

J. Donald Cohon, PhD

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Designs community-based programs for disenfranchised groups

Don Cohon, PhD, designs and develops community-based programs to address particular social problems among disenfranchised groups. He has taken particular interest in the adaptation of refugee communities after their uprooting. His work with Southeast Asian refugees led to a teaching engagement at UC Berkeley Graduate School of Social Welfare, where he taught a graduate course on immigrants and refugees for seven years. Dr. Cohon has worked as a Chinese Mandarin interpreter/translator. He also speaks Vietnamese and has written a book on the tribal laws and customs of a highland Montagnard tribe. He has pioneered the study of extended families, kin care, and foster care, focusing on intergenerational care issues, and care of infants who are medically complex, drug-exposed and HIV+. Dr. Cohon has written Federal, State, and foundation grants to help fund and support new programs. He has served variously as Principal Investigator and Project Director, conducting applied outcome research on community-based projects, using mixed methods (quantitative and qualitative).

Education/Learning, Research, Health and Wellness, Program Development

Community and organizational psychology, Cross-cultural psychology, Kinship, Adaptation of refugee communities, Intergenerational program design and implementation, Autism, Program Design, Program Development, Applied Research, Grant Writing

American Psychological Association 1976-Resigned 2015, Society for Research in Child Development 1986-2011, National Committee on United States-China Relations 1974-Present, The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues 1985-2014

Abuse Reactive African American Kinship Youth Project

(1999) CWLA Kinship Care Conference: Honoring and Preserving Family Ties

Edgewood Center for Children and Families Stuart Foundation Kinship Caregiver Study

(1999) CWLA National Conference on Research in Child Welfare and Western Region Training Conference

Qualitative and Quantitative Findings from Three Studies of Kinship Families

(2001) Sustaining Kinship Ties: Permanency and Beyond, Child Welfare League of America Third National Kinship Care Conference

Information as Inspiration: How the Outcome Evaluation of California's Edgewood Kinship Support Network (KSN) Shaped Tennessee's New Relative Caregiver Program

(2001) Intergenerational Approaches: Not Just Nice...Necessary, 11th Generations United Int'l Conference

Edgewood's Kinship Support Network—Partnering with Youth, Caregivers, and Community

(2002) Making Children a National Priority, Child Welfare League of America

Edgewood's Kinship Support Network: Supporting Grandparent Caregivers and Children
(2002) Family Care: Empowerment through Innovation, 3rd Int'l Conference of Nat'l Alliance for Caregiving

Kinship Caregiver Research Data Expands Programs and Educates Policymakers
(2003) National Council on Aging and American Council on Aging Joint Conference

Preliminary Findings from a Study of Children in Kinship Care and Foster Care
(2003) Fourth National Kinship Care Conference, Child Welfare League of America

Kinship Caregivers' Health and Children's Impact on Their Families
(2004) 10th Biennial Family Support America Conference

Evaluation Studies of Edgewood's Kinship Support Network
(2004) International Consortium for Intergenerational Programmes

Program Evaluation Data Shapes Kinship Practices and Educates Policymakers
(2005) 5th International Conference on Evaluation for Practice

University of Southern California
PhD Education/Clinical Psychology

Stanford
Master Trainer Patient Education Research Chronic Disease Self-Management

First Community Inclusion Award
(1994) United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay

Grete Simpson Award Recipient
(1984) University of California San Francisco

Elvirita Lewis Foundation Award Recipient
(1987) Intergenerational research

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