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Current work: Associate Director and Senior Implementation Specialist with the Impact Center at Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute -- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (see: <https://fpg.unc.edu/people/robert-robin-h-jenkins>). The Impact Center works to catalyze social impact to optimize evidence-based prevention and well-being strategies, as well as contribute to implementation science and research. Additional focus areas include the application of prevention and implementation science to policy environments in order to improve public systems and public health outcomes at scale.

At FPG, Dr. Jenkins is a Principal Investigator (PI), Co-PI or Co-I on the following projects: (a) the Dennis M. Mondoro Probation and Juvenile Justice System Enhancement project in partnership with the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice and other experts; (b) implementation support for the NC Child Behavioral Health Services Leadership Team to strengthen family, youth, agency and system outcomes involving several statewide and targeted intervention; (c) Nebraska's Statewide Juvenile Justice System Enhancement grant; (d) Arkansas RED (Racial/Ethnic/Disparities) Reduction Probation System Reform; (e) California's state-wide scaling project to install and support a child welfare system Core Practice Model; (f) UNC School of Government and myFutureNC's Local Education Attainment Collaborative implementation evaluation.

Other background includes an extensive history in public and private agencies working with vulnerable populations and the systems designed to assist them. Dr. Jenkins has a myriad of work, volunteer, leadership and advocacy experiences in behavioral health, applied implementation activities, prevention science, criminal/juvenile justice, child welfare systems, substance abuse interventions, nonprofit development and management, state government leadership as well as full-time faculty and adjunct teaching at the collegiate level (undergraduate and graduate in behavioral sciences and juvenile/criminal justice). Research interests include: prevention of youth violence; universal and indicated prevention evidence-based policies and practices (to prevent adverse child experiences and outcomes); community science and capacity building related to creating positive child and youth outcomes; evidence-based law enforcement; systems reforms and cost savings / reinvestment strategies; organizational and leadership drivers for active implementation supports.

Dr. Jenkins has held national leadership roles as the former Chair of the National Coalition of Juvenile Justice, a member of the National Juvenile Justice Network's Executive Committee, governor appointed member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (OJJDP), and governor appointed positions in North Carolina on the North Carolina Governors Crime Commission, State Advisory Group (on Juvenile Justice) Chair, NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, and NC's Criminal Justice Information Network. He has served on several other state and local boards and commissions. A former Chief Deputy Secretary in the NC Dept of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and Deputy Director in the NC Dept of Public Safety-Division of Juvenile Justice, Dr. Jenkins co-led large scale systems involving the full continuum of prevention, intervention and post-release juvenile justice resources in North Carolina. These efforts required extensive cross- and multi-agency and system collaborations, along with innovative policy and administrative solutions.