

## **MH-RITES Center Research Affiliate**

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Sarah Carter Narendorf, PhD received training specifically in mental health services research as an NIMH pre-doctoral fellow through the Center for Mental Health Services Research at Washington University in St. Louis. Her research focuses on mental health and mental health service use during the transition to adulthood for marginalized groups including youth aging out of foster care, youth experiencing homelessness, and youth involved in the criminal justice system. Dr. Narendorf has focused on examining drivers of mental health service utilization for these groups, particularly for young people accessing psychiatric emergency treatment. She is currently leading a study to better understand engagement in outpatient mental health services following crisis inpatient hospitalization for young adults diagnosed with mood disorders or psychotic disorders. Dr. Narendorf's work has also explored how young adults think about their mental health and mental disorder diagnoses in order to understand how mental health narratives influence service connections.