Paper presented at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- Craig, R., **Walker, J.**, Felix, H.C., Phillips, M.M., & Raczynski, J.M. (2007, November). *Public health professionals as policy entrepreneurs: The case of Act 1220*. Paper presented at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., West, D.S., Pulley, L., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., Evans, V.L., Philyaw, A., Montgomery, B.E.E., **Walker, J.**, & Craig, R. (2007, November). *School environmental changes resulting from Arkansas legislation to combat childhood obesity*. Paper presented at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- Philyaw, A., Phillips, M.M., Shockey, W., Brown, S., **Walker, J.**, & Raczynski, J.M. *An innovative response to complex state and federal regulations for school wellness policies*. Paper presented at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association; November, 2007; Washington, D.C.
- Talbot, B.A., **Walker, J.**, Ivory, J., Philyaw-Perez, A., Phillips, M.M., & Raczynski, J.M. (2008, October). *Evaluating the focus of statewide print media coverage of Arkansas obesity legislation*. Paper presented at the 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Ivory, J., Phillips, M.M., West, D., Bursac, Z., Pulley, L., Gauss, C.H., **Walker, J.**, & Raczynski, J.M. (2008, October). *Parental knowledge and beliefs about childhood obesity-related co-morbidities*. Paper presented at the 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Phillips, M.M., Philyaw, Perez, A., Raczynski, J.M., Pulley, L., West, D., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., & **Walker, J.** (2008, October). *Differences in response to obesity prevention and control activities by weight status: Data*

- from the evaluation of Arkansas Act 1220.* Paper presented at the 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., Pulley, L., West, D., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., **Walker, J.**, Craig, R., Ivory, J., & Philyaw-Perez, A. (2008, October). *Did We Get What We Expected? Measuring Body Mass Index in Schools.* Poster presented at the 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
 - Philyaw-Perez, A., Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., Pulley, L., West, D., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., **Walker, J.** (2008, October). *School beverage vending access and purchasing patterns among Arkansas adolescents.* Presented at the 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association; October, 2008; San Diego, CA.
 - Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., Pulley, L., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., **Walker, J.**, (2009, April). *Arkansas Adolescents Response to Childhood Obesity.* Presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Montreal, Canada.
 - **Walker J.**, Phillips, M.M., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., Philyaw-Perez, A., Craig, R., & Raczynski, J.M.. (2009, April). *Public School Response to Arkansas Childhood Obesity.* Presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Montreal, Canada.
 - Raczynski, J.M., Phillips, M.M., Bursac, Z., Gauss, C.H., **Walker, J.**, & Pulley, L. (2009, April). *Arkansas Parental Response to Childhood Obesity.* Presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Montreal, Canada.
 - Goodell, M., Phillips, M.M., Gauss, C.H., Pulley, L., Bursac, Z., **Walker, J.**, & Raczynski, J.M. (2009, November). *Characteristics of Survey Non-responders Among School Administrators: Insights for Improving Response Rates.* Presented during the 137th APHA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
 - Phillips, M.M., Raczynski, J.M., West, D., **Walker, J.**, Gauss, C.H., & Bursac, Z. (2010, April). *Overweight Students and Their Families Respond to Obesity Reduction Efforts.* Presented at the 31st annual Society of Behavioral Medicine, Seattle, WA.
 - Goodell, M., Phillips, M.M., Talbot, B.A., Mitchell, B., Montgomery, J., & **Walker, J.** (2010, November). *Perceptions of walkability: Implications for walk-to-school programs.* Presented at the 138th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition, Denver, CO.
 - Montgomery, J., Philyaw-Perez, A., Phillips, M.M., Moore, P., **Walker, J.**, & Raczynski J.M. (2011, April). *Computer in Bedroom and Sedentary Activity Adjusting for Gender, Race, SES and Weight Status in Adolescents.* Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington, DC
 - Philyaw-Perez, A., Montgomery, J., Phillips, M.M., Moore, P., **Walker, J.**, & Raczynski, J.M. (2011, April). *Do they really listen? The effect of parent messages and weight status on adolescent food choices.* Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington, DC.
 - Talbot, B.A., Philyaw-Perez, A., **Walker, J.**, Phillips, M.M., & Raczynski, J.M. (2011, October). *Arkansas Physicians' Perceptions of State-wide Childhood Obesity Legislation and Initiatives.* Presented at the 139th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition, Washington, DC.
 - Raczynski, J.M., Phillips, M.M., & **Walker, J.**, and Philyaw-Perez, A. (2012, October). *Creating nutrition policy change in schools: The Arkansas Experience.* Presented at the 140th Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.
 - **Walker, J.**, Raczynski, J.M., & Phillips, M.M. (2012, October). *Creating nutrition policy change in schools: What happens when?* Presented at the 140th Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.