CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES

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A professor in the Department of Counseling Psychology and Human Services, Leslie Leve specializes in translating basic research into successful intervention practices to support at-risk youth and families. In addition to her work with children in foster care and the juvenile justice system, Leve’s research includes interdisciplinary work exploring the genetic, psychological, and social influences on the development of adopted children living with new families.

“I initially became interested in helping at-risk youth when I was in graduate school, and later at an independent research institute,” says Leve. “I recently joined the University of Oregon to have the opportunity to work with students and faculty members across a variety of disciplines. I am interested in understanding why mental health and health problems run in families, and by forging collaborations with experts in neurobiology, genetics, and psychology, we can more fully understand how to help children develop to their fullest potential.”

MAJOR AWARDS

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