

Jeff M. Kretschmar, Ph.D.
Faculty Biographical Sketch

Jeff M. Kretschmar is a Research Assistant Professor at the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University and Senior Research Associate with the Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education at MSASS. He also serves as the Director of the Begun Center's Partnership for Evaluation, Research, and Implementation (PERI). Dr. Kretschmar serves as the Principle Investigator (PI) on the statewide evaluation of the Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Initiative, a diversion program for juvenile justice-involved youth with mental and behavioral health issues. Dr. Kretschmar leads the evaluation efforts of Cuyahoga County's Defending Childhood Initiative, a Department of Justice funded program designed to reduce and eliminate childhood exposure to violence and the associated traumatic consequences. Dr. Kretschmar also serves as the PI for Cuyahoga County's Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction Program, sponsored by the Office on Violence against Women. He also is the lead evaluator of two federally-funded juvenile drug projects; working with the Montgomery County Juvenile Court and the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. These programs are designed to provide more effective treatment options to youth and families participating in Drug Court.

Dr. Kretschmar has presented the findings from his research at national and international conferences in the criminal/juvenile justice, mental/behavioral health, and related fields and has published these results in various professional journals. He has worked as a consultant for organizations such as the United States Marshals Service, Summit County Juvenile Court, the Lake County Health Department, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services, and the Cuyahoga County Family and Children First Council. Prior to joining CWRU, he served as Project Director for the Institute for the Study and Prevention of Violence at Kent State University. Dr. Kretschmar received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Miami University.

- Serves as the PI for several local, state, and federal research projects
- Directs the Partnership for Evaluation, Research, and Implementation (PERI)
- Engaged in major report and manuscript writing as well as grant writing and development