

Lisa Schainker, Ph.D., M.P.H., has been a research scientist at the Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute (PPSI) at Iowa State University for the last 13 years, where she conducts research on factors related to adoption, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of evidence-based programs for adolescents and their families. The focus of much of her work at PPSI centers around the Promoting School-Community-University Partnerships to Enhance Resilience (PROSPER) delivery system, which facilitates the sustained, high-quality implementation of family and school-based programs through the land-grant Extension System. She is currently the project director of a USDA NIFA-funded Rural Health and Safety Grant entitled: "Expanding the Evidence-based PROSPER Delivery System to Address the Opioid Epidemic." Through this innovative project, she and her team aim to reduce opioid demand and availability through a combination of partnership-supported programming and community-based prevention strategies. Significantly, this project will position Dr. Schainker and her team to enhance the capacity of Extension professionals and their state- and community-level partners to employ and sustain a comprehensive community systems approach to address the opioid epidemic. She has been a co-investigator on four additional PROSPER-related research projects and oversees evaluation services for the National PROSPER Network Organization, providing direct support to all states implementing the PROSPER delivery system.