

KATHLEEN J. FARKAS, Ph.D., LISW
Faculty Biographical Sketch

Kathleen J. Farkas is an associate professor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. She has extensive clinical and research expertise in assessment, diagnosis and treatment of substance abuse with a focus on women and the elderly. She has been the recipient of National Research Training Awards from the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse and the National Institute on Aging. Dr. Farkas also received a federally supported Faculty Development Award with an emphasis on substance abuse among women of childbearing age.

Dr. Farkas has been working with incarcerated and ex-offender substance abusing women for the past eleven years through Women's Re-Entry Network (WREN) and the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center. Through WREN she has developed a curriculum for therapeutic group services for incarcerated women and currently facilitates a weekly therapeutic group for women at the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center. Dr. Farkas holds an Ohio independent social worker license. Currently she is conducting a research project focused on barriers and facilitators to substance abuse and mental health services for women in jail as well as a qualitative study on the relationship of grief after a child's death, substance use and incarceration. She has developed continuing education programs to assist social workers and other human service professionals work with incarcerated and ex-offender women and their families. Her current research is funded through the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Dr. Farkas is an active participant in the Cleveland Re-Entry Strategy to develop a community-wide response for formerly incarcerated men and women.

Dr. Farkas has taught research methods, the specialization seminar and the philosophy of science course in the MSASS Doctoral Program and is chair of the Substance Abuse Concentration faculty at the Mandel School. She is the recipient of the MSASS Outstanding Teacher Award for 2000 and the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries Right Relationship Award for 1998. In 2000, she was selected as a faculty mentor for the Interdisciplinary Faculty Development Program in Substance Abuse Education funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Farkas received the Mather Spotlight Series Prize for Excellence in Research in 2005. Dr. Farkas is the vice chair of the Case Western Reserve University behavioral and social science IRB for the protection of human subjects.

- Dual Disorders Research
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- Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment