

Organization Résumé

Qualifications:

- 57 years experience in conducting applied research and program evaluation in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area.
- Research staff members with extensive experience in data collection, analysis and report writing for locally and federally-funded projects regarding public health, mental health, criminal justice, substance abuse and other related social service projects
- The ability to design and implement evaluations which meet the scientific rigor needed for programs wanting to show they are “evidence based.”
- Experience designing and writing successful grant proposals.
- A long history of partnering with multiple stakeholders on community-based projects.
- An established reputation for conducting unbiased and totally independent assessments.
- Extensive experience in communicating research designs, methods, results and recommendations to a wide variety of audiences in a concise and coherent format, both verbally and in written reports.
- Established credibility with national, state, and local stakeholders and funders.

Education:

- Executive Director: Walter T Boulden – Ph.D. in Social Work
- Fourteen staff, five with Master’s Degree’s

Professional Experience:

RDI is a non-profit organization, founded in 1950, that provides local and regional leadership in evaluation, needs assessment, community research and community development. Selected government contracts, previous and current, are provided as examples.

Federal:

- SAMHSA Project Your Choice: 2005-2010. RDI contracts with SHS to collect federally required GPRA data, track and interview clients at baseline and follow-up and analyze and report results.
- SAMHSA Project Your Choice DBT Expansion: 2007-2010. RDI designed and is conducting an evaluation of the DBT program add-on tracking and interviewing clients at baseline and follow-up; and analyzing and reporting results.
- SAMHSA Project Dual Focus: 2002-2006. RDI collected federally required GPRA data, tracks and interviews clients at baseline and follow-up and analyzes and reports results.



- Bureau of Justice Assistance: 2004-2006. RDI provided project direction to TMC Behavioral Health on this Jackson County grant to deliver case management for Mental Health Court clients.
- SAMHSA Jail Diversion Grant: 2004-2006. RDI contracts with Jackson County to collect federally required GPRA data, track and interview clients at baseline and follow-up.
- Paseo Corridor Safe Neighborhood: 1999-2001. RDI was responsible for overall HUD grant management, wrap-up conference, and final report.
- US Dept of Education Pan-Educational Institute (PEI) Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination (AEMDD) grant: 2004-2007. RDI designed and conducted an evaluation of the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- Centers for Disease Control Youth Violence Prevention study: 1997-2000. RDI tracked substance abusing persons incarcerated at baseline, along with family members and children at baseline, six month and 12 month follow-ups.
- US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Catholic Charities Youth Empower Program: 2006-2009. RDI designed and is conducting an evaluation of the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Catholic Charities Abstinence Education Program: 2004-2009. RDI designed and is conducting an evaluation of the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Catholic Charities Concepts for Effective Services: 2005-2007. RDI designed and conducted an evaluation of the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Future Leaders Outreach Network (FLON) abstinence education programs: 2005-2007. RDI evaluated multiple programs, analyzed data, and reported results.

State:

- SAMHSA ACCESS Homeless Project: 1995-1999. Contract awarded to Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH). RDI tracked and interviewed homeless clients at baseline and follow-up, monitored service delivery, and carried out system interviews.
- US Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS) Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Contract awarded to Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH). 2006-2010. RDI is assisting in designing and evaluating four area coalitions' prevention programs, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) KCMO Tri-County Northland Coalition Drug Free Communities program: 2005-2008. RDI is assisting in designing and evaluating the coalitions' prevention programs, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator Field Test of the Missouri Juvenile Detention Assessment (MJDA): 2007-2008. RDI is evaluating the MJDA, analyzing data, and reporting results.

County:

- Jackson County Mental Health Levy: 1992-2005. RDI carried out on-site monitoring of mental health services, contractor oversight, provides policy consultation and delivers technical assistance.
- Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund - Mental Health Court Evaluation: 2000-present.
- Jackson County Mental Health Court Commission: 2002-present. RDI provides professional staffing to the appointed commission responsible for this visible and highly successful program
- Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund - Crisis Intervention Team Evaluation: 2002-present.
- Jackson County Mental Health Task Force: 2001-2005. RDI provided professional staffing and contractor oversight to an appointed Task Force charged with carrying out a needs assessment and developing a long-range plan for mental health in the county.
- Jackson County Domestic Violence Fund Evaluation: 2001-2004.
- Jackson County COMBAT ISAP Study: 2002-2003.
- Jackson County COMBAT Research Projects: 2001. RDI carried out research projects on recidivism, displacement of drug activity, and compiled a summary paper on AIDS/HIV.
- Jackson County COMBAT Information and Effectiveness Fairs: 2000-2001. RDI provided planning and evaluation assistance to develop two annual public events on COMBAT outcomes.
- Jackson County COMBAT Drug Court Evaluation: 1996-1998.
- Jackson County COMBAT Drug Treatment Evaluation: 2006-2007. RDI evaluated treatment programs funded by COMBAT, analyzed the data, and reported the results.
- Jackson County COMBAT Commission Strategic Planning: 2007-2008. RDI is facilitating strategic planning activities with the COMBAT Commission around Drug Prevention.
- Jackson County COMBAT Commission Prevention Programs: 2007-2008 RDI is consulting with the COMBAT Commission on redesigning their Prevention request for proposal process and the evaluation of prevention programs.
- Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund-Young Adults Roundtable Transitioning Youth Assessment: 2007-2008 RDI is conducting a needs assessment/environmental scan in preparation for strategic planning on addressing the problem.
- Jackson County COMBAT Lee's Summit Substance Abuse Treatment Needs Assessment: 2007-2008

Municipal:

- Prospect Corridor Social Services Provider Plan: 2003-2005.
- Housing Authority of Kansas City - HOPE VI Evaluation: 1999-2001.
- Housing Authority of Kansas City - Section 8 Waiting List Study: 2000-2001.
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS - Immigrant Healthcare Needs Assessment: 2007
- City of Lee's Summit - Social Services Needs Assessment: 2007-2008



Local Foundations:

- Health Care Foundation National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Greater Kansas City (NAMI) Stigma Reduction Project for Safety Net Providers: 2007-2008. RDI is designing and evaluating the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- Health Care Foundation Mid-America CIT Council Curriculum Development Project Evaluation: 2007-2008 RDI is coordinating the development of a CIT Training Manual and Toolkit.
- Health Care Foundation Kansas City Community Center Dual Focus Residential (DFR) Project Evaluation: 2007-2008. RDI is designing and evaluating the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- Health Care Foundation Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center Co-occurring Conditions Treatment Program Evaluation: 2007-2008. RDI is designing and evaluating the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- Health Care Foundation Northland Health Care Access Program Evaluation: 2007-2009. RDI is designing and evaluating the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- Health Care Foundation Jackson County Safe Family Coalition: 2007-2008 RDI is coordinating the collaborative effort toward integrated community response for children and families
- REACH Healthcare Foundation Medical Home Safety-Net Initiative Evaluation: 2007-2008. RDI is evaluating the overall initiative, analyzing data, and reporting results.
- REACH Healthcare Foundation Niles Home Outcomes Development Project: 2006-2007. RDI assisted in the development of an integrated evaluation process.
- Ewing Kauffman Foundation Summer Science Evaluation: 2006 & 2007 RDI evaluated and analyzed outcomes for multiple community partners.
- The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation – LGCCCKC Capacity Building Grant: 2007-2008. RDI is working with the center on Board and Volunteer development.
- Health Care Foundation Municipal Correctional Institution Women's Enrichment Program Evaluation: 2007-2008. RDI is designing and evaluating the program, analyzing data, and reporting results.