



CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH (CFCIR)

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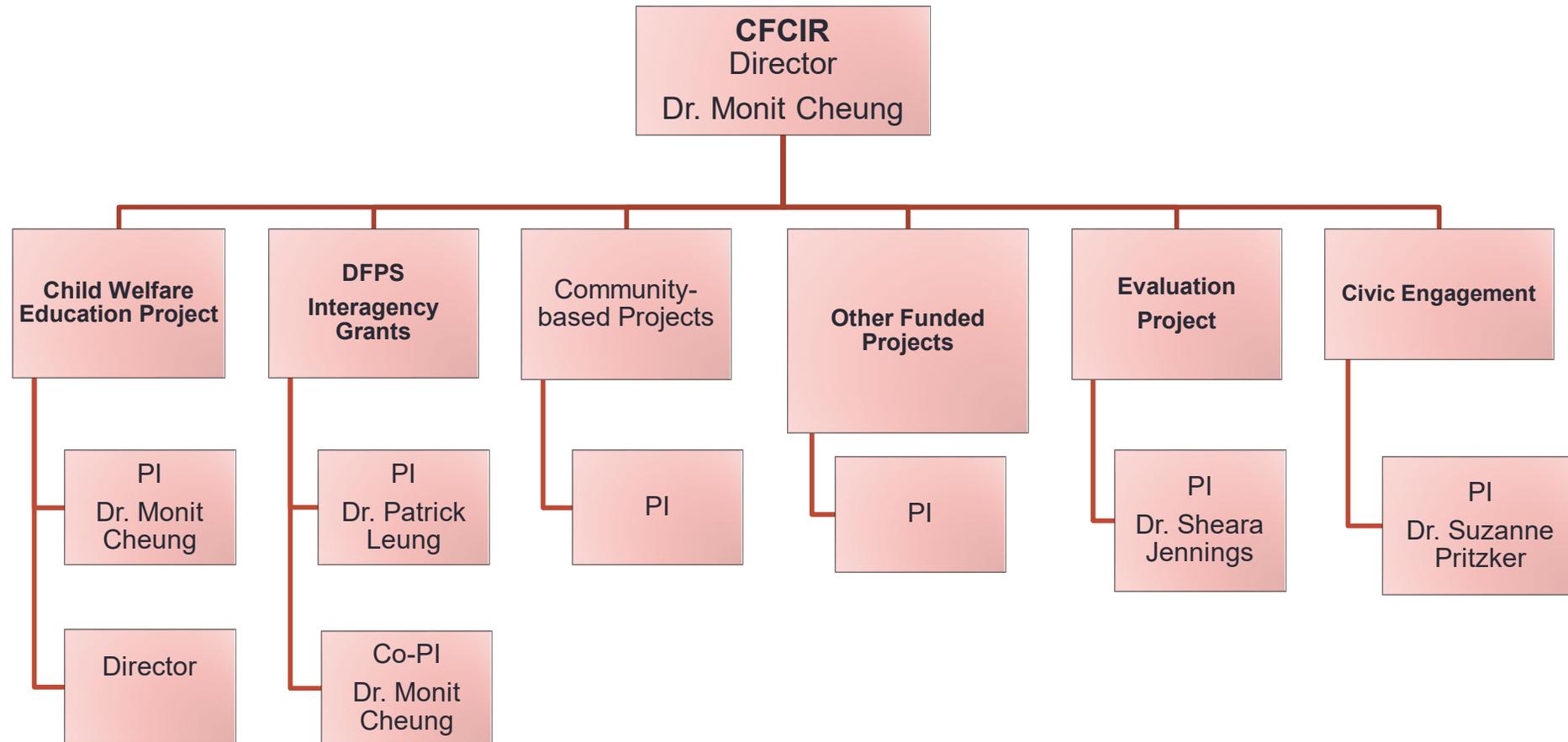
Mission

The mission of the Child and Family Center for Innovative Research (CFCIR) at the University of Houston is to **improve youth and family well-being, strengthen interpersonal relationships, and promote social justice.**

CFCIR aims to:

1. **Provide a platform for conducting research and engaging faculty and staff in community-based projects using innovative methods and approaches.**
2. **Collaborate with national, state and local agencies to perform child and family service and workforce analyses;**
3. **Develop and test treatment and strategic plans through funded research to improve child and family services;**
4. **Identify effective prevention and evaluative measures and treatment programs for children, youth and families across diverse cultural backgrounds, especially among racial/ethnic minorities and LGBTQX communities.**
5. **Provide a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration, between government and not-for-profit agencies and among community organizations, scholars and other service providers, from local to global, aiming to ensure health development for all youths, end racial disparities with relevant service development, and stop family and interpersonal violence.**

CFCIR Projects



Current CFCIR Projects, 2020-2021

CFCIR Projects	Dates	P.I.
CWEP 2021	6/30/2021	Cheung
Civic Engagement	9/30/2020	Pritzker
Evaluation of Project HYPE-Change Happens Year 5	9/29/2020	Jennings
Year 2 Building Civic Engagement	9/30/2020	Pritzker
Civic Engagement Through the Voices of Latino/A Youth	9/30/2020	Pritzker

Child Welfare Education Project (Title IV-E)

- **Sponsor:** Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- **Purpose:** Prepare master's level social work students for the challenging and rewarding work found in children's protective services.
- **Funding:** \$1 million plus matching
- **Project years:** 1999 to 2021 annually renewable based on performance and needs

- **PI: Dr. Monit Cheung**



Evaluation of Project HYPE 2.0

- **Sponsor:** Change Happens! and DHHS/ Administration of Families & Children
- **Funding:** \$557,000
- **Purpose:** Conduct external evaluation of the project to determine its overall effectiveness in the prevention of teen pregnancy and the transmission of sexually transmitted infections
- **Project Years:** 2012 to 2021 (9 years)
- **Evaluator:** **Dr. Sheara Jennings**



DFPS Workforce Analysis and Federal Funding Reviews

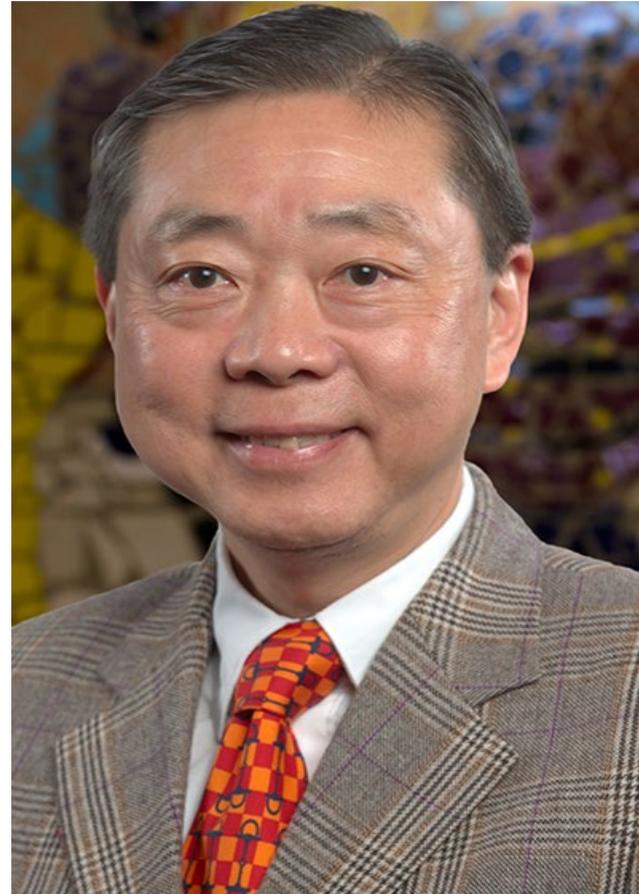
- **Sponsor:** Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
 - **Purpose:** To use research as an advocacy tool to increase funding to work with children and their families
 - **Funding:** \$334,603
 - **Project year:** 2006-2020
- **PI: Dr. Patrick Leung**
 - **Co-PI: Monit Cheung**



DFPS Kinship Navigators Study

- **Sponsor:** Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- **Purpose:** To study feasibilities and methods of kinship navigators in Texas
- **Project year:** 2019-2020

- **PI: Dr. Patrick Leung**
- **Co-PI: Monit Cheung**



Exploring Civic Engagement during COVID-19

- **Sponsor:** U.S. Corporation for National and Community Service.
- **Purpose:** Civic engagement
- **Funding:** \$116,960
- **Project Years:** 2020 to 2021

PI: Suzanne Pritzker



Building Civic Engagement in the Post-Harey Context

- **Sponsor:** U.S. Corporation for National and Community Service.
- **Purpose:** Exploring facilitators and barriers to civic activity in four hurricane-affected communities in Houston
- **Funding:** \$99,651 (yr 1); \$99,899 (yr 2); \$25,796 (yr 3)
- **Project Years:** 2018 to 2021

PI: **Suzanne Pritzker**



Civic Engagement Through the Voices of Latino/a Youth

- **Sponsor:** U.S. Corporation for National and Community Service.
- **Purpose:** Civic engagement
- **Funding:** \$97,324 (yrs 1-2), \$68,401 (yrs 3-4)
- **Project Years:** 2017 to 2020

PI: Suzanne Pritzker



ACES Grant: Partnership Training Skills” Connecting MSW and BSW Students in Two UH Campuses: Year 2 Implementation

- **Sponsor:** Advancing Community Engagement and Service
- **Purpose:** Interuniversity collaboration to use community engagement skills to improve child welfare training in the state of Texas
- **Project Years:** 2018-2021

- **PI: Dr. Monit Cheung**



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