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I. GENERAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION-

A. Personal:

- a. Name: Ruth S. Buzi, LCSW, PhD
- c. US Citizen
- d. Education:
 - University of Haifa, Israel, B.A. Social Work, 1978
 - Graduate School of Social Work, University of Houston, MSW Health Care Concentration, 1990-1993
 - School of Public Health- University of Texas, Health Science Center at Houston, Ph.D. Behavioral Science, 1998-2002

B. Academic Appointments

- a. Current faculty position:
 - Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Medicine, Teen Health Clinic, May 2003 to present
- b. Previous faculty position:
 - Adjunct Faculty, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, 2004-2007

C. Other advanced training/experience:

A scholar at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership. January 2008 to September 2008.

D. Other Information:

- a. Board Eligibility/Certification: Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Texas. License # 23615
- b. Other non-academic positions:

Baylor College of Medicine Teen Health Clinic. Social Worker and Research Associate. May 1993-May 2003.

VA Hospital, Houston, TX. Internship as a social worker. January 1993 to May 1993.

Del Oro Rehabilitation Hospital, Houston, TX. Internship as a Social Worker. August 1991 to June 1992.

“Amidar” (Israel Housing Company). Social services manager. April 1984 to September 1989.

Kiriat Tivon Municipality, Israel. Social Worker. August 1981 to April 1984.

II. RESEARCH INFORMATION

A. Research Support:

- a. Fatherhood Program
- b. Texas Fragile Families Initiative (Hogg Foundation and Houston Endowment)
- c. Co-PI
- d. 07/01/02 – present
- e. Annual Direct Cost: \$150,000 /Direct Cost for overall Period: \$500,000

- a. Strong Start Stable Families
- b. Office of Attorney General through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).
- c. Co-PI
- d. 09/01/05 – present
- e. Annual Direct Cost: \$250,000/Direct Cost for overall Period: \$1,250,000

- a. HIV Integration in Family Planning Services
- b. Texas Department of State Health Services
- c. Co-PI-Program Evaluator
- d. 07/01/02 – present
- e. Annual Direct Cost:
\$180,000/Direct Annual Cost

- a. Male Involvement in Family Planning
- b. Texas Department of State Health Services Male Involvement
- c. Co-PI
- d. 08/2003 – 08/2008
- e. Annual Direct Cost: \$160,000/Direct Cost for overall Period: \$800,000

B. National Scientific Participation:

- a. Journal editorial boards: Reviewed articles for the Journal of AIDS Care, North American Journal of Psychology and International Journal of Public Health.
- b. Invited lectures:
 - The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality 2004 Annual Meeting: Orlando, Florida, November 4-7, 2004. Young minority females' perceptions of sexual abuse: A focus group approach.
 - The Office of Population Affairs 2006 Annual Meeting: Atlanta Georgia, April 3-6, Evaluation of the ABC Approach to HIV Prevention.
 - Office of Population Affairs 2007 Annual Meeting: New Orleans, June 12-14, 2007. Parental Communication and Risk Behaviors Among Adolescents - Poster presentation.
 - Family Preservation Institute 2008 Conference-Presented on Young Fathers-In Their Own Words.

C. Publications:

- a. Full papers:
 1. Weinman, M. L, Smith, P. B., & **Buzi**, R.(1996). Compliance with follow-up care among adolescent males with sexually transmitted diseases. *Psychological Reports*, 78, 840-842.
 2. Smith, P. B., Weinman, M. L., & **Buzi**, R.S. (1996). Helping pregnant teens-Workable approaches for the 90's. *Family Life Educator*, 15, 4-10.
 3. **Buzi**, R. S., Weinman, M. L., & Smith, P. B. (1996). Ethnic differences in STD rates among female adolescents, *Adolescence*, 33, 313-318.
 4. Weinman, M. L., Smith, P. B., Geva, J., & **Buzi**, R. S. (1998). Pregnant and postpartum adolescents' perceptions of the consequences of child abuse. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 15(4), 287-301.
 5. **Buzi**, R. S., Smith, P.B., & Weinman, M. L. (1998). Incorporating health and behavioral consequences of child abuse in prevention programs targeting female adolescents. *Patient Education and Counseling*, 33, 209-216.

6. Smith, P.B. Weinman, M. L. & **Buzi**, R. S. (1999). Young males attending a family planning clinic: Some ideas about consequences of child abuse. *Psychological Reports*, 85, 529-532.
7. Weinamn, M. L. Smith, P.B., Solomon, C., Green, S. C. **Buzi**, R. S. (2001). A comparison of mental health problems and symptoms of teens in a school-based mental health program and a family planning clinic. *School Social Work Journal*, 25 (2), 44-58.
8. **Buzi**, R. S., Weinman, M. L., & Smith, P. B. (2000). Mental health problems and symptoms among adolescents attending a family planning clinic. *North American Journal of Psychology*, 2 (2), 337-346.
9. Smith, P. B., **Buzi**, R. S., & Weinamn, M.L. & Mumford, D. (2001). The use of focus groups to identify needs and expectations of young fathers in a male involvement program. *Journal of Sex Education and Therapy*, 26 (2), 100-104.
10. Smith, P. B., **Buzi**, R. S., & Weinman, M. L. (2001). Mental health problems and symptoms among male adolescents attending a Teen Health Clinic. *Adolescence*, 36 (142), 323-332.
11. Smith P. B., **Buzi**, R. & Weinman, M. L. (2002). Programs for young fathers: Essential components and evaluation issues. *North American Journal of psychology*, 4(1), 81-92.
12. Weinman, M. L., Smith, P. B., & **Buzi**, R. S. (2002). Young Fathers: An analysis of risk behaviors and service needs. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 19 (6), 437-453.
13. Smith, P. B., **Buzi**, R. S., & Weinman, M. L. (2002). Targeting males for teenage pregnancy prevention in a school setting. *School Social Work Journal*, 27 (1).
14. **Buzi**, R. S., Tortolero, S. R., Smith, P. B., Ross, M. W., & Roberts, R. E. (2002). Young minority females' perceptions of sexual abuse: A focus group approach. *North American Journal of Psychology*, 4 (3), 441-456.
15. **Buzi**, R. S., Tortolero, S. R., Roberts, R. E., Ross, M. W., Markham, C. M., & Fleschler, M. (2002). Gender differences in the consequences of a coercive sexual experience among adolescents attending alternative schools. *Journal of School Health*, 73(5),191-196.
16. **Buzi**, R. S., Tortolero, S. R., Roberts, R. E., Ross, M. W., Markham, C. M., & Fleschler, M. (2002). The impact of a history of sexual abuse on high-risk sexual behaviors among females attending alternative schools. *Adolescence*, 38, (152), 595-606.

17. Weinman, M. L., **Buzi**, R. S., Smith, P. B., & Mumford, D. M. (2002). The relationship between family support, resiliency, and depression among indigent adolescents attending a family planning clinic *Psychological Reports*, 93, 719-731.
18. Smith P. B., **Buzi**, R. & Weinman, M. L. (2003). HIV Testing and counseling among adolescents attending family planning clinics, *AIDS Care*, 17 (4), 451-456.
19. Weinman, M. L., **Buzi**, R. S., & Smith, P. B (2005). Addressing Risk Behaviors, Service Needs and Mental Health Issues In Programs for Young Fathers. *Families in Society*, 86 (2), 261-266.
20. P. B., Weinman, M. L., **Buzi**, R., & Benton, A. D. (2004). An evaluation of a school-based pregnancy prevention program aimed at young males: A one-year follow-up. *North American Journal of Psychology*, 6 (2), 282-292.
21. **Buzi**, R. S., Saleh, M., Weinman, M. L., & Smith P. B. (2004). Young fathers participating in a fatherhood program: their expectations and perceived benefits. *The Prevention Researcher*, 11 (4), 18-20.
22. Saleh, M., **Buzi**, R. S., Weinman, M. L., & Smith P. B. (2005). The nature of connections: Young fathers and their children. *Adolescence*, 40(159), 513-523.
23. Weinman, M.L., **Buzi**, R.S., Smith, P.B., & Neverez, L. (2007). A Comparison of three groups of young fathers and program outcomes: Those in school, drop-outs and high school graduates. *School Social Work Journal*, 32, 1-13.
24. **Buzi**, R. S., Weinman, M.L., & Smith, P. B. (2007). The relationship between adolescent depression and a history of sexual abuse. *Adolescence*, 42 (168), 679-688.
25. Smith, P.B. Weinman, M. L., **Buzi**, R. S. & Chavez, G. (2007). Young Minority Males Who Participated in A Youth Development Program: Their Perceptions Of Program Impact On Their Transition To Post Secondary Education. *Nova Publishers*.
26. **Buzi**, R. S., Smith, P. B., Weinman, M.L. & Saleh, M. (2007). The Impact of a Culturally Grounded Male Development Program on Reducing Health Risk Behaviors Among Minority Male Adolescents. *Nova Publishers*.
27. Weinman, M.L., Small, E., **Buzi**, R.S., Smith, P.B. (2008). Risk Factors, Parental Communication, Self and Peers' Beliefs as Predictors of Condom Use Among Female Adolescents Attending Family Planning Clinics. *Child & Adolescent Social Work*.25(3), 157-170.

28. **Buzi**, R. S., Smith, P. B., Weinman, M.L. (2008). Parental Communication as a Protective Factor in Increasing Condom Use Among Minority Adolescents. *International Journal of Child and Adolescent Health*, 20(1), 51-59.

b. accepted or in press:

1. Nevarez, L. Weinman, M. L. **Buzi**, R. S. & Smith P. B. (2006). Ethnic and marital differences in family structure, risk behaviors and service requests among young minority fathers. *The Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment* (in press).
2. Small, E., Weinman, M.L., **Buzi**, R.S., Smith, P.B. (2008). Risk Factors, Knowledge and Attitudes as Predictors of Intent to Use Condoms Among Minority Female Adolescents Attending Family Planning Clinics. (In review).

III. TEACHING INFORMATION

a. Didactic course work

1. Program Evaluation, 4 hours, Health Policy - University of Houston

b. Non-didactic teaching

Pediatric residents and students at Baylor College of Medicine
Training graduate and Ph.D. students from the University of Houston, College of Social Work.