

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

B.A., Psychology, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.
M.S.W., Psychiatric Social Work, School of Social Welfare, Univ. of California,
Berkeley.
D.S.W., Columbia University School of Social Work, New York City.

Employment

1976- present	Professor, Silver School of Social Work, New York University, New York City
1971-1976	Associate Professor, School of Social Work, New York University, New York City
1970-1971	Research Fellow, Metropolitan Applied Research Center, New York City
1966-1970	Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York City
1962-1966	Research Associate, Child Welfare League of America, Inc., New York City

Awards

1997	NYC Council on Adoptable Children Annual Award
1999	NYC Administration for Children's Services, Division of Legal Services Child Advocate Award
2004	Citizens' Committee for Children of NY, Inc. Annual Founders' Award
2011	Council on Social Work Education, Lifetime Achievement Award

Membership on Boards and Community Committees

- 1961- present Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc.
Program Committee (2010-present)
Board of Directors (2001-present)
Foster Youth Aging Out Task Force co-chair (2007-2009)
Preventive Services Task Force co-chair (2006-2011)
Foster Care and Mental Health (2002 – 2005)
Keeping Track Advisory Committee (1998 – 2002)
ASFA Task Force (2001 – 2002)
Neighborhood Services Task Force (2001)
Block Grant Advisory Group (1999)
Mental Health and Social Services Section (1970-80)
Children's Rights and Welfare Section (1970-98)
Data Assessment Unit (1995)
Child Welfare Reform Committee (1990's)
Committee on the Ombudsman for Children (1980's)
Task Force on Independent Living (1980's)
- 1967-1969 Board of Directors, Association for Homemaker
Services, Inc.
- 1967-1976 Board of Directors, Louise Wise Services, N.Y.C.
- 1974-1988 Community Research Advisory Committee, Community Council
of Greater New York
- 1976-1981 New York State Board of Social Welfare
Children's Services Committee- Chair
Executive Committee
Legislation and Legal Matters Committee
- 1977-1982 Board of Directors, Child Welfare Information Services, Inc. New
York City
- 1978 New York Civil Liberties Union: Children's Rights Advisory
Committee
- 1979-1980 New York State Commission on the International Year of the
Child
- 1979-1980 Council on Social Work Education: Research-Practice Symposium
Planning Group

- 1979-1982 Board of Directors, American Orthopsychiatry Association, Inc.
- 1981-1985 New York State Council on Children and Families: Child Care Review Service, Stage II Advisory Board
- 1984-1989 N.A.S.W. Task Force on Services to Families and Children
- 1985-1989 Editorial Board, American Journal of Orthopsychiatry
- 1985-present Board of Directors, Kenworthy-Swift Foundation
- 1985-present Ad hoc reviewer, Children and Youth Services Review; Social Services Review; American Journal of Orthopsychiatry; Journal of Social Work Education; Journal of Public Child Welfare, Journal of Clinical Social Work
- 1988-present Citizens' Committee for Children of NY, Inc., Juvenile Justice-Child Welfare Lectures Advisory Committee
- 1992 Editorial Search Committee, American Journal of Orthopsychiatry
- 1993 NY Community Trust - Harriett Bartlett Fund Advisory Committee
- 1994-1997 Advisory Board, Interagency Council of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies, Inc.
- 1995-1999 Research Advisory Committee, United Way of New York City; 1996-7 Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Measuring the Impact of Block Grants in N.Y.C.
- 1996-2000 Coordinating Council, Child Planning and Advocacy Now, Office of the Public Advocate for the City of New York
- 1996-1997 Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. Evaluation Research Committee
- 1996 New York City Administration for Children's Services: Fiscal Options Panel
- 1996-1999 New York City Administration for Children's Services: Advisory Group on Reform
- 1997-2011 New York City Administration for Children's Services: Advisory Board

- 1997-1999 New York City Administration for Children's Services: Research Advisory Panel
- 1997-2002 New York City Administration for Children's Services: Permanency Planning Committee, Co-Chair
- 1998-2002 New York City Comptroller's Office: Committee on Adoption Options
- 2001-present Board of Directors, Citizen's Committee for Children of NY
- 2001-2003 New York City Administration for Children's Services and True Insight: Advisory Committee for Survey on Public Attitudes Toward Foster Care
- 2001-2005 Advisory Board: Center for Child Welfare Research, Children's Village Institute
- 2004-2007 Advisory/Editorial Board: Adoption Handbook. Published by Praeger Publishing Group
- 2004-2007 Consortium For University-Agency Partnerships to Improve Public Child Welfare Systems
- 2005-2010 New York City Administration for Children's Services: Improved Outcomes for Children Advisory Board
- 2005-present Fontana Center for Child Protection Research Advisory Committee
- 2005-present Editorial Board, Journal of Public Child Welfare.
- 2007-present Editorial Board, Adoption Quarterly.
- 2008-present Editorial Board, Children & Youth Services Review
- 2010-present President, Kenworthy-Swift Foundation

Consulting and Professional Activities

- 1970-73 Louise Wise Services
- 1970-5 Edwin Gould Services for Children
- 1973-5 United States Veteran's Administration

- 1975-7 National Jewish Welfare Board
- 1983 New York City Human Resources Administration, Special Services for Children
- 1983-5 New York Spaulding for Children
- 1985 American Bar Association Reasonable Efforts Project
- 1986-1988 Children's Defense Fund, Washington, D.C. and Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., Baltimore, MD
- 1988-1989 Child Trends, Washington, D.C.
- 1992-1993 Task Force on Permanency Planning for Foster Children, New York State Office of Court Administration.
- 1993 U.S. Dep't. of Health and Human Services. Approaches to Evaluation of Family Preservation and Support Program
- 1994 Big Sisters, New York City.
- 1996-2000 New York City Administration for Children's Services, Kellogg Foundation Families for Kids. Evaluation Research: Chapter 588 Adoption Expediting Project.
- 1996-2000 New York City Administration for Children's Services, Kellogg Foundation Families for Kids. Evaluation Research: DFCS Adoption Expediting Unit Project.
- 1999-present Casey Family Services Research Department, Seattle, Washington.
- 2000-2001 The Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, New York, N.Y.
- 2002 True Insight Marketing, Ltd., East Northport, NY.
- 2002 US Children's Bureau Research Roundtable on Children of Color in Child Welfare.
- 2003-4 Council on Adoptable Children, New York City
- 2003-2005 Evaluation of legal services team: CD-10 Central Harlem Protective Services. NYC Administration for Children's Services and Center for Family Representation.

- 2003-2005 Homeless women in a shelter program: Do services result in stable housing, and factors related to stability of housing. New York University.
- 2006-2007 Post-Adoption Services Hotline, Council on Adoptable Children, New York City.
- 2008-2010 Campbell Collaboration, Social Welfare Group, Child Welfare Group – co-chair.
- 2013- 2014 Research consultation: Center for Family Life, SCO, Brooklyn, study of Chinese families with children.
- 2014- present Research consultation, Citizens Committee for Children of NY, Assessment Instruments for Volunteers.
- 2014-present Center for the Development of Human Services, Institute for Community Health Promotion, SUNY Buffalo State.
- 2014-present Citizens' Committee for Children of NY, Consultation re Keeping Track of Children in NYC
- 2015-present University of Melbourne, Australia – open adoption research. -- issues relating to the wellbeing of children and birth parents in open adoptions and best practices.
- 2015-present Research on youth perceptions of their experience in foster care, in collaboration with Drs. Amy Baker and Mel Schneiderman of New York Foundling Fontana Center for Child Protection.

Publications

(Bradley changed to Festinger in 1968)

Bradley, T. (1966). *Caseworkers' perceptions of adoptive applicants*. New York: Child Welfare League of America, Inc.

Bradley, T. (1966). Caseworkers' perceptions of adoptive applicants. *Child Welfare*, 45(8): 433-43.

Festinger, T. (1971). Unwed mothers and their decisions to keep or surrender children. *Child Welfare*, 50(5): 253-63.

- Festinger, T. (1972). *Why some chose not to adopt through agencies*. New York: Metropolitan Applied Research Center, Inc.
- Festinger, T. (1974). Placement agreements with boarding homes: A survey. *Child Welfare*, 53(10): 643- 52.
- Festinger, T. (1975). The 24-month court review of children in foster care. *Child Welfare*, 54(4): 211-45.
- Festinger, T. (1976). The impact of the New York court review of children in foster care: A follow-up report. *Child Welfare*, 55(8): 515-44.
- Festinger, T. and Bounds, R. (1977). Sex-role stereotypes among social work students: A research note. *Social Work*, 22(4): 314-315.
- Festinger, T. (1983). *No one ever asked us...A postscript to foster care*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Festinger, T. (1986). *Necessary risk: A study of adoptions and disrupted adoptive placements*. Washington, D.C.: Child Welfare League of America, Inc.
- Festinger, T. (1989). Les enfants places: Leur comportement a l'age adulte (Foster children: How they fare as young adults). In M. Corbillon (Ed.), Proceedings of the Paris 1989 International Congress, *L'Enfant place, actualite de la recherche francaise et internationale*. Vanves: Centre Technique National D'Etudes et de Recherches Sur les Handicaps et les Inadaptations.
- Festinger, T. (1990). Adoption disruption: Rates and correlates. In Brodzinsky, D. and Schechter, M. (Eds), *The psychology of adoption* (pp. 201-218). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Festinger, T., Turnbull, J. and Moncher, M.S. (1992). Training the clinician-researcher. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 2(3): 324-337.
- Festinger, T. (1994). *Returning to care: Discharge and reentry in foster care*. Washington, DC: Child Welfare League of America, Inc.
- Festinger, T. (1995). Preparing foster youth for adult living (Keynote Address). In Mech, E. and Rycraft, J.R. (Eds), *Preparing foster youth for adult living: Proceedings of an invitational research conference*. Washington, DC: Child Welfare League of America, Inc.
- Festinger, T. (1996). Going home and returning to foster care. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 18(4/5): 383-402.

- Festinger, T. (1996). *New York City adoptions 1995*. Report to the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- Festinger, T. (1997). *New York City adoptions 1996*. Report to the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- Festinger, T. (1998). *New York City adoptions 1997*. Report to the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- Festinger, T. & Pratt, R. (1999). *Speeding the adoption process: Evaluation of the adoption expediting unit project*. Report to the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- Festinger, T. (1999). *New York City adoptions 1998*. Report to the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- Festinger, T. & Pratt, R. (2000). *Accelerating adoptions: The Chapter 588 project*. Report to the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- Festinger, T. (2000). Kinder- und jugendhilfe in New York: Eine kurze einfurung. Federation Internationale des Communautes Educatives, *Forum Erziehunghilfe*, 6(3), 170-173.
- Festinger, T. & Duckman, R. (2000). Seeing and hearing: Vision and audiology status of foster children in New York City. *Behavioral Optometry*, 11(3), 59-67.
- Festinger, T. (2001). *New York City adoptions 2000*. Report to the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- Festinger, T. (2001). *After adoption: A study of placement stability and parents' service needs*. School of Social Work, New York University, NY.
- Duckman, R. & Festinger, T. (2002). Delivery of vision care to children in foster care placements in New York City. *Journal of Optometric Vision Development*, 33(2), 116-125.
- Festinger, T. (2002). After adoption: Dissolution or permanence? *Child Welfare*, 81(3), 515-533.
- Festinger, T. & Pratt, R. (2002). Speeding adoptions: An evaluation of the effects of judicial continuity. *Social Work Research*, 26(4), 217-224.

- Festinger, T. & Pratt, R. (2003). *Retaining interest: A look at New York City's recruitment of adoptive parents for waiting children*. Report to the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- Festinger, T. & Duckman, R. (2004). Vision Status Among Foster Children in NYC: A Research Note. *Social Work in Health Care*, 38(4), 77-81.
- Festinger, T. & Fenster, J. (2005) Factors related to substance abuse treatment acceptance of mothers/guardians reported to protective services. Veritas, New York City.
- Festinger, T. (2005). Adoption and disruption. In G. Mallon & P. Hess (Eds). *Child welfare for the 21st century: A handbook of practices, policies, and programs* (pp. 452-468). New York: Columbia University Press.
- Festinger, T. (2005). Review of *On Their Own: What Happens to Kids When They Age out of the Foster Care System?*, by Martha Shirk and Gary Strangler. *Social Service Review*, 79(3): 568-69.
- Festinger, T. (2006). Adoption and after: Adoptive parents' service needs. In M. Dore (Ed.) *The postadoption experience: Adoptive families' service needs and service outcomes* (pp. 17-44). Washington, DC: Child Welfare League of America.
- Shlonsky, A., Festinger, T. & Brookhart, M. A. (2006). Is survival the fittest?: A post-hoc evaluation of event history estimations in an experimental design. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 28(7), 841-852.
- Festinger, T. (2006). Adoption disruption and dissolution. In K. Stolley & V. Bullough (Eds.), *The Praeger Handbook of Adoption* (pp. 189-194), Praeger Publishers.
- Festinger, T. (2007). *Report on Council on Adoptable Children "warm-line" services requested*. School of Social Work, New York University, NY.
- Festinger, T. (2008). "The influence of an adoption experiment on social policy" In A. Shlonsky & D. Lindsey (Eds), *Child welfare research: Advances for practice and policy* (pp. 99-107). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Festinger, T. & Maza, P. (2009). Displacement or post-adoption placement? A research note. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 3, 275-286.

- Moroz, A., Gonzalez-Ramos, G., Festinger, T., Langer, K., & Kalet, A. (2010). Immediate and follow-up effects of a brief disability curriculum on disability knowledge and attitudes of physical medicine & rehabilitation residents: a comparison group trial. *Medical Teacher, 32*, e360-e364.
- Festinger, T. & Baker, A. (2010). Prevalence of recalled childhood emotional abuse among child welfare staff and related well-being factors. *Children and Youth Services Review, 32*(4), 520-526.
- Baker, A. & Festinger, T. (2011). Adult recall of childhood psychological maltreatment: A comparison of five scales. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma, 20*(1), 70-89.
- Baker, A. & Festinger, T. (2011). Emotional abuse and emotional neglect subscales of the CTQ: Associations with each other, other measures of psychological maltreatment, and demographic variables. *Children and Youth Services Review, 33*, 2297-2302.
- Festinger, T., & Jaccard, J. (2012). Suicidal thoughts in adopted versus non-adopted youth: A longitudinal analysis in adolescence, early young adulthood, and young adulthood. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research, 3*(4), 280-295.
- Festinger, T. & Baker, J. L. (2013). Results of survey on foster parent training. Report submitted to the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies.
- Merritt, D. H., & Festinger, T. (2013). Post-adoption service need and access: Differences between international, kinship and non-kinship foster care. *Children and Youth Services Review, 35*, 1913-1922.
- Festinger, T., & Meezan, W. (2013). Remembering David Fanshel. *Children and Youth Services Review, 35*, A1-A2.
- Festinger, T., & Baker, A. (2013). The quality of evaluations of foster parent training: An empirical review. *Children and Youth Services Review, 35*, 2147-2153.
- Festinger, T. (2014). Adoption and disruption. In G. Mallon & P. Hess (Eds). *Child welfare for the 21st century: A handbook of practices, policies, and programs, Second Edition*. New York: Columbia University Press.

**Research and Editorial Consultant on Citizens' Committee for Children
of New York Publications**

- 1978 *Social services: Short shrift for 600,000 children on AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).*
- 1979 *New York City's emergency foster boarding home network.*
- 1980 *Lost and found- and lost again: Adolescents in and out of emergency temporary foster care.*
- 1981 *Foster care in New York State: Children who are experiencing a major planning problem or service delay.*
- 1982 *Foster care in New York City: Children who are experiencing a major planning problem or service delay.*
- 1984 *Foster care in New York City: Children who are experiencing a major planning problem or service delay.*
- 1993 *Keeping track: The status of New York City children and their parents.*
- 1998-2002 *Keeping track of New York City's children.*
- 1999 *Report of task force on independent living services.*
- 2003-4 *Reports and legislative initiatives on subsidized kinship guardianship; preventive services; financing of mental health services for children in foster care.*
- 2008-present *Construction of child well-being indexes-Keeping Track of Children in NYC.*
- 2008-2010 *The Wisest Investment: New York City's Preventive Services System.*

Some Selected Speeches and Panels (1977- present)

Human Services Workshops (1977). *Problems and possibilities in human services delivery.*

Fordham University (1977). *The challenge of research findings for child welfare practice and policy.*

North American Center on Adoption (1977). *The court review of children in foster care.*

Human Service Workshop (1978). *Problems and possibilities of human service delivery.*

Columbia University (1979). *Accountability in the court: The role of the judge, the lawyer and the social worker.*

City University of New York (1980). *Responsive service systems and the quality of urban life.*

American Orthopsychiatry Association Annual Meeting (1981). *Current issues, dilemmas and approaches in foster care.*

Community Council of Greater New York (1981). *Research in social agencies.*

Council on Social Work Education (1982). *Research and children.*

Child Welfare League of America Eastern Regional Meeting (1982). *Research and evaluation of review systems.*

Community Council of Greater New York (1982): *Young adults reared in foster care: Methodology.*

American Orthopsychiatry Association Annual Meeting (1982). *Adoption of adolescents.*

Brookwood Child Care Symposium (1983). *Foster children – How have they fared?*

American Orthopsychiatry Association Annual Meeting (1983). *Foster children -- How they fare as young adults.*

National Association of Social Workers, New York City Research Group (1983). *Aging out of foster care: Methodology and some selected findings.*

Jewish Child Care Association (1983). *How can we better prepare our young adults for independent living.*

American Orthopsychiatry Association Annual Meeting (1986). *Adoption of hard to place children.*

U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland (1988). *Children in foster care in the City of Baltimore.*

Columbia University School of Social Work (1988). *The integration of research and practice.*

International Congress on Children in Foster Care, Paris (1989). *Foster children as young adults.*

Columbia University Conference on Research and Practice (1991). *Training the clinician researcher.*

Association of the Bar of NY, Committee on Children and the Law (1992). *Access to case records for research purposes.*

Association of the Bar of New York (1993). *Barriers to child welfare research in New York State and proposals for change.*

University of Illinois Research Conference on Preparing Foster Youth for Adult Living: Keynote Address (1993).

American Orthopsychiatry Association Annual Meeting (1994). *Returning to care: Discharge and reentry in foster care.*

University of Leiden Symposium, Leiden, Holland (1994). *Reentry in foster care.*

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, Washington, DC (1994). *Reentry in foster care.*

Citizen's Committee for Children of NY Policy Briefing (1994). *Returning to care: Discharge and re-entry in foster care.*

The Institute for Children and Poverty Symposium (1994). *Homelessness and foster care – Is there a connection?*

Advancing Knowledge for Human Services: A National Conference of Social Work Researchers (1995). *Reentry in foster care: Further follow-up results.*

New York City Human Resources Administration Advisory Board Annual Conference - Welfare Research Forum: Public/Private Partnership for Social Welfare Research (1995). *Developing and strengthening a partnership.*

State of Israel, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Adoption Services. Herzelyia, Israel (1995). *Adoption disruption of special needs placements.*

The Human Services Workshops, NYC (1996). *Helping social workers assess their work with clients.*

5th EUSARF (European Association on Residential and Foster Care for Children and Adolescents) Congress, London (1996). *Going home and returning to foster care.*

Association of the Bar of New York City, Council for Children (1997). *Adoptions of 1995 and NYC adoption initiatives.*

Association of the Bar of New York City (1998). *Agency adoption on the fast track: The impact of the new federal law and New York State Chapter 588.*

New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children (1998). *Adoption of children in out of home care: Time frames and suggested reforms.*

American Academy of Optometry Annual Conference, San Francisco (1998). *NYU-SUNY vision-hearing project.*

Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Texas (1999). *The impact of an experimental change in court procedures on speeding child adoptions: An evaluation.* Co-Presenter: Rachel Pratt.

N.Y.C. Administration for Children's Services (1999). *Speeding the adoption process: An evaluation of the adoption expediting unit project.*

Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, South Carolina (2000). *Changing court procedures to speed adoptions: An evaluation.* Co-Presenter: Rachel Pratt.

American Academy of Optometry Annual Conference, Florida (2000). *Vision and hearing of foster children.* Presenter: Dr. Robert Duckman.

Harvard Graduate School of Education (2001). *Delivery of vision services to children in foster care in New York City and the implications for learning.* Presenter: Dr. Robert Duckman.

Casey Family Services Conference on Post-Adoption Services, Connecticut (2001). *Adoptive parents' post-adoption service needs.*

Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, California (2002). *After adoption: A survey of adoptive parents about service needs.*

Child Welfare League of America Conference on "Lifetime Connections: Achieving Excellence in Adoption. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (2002). *Post-adoption service needs: What do adoptive parents say?*

Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Miami (2005). *Is survival the fittest? A post-hoc evaluation of event history estimations in an experimental design.*

NY State - Statewide Adoption Meeting, New York City (2005). *Dissolution and post-adoption services, a review of research.*

New York State/City Forum on Collaboration to Encourage Human Services Research and its Utilization (2006). *Review of Child Welfare Research Needs.*

Adult Recall of Childhood Psychological Maltreatment: Review and Comparison of Measures (2009). New York Foundling, Vincent J. Fontana Center Conference.

Child Welfare in the US, Recent Policy Initiatives, and Current Research (2009). Oslo University College.

Foster Care, Adoption, and Some Current Research (2012). New York University-East China Normal University Research Conference, New York, NY.

Adoption Dissolution – Panel Radio: Creating a Family. 9/18/13.

<http://www.creatingafamily.org/radioshow/adoption-dissolutions-how-common-what-are-the-causes-how-to-prevent.html>

Making Extended Care Work for Foster Care Youth in Transition. New York University, Closing Panel 2016.

Professional Organizations

National Association of Social Workers (ACSW)
Society for Social Work and Research
Council on Social Work Education
American Orthopsychiatry Association (Fellow)
Campbell Collaboration