

Andrea Hussong, Ph.D.

Dr. Andrea Hussong is a Professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Arizona State University, completed her internship at Pacific Clinics in Los Angeles, and is currently a licensed practitioner in North Carolina. She previously served as the director of the Center for Developmental Science and of an NICHD-funded graduate and postdoctoral training program in Developmental Science. Her work is dedicated to promoting health and well-being in children, youth, and families. Her research has long focused on developmental pathways to substance use and disorder, particularly for children of drug-involved parents. Through this work, she collaborated with quantitative methodologists to apply innovative methods for longitudinal data analysis and integrative data analysis. Most recently, her research has expanded to focus on positive youth development and processes that may promote resilience, most specifically the development of gratitude in children. Currently, her work focuses on applying findings from developmental science to the creation of programs that support families in raising grateful children and in coping with the challenges of parental drug addiction. She has received multiple NIH grants to fund this work and authored over 100 publications in the field of child development and addictions.