

Bio for Advances in Nursing

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Marion Becker is a tenured Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of South Florida within the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. Dr. Becker is a psychiatric nurse with a graduate degree in gerontology from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. in Social Welfare from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research focuses on quality of care and quality of life outcomes for vulnerable populations, with a particular emphasis on adults with co-occurring mental and physical health disorder. She is an experienced teacher, and researcher.

Dr. Becker has served as principal investigator (PI) or Co-PI on numerous outcome studies including the NIH funded Women, Co-occurring and Violence Study. (WCDV). She conducts treatment effectiveness studies and is experienced at analysis of large data sets including Medicare and Medicaid administrative data. Dr. Becker was awarded the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Research Award for development of the Wisconsin Quality of Life Index and her seminal research on quality of life outcomes in mental health. Along with advanced practice Dr. Becker teaches both the foundational and advanced policy courses within the School of Social Work. She has authored over a hundred peer-reviewed articles, numerous policy related reports, book chapters, and recently co-authored a book with Dr. Bruce Levin on Women's Mental Health. Dr. Becker also holds an appointment as Professor in the Colleges of Public Health, Pharmacy and the School of Nursing.