

## **Phillip Graham, DrPH, M.P.H.**

Dr. Graham directs the Center on Social Determinants, Risk Behaviors, and Prevention Science in RTI's Behavioral Health Research Division. He has more than 25 years of experience conducting community-based research and evaluation. As center director, he leads a group of behavior health scientists dedicated to improving the human condition through applied research with a focus and emphasis on community context and health equity.

His research focuses on evaluating preventive interventions developed to reduce and prevent adolescent interpersonal violence and substance use. He is the project director of several national cross-site evaluations assessing community efforts to reduce underage drinking, prescription drug misuse and abuse, marijuana use, and opioid deaths. Dr. Graham has also investigated the effects of witnessing community violence on perpetration, the development of ethnic identity among African American male adolescents as a protective factor, and the impact of comprehensive school-based interventions and services to promote healthy child development.

Dr. Graham is currently the principal investigator for a RWJF grant evaluating the impact of an initiative to examine strategies that address trauma and healing among boys and men of color; the principal investigator of HEAL Prevention Coordinating Center which coordinates NIDA's largest ever funding of interventions developed to specifically prevent opioid misuse; and project director of a study funded by the Assistance Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS to examine the use of social capital strategies in human services agencies to address poverty, unemployment, and family and child well-being.

His other research efforts have included examining the relation between social capital and community violence, developing an evaluation toolkit to measure collective impact, and collaborating with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to understand how community social cohesion affects the development of a shared value of health. His methodological focus includes the use of mixed-methods approaches and his research emphasizes the importance of culture, community context, systems change, and place-based strategies.