



University of South Carolina College of Nursing

Faculty Information

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Educational Background

The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 2003, PhD

Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 1991, MN

The Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, 1988, BSN

Areas of Interest

Expertise: Adolescent health, adolescent sexual behavior, parent-child communication, self-efficacy, parenting styles.

Research: adolescent sexual behavior, effects of parenting on adolescent sexual health, parenting communication styles.

Teaching

Dr. Cox's area of teaching expertise is pediatrics. She teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Cox currently teaches NURS 410: Nursing Research, NURS 728: Acute Care Nursing of Children and NURS 710: Advanced Primary Care Nursing of Children.

Research

USC Research Consortium on Children and Families; Using Web-Based Technology to Improve Mother-Child Communication about Sex. \$15,000; Cox, M.F., 2005.

Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc., Honor Society of Nursing, Alpha Xi Chapter: Using Focus Groups to Understand Mother-Child Communication about Sex and Sexual Risk Behavior. \$1,000.00; Cox, M.F., 2004.

USC Center for Health Promotion & Risk Reduction in Special Populations, NIH; *Parent-child communication and adolescent sexual risk behavior.* \$10,000; Cox, M.F., 2004.

Service

Dr. Cox is active in university, community, and professional organizations, associations and committees. She serves on the Boards of both the Montessori School of Camden and A Better Way, Inc. She Co-chairs the Health and Education Committee of Kershaw County School District and served as a Judge at last year's USC Region II Science Fair. Dr. Cox is also a Senator to the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate and a member of the College of Nursing Research and Ethics Committee.

Scholarship

Holditch-Davis, D., Cox, M.F., Miles, M.S., & Belyeah, M. (2003). Mother-infant interactions of medically fragile infants and non-chronically ill premature infants. *Research in Nursing and Health*, 26, 300-311.

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