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2000-present	Research Associate Professor, University of New Hampshire, Crimes against
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2002	Sociology, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
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Summary of Professional Experience

For more than 20 years, Dr. Walsh has conducted research on evaluating intervention programs for vulnerable populations. Her research areas include evaluating the multidisciplinary response to victimization, improving the system response to emerging types of victimization, such as technology facilitated abuse, and improving the response to victimization in underserved areas. Dr. Walsh has worked extensively with the National Children's Alliance, the member agency of Children's Advocacy Centers, to help improve interdisciplinary practice. As PI or co-Investigator on several Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Administration of Children and Families (ACF), National Science Foundation (NSF), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and foundation funded grants, she has successfully administered projects (e.g. staffing, research protections, budget, reporting), collaborated with other researchers, and produced over 40 peer-reviewed publications and 50 practice-based or technical reports and presented findings at over 70 conferences.

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Walsh, W., Finkelhor, D., Turner, H., & O-Brien, J. (2025, January). Online Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in a National Victim Survey. Paper presented at the 40th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment. San Diego, CA.

Walsh, W., Cross, T., & Casey, E. (2024, July). *Caregiver Feedback on Services in Children's Advocacy Centers: Spanish-speaking Caregivers Differ from English-speaking Caregivers.* Violence Prevention Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Walsh, W., Finkelhor, D., Turner, H., & O-Brien, J. (2024, July). *Online Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in a National Victim Survey*. Violence Prevention Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

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Searcy, S., Allison, K., Conners, A., Zerbe, R., Valibaba-Sullivan, L., Welch, R., Walsh, W., Wedener, L., & Zielinski, M. (2022, September). *Lessons Learned from Early Implementation of TeleSANE in Arkansas*. Paper presented at the International Forensic Nursing Conference, Dallas, TX.

Dixon, A., Walsh, W.A, & Briggs-King, E. (2021, June). *The Benefits of Tracking Services for CSEC Clients and Military Families in NCAtrak*. Paper presented at the National Children's Alliance, Washington, DC.

Walsh, W.A, Briggs-King, E., & Dixon, A. (2020, December). *Hear from the Research Experts*. Paper presented at the National Children's Alliance, Washington, DC.

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PROJECT EXPERIENCE

National Children's Alliance Research Fellow (2023-present).

Conduct research using Outcome Measurement Survey data regarding why Spanish-speaking caregivers are less satisfied than English-speaking caregivers and conduct research using NCAtrak mental health data to examine the question of which families are most likely to engage in treatment.

Improving the Response to Victims of Child Sexual Exploitation Materials: A Multi-Method, Multi-Informant National Study (2022-present).

Co-Investigator PI: Kimberly Lema Mitchell and David Finkelhor UNH. Funded by the National Institute of Justice. This study seeks to improve knowledge about the impact on children who were victims of child sexual exploitation materials (CSEM), also known as child pornography imaging and distribution (to be called CSEM throughout this proposal). We are conducting surveys with victims, law enforcement, clinicians, forensic interviewers, and children's advocacy directors.

Victims of Technology-Facilitated Abuse: Prevalence, Awareness, Dynamics, Help seeking and Reporting (2021-2023).

Co-Investigator PI: David Finkelhor and Heather Turner UNH. Funded by the National Institute of Justice. We are conducting a national survey of victims on the scope, incident dynamics and levels of awareness about technology-facilitated abuse. It will also focus on the barriers to disclosure and help-seeking among victims to help improve police response.

Establishing a Consistent CAC/MDT Response to Youth with Problematic Sexualized Behavior in NH (2020-2021)

Principal Investigator: Funded by the Children's Justice Act, Dr. Walsh is collaborating with the Granite State Children's Alliance to improve NH's response to youth with problematic sexualized behaviors. Dr. Walsh is interviewing professionals to identify gaps and existing challenges; tracking cases over a one-year a period to evaluate case specific decisions and outcomes; conducting a national assessment of best practices; and developing recommendations.

Dissemination of Research Findings (2018-2020)

Principal Investigator. Funded by Crimes against Children Research Center. Dr. Walsh is conducting analyses and writing articles using data from previous projects, including studies of survivors of child pornography, statutory rape victims, collaboration in child abuse investigations, and child sexual abuse victims who are in need of mental health services.

National Telenursing Center for the Care of Sexual Assault Patients (2016-2018)

Co-Investigator PI: Joan Sham, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Funded by Office for Victims of Crime. Funded by the Office for Victims of Crime. This 5 million dollar initiative created a national center in 2012 to use telemedicine technology to care for adolescent and adult victims of acute sexual assault. The center provides 24/7 access to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners via telemedicine technology. This pilot project served six hospitals in three states, including underserved areas such as rural areas, military hospitals, and a Native American tribal reservation. Dr. Walsh collaborated with Dr. Theodore P. Cross at the University of Illinois to conduct a mixed-method program evaluation of training initiatives, the telenursing experience and the impact of providing telemedicine services to underserved communities.

Survey of Sextortion Victims (2015-2017)

Co-Investigator PI: Janis Wolak, UNH. Funded by the Thorn Foundation. This project conducted an online anonymous survey of 1,600 sextortion victims. Respondents

This project conducted an online anonymous survey of 1,600 sextortion victims. Respondents were recruitment primarily via Facebook advertisements to better understand sextortion, a relatively new type of online exploitation in which perpetrators threaten to expose sexual images of victims unless they provide additional pictures, engage in sexual activity, or agree to other demands. Dr. Walsh led the second phase of the research that included follow-up qualitative telephone interviews with a subset of the sample.

Unwanted Sexual, Physical, and Stalking Experiences on College Campus (2000, 2006, 2016) *Co-Investigator* Funded by University of New Hampshire's Office of the President. Since 2000 Dr. Walsh has been part of a group of faculty at UNH who have been conducting surveys about dating violence on college campuses. The last wave of the study was expanded to include eight universities and collected data from more than 6,000 participants. Dr. Walsh collaborated with

the team about decisions on methodology, instrument development, analysis, and writing. Her papers focused on disclosure and service use.

Reporting Child Abuse Project and Research Fellow Services (2013-2015)

Principal Investigator. Funded by National Children's Alliance. The purpose of this project was to understand how to improve child abuse reporting polices. Dr. Walsh developed and oversaw the project, which included telephone interviews with a random sample of adults (N=509) about their knowledge of child abuse reporting policies in a state with a universal reporting policy; an online survey of 556 child-serving professionals about their experiences with reporting suspicions of abuse and neglect; and key informant telephone interviews with child maltreatment experts.

Evaluation of Providing Access to Hope & Healing (2014-2015)

Principal Investigator. Funded by Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, who received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Collaborated with the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center and Stephen Budde of the Juvenile Protective Association to enhance engagement with children's mental health services after a child abuse report. Dr. Walsh wrote a brief to highlight lessons learned from this comprehensive initiative.

Improving the response to victims of child pornography (2011-2013)

Co-Investigator PI: Susan Howley at the National Center for Victims of Crime. Funded by the Office for Victims of Crime. Dr. Walsh led the research component of this project which included in-depth telephone interviews with caregivers and adolescent victims who had been photographed in sexual images and those who had not been photographed but had experienced sexual abuse. The sample was recruited primarily via Children's Advocacy Centers. The project also included an online anonymous survey of adult survivors of child pornography and professionals who work with victims.

Exploring child abuse and the child welfare system in rural areas (2010-2015)

Principal Investigator. Funded by the Carsey School of Public Policy, University of New Hampshire. Dr. Walsh collaborated with the Vulnerable Families Research Program to analyze data from the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being and developed research briefs for practitioners focused on child abuse in rural areas, psychotropic medication use among children reported to child protective services, informal kin care, and foster care.

Exploring organizational court culture on case disposition time: A comparative case study of three counties (2010-2013)

Principal Investigator. Funded by the National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Program. This study examined the court culture of three Oregon counties and their timelines for resolving felony child sexual abuse cases. Dr. Walsh led the conceptualization of the project and oversaw the research team. Data included retrospective case-file abstraction (N=532) on all felony child sex crimes for a 2-year period and in-depth interviews with legal professionals (N=23).

Evaluation of internet child safety materials used by ICAC task forces in school and community settings (2009-2012)

Co-Investigator. PI: Lisa Jones, UNH. Funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The purpose of this study was to inform internet safety education program design. Dr. Walsh was part of a team of researchers who coded 31 youth prevention education meta-analyses across a wide range of youth prevention areas (substance abuse, risky sex behavior, delinquency, etc.) to gather information on prevention program characteristics shown by research to be most effective. Review findings identified that active, skill-based lessons, focused on research-based causal and risk factors, with adequate dosage were key.

The Third National Juvenile Online Victimization (NJOV3) Study: A study of the scope, investigation, and prosecution of technology-facilitated child exploitation crimes. (2009-2012)

Co-Investigator. PI: David Finkelhor, UNH. Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The NJOV3 Arrest Study is the third wave of a longitudinal study. These studies gathered detailed agency- and case-level data from a representative sample of law enforcement agencies across the U.S. about the prevalence of online victimization. Data included 1,299 completed interviews with law enforcement. Dr. Walsh oversaw the telephone interviews conducted with 545 state prosecutors who prosecuted technology facilitated crimes, coded and analyzed data, and summarized findings.

Caseflow and case management in child maltreatment cases (2009-2010)

Co-Investigator PI: Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County. Funded by the State Justice Institute. This study compared criminal disposition time for child sexual abuse cases (N=758) and other felonies in the Arizona Superior Court for Maricopa County for charges filed in 2007-2009. In-depth interviews were also conducted with key stakeholders over a three-day site visit. Dr. Walsh led the research component of this project and David Steelman of the Center for State Courts led the policy and caseflow management aspect of the project.

Improving access to mental health services for abused children in New Hampshire: Enhancing the role of Child Advocacy Centers (2008-2009)

Principal Investigator Funded by the New Hampshire Endowment for Health. Dr. Walsh and Dr. Jones conducted ten planning meetings with key stakeholders (i.e. CAC, DCYF, crisis center victim advocates, medical professionals and community mental health centers) across New Hampshire to discuss strengths and gaps in efforts to connect child abuse victims to needed mental health services in their community. Results of the study were used by the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, with funding by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, to transform access to mental health services after child sexual assault in the Chicago area.

Coos County Family Support Project (2007-2013)

Co-Investigator Funded by the Neil and Lousie Tillotson Foundation, and in collaboration with the Coos County Family Resource Center in Gorham, NH and the Carsey Institute worked to create a coordinated system of sustainable services to prevent and reduce child abuse and neglect, improve family functioning, promote wellness and build social, emotional and financial stability for families throughout Coos County.

Developing standardized measures of client satisfaction in investigations of crimes against children: The Investigation Satisfaction Scales (ISS) for Children and Parents (2006-2009)

Co-Investigator PI: David Finkelhor, UNH. Funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This study explored the utility of a scale to measure child and parent satisfaction after an investigation of child abuse. Dr. Walsh collaborated with research team members to make decisions about data collection at the children advocacy centers in New Hampshire.

Developing new knowledge for effective Children's Advocacy Centers: Employing the NCAtrak data system for CAC research (2005-2009)

Co-Investigator PI: David Finkelhor, UNH. Funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This study explored how a computerized case tracking system, NCAtrak, is used at children's advocacy centers to collect data from multiple agencies working with children's advocacy centers, such as law enforcement, prosecutors' offices, child protective services. Dr. Walsh collaborated with centers, assisted with data extraction, and analyzed and summarized results.

Statutory victims of sexual abuse: Exploring issues of definition, impact, and community response (2005-2009)

Co-Investigator PI: David Finkelhor, UNH. Funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Dr. Walsh worked with three Children's Advocacy Centers to identify cases involving statutory rape victims. The research team conducted in-person qualitative interviews with victims and collected quantitative case level data. Dr. Walsh assisted with instrument development, data analysis and writing.

National survey of children's exposure to violence (2008, 2005-2006)

Co-Investigator PI: David Finkelhor, UNH. Funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Dr. Walsh served as the triage point person after a youth or caregiver completed a research telephone interview about their exposure to different types of victimization and the algorithm determined that the situation was flagged due to concerning responses, such as suicidal ideation, possible continuing abuse or safety issues. Dr. Walsh compiled case level data and determined whether to contact a counselor to follow-up with the family.

Resilient Adaptation among maltreated children (2005-2007)

Principal Investigator Funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families (ACF). Dr. Walsh led a research team on this project to analyze how resilience is conceptualized and measured using the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW). This is the first national probability study of outcomes for children involved in investigations of child abuse and neglect. It was supported by the federal Administration on Children and Families and included more than 6,200 children, who were followed with multiple measures over 36 months.

The First National Juvenile Online Victimization (NJOV) Study: A study of the scope, investigation, and prosecution of technology-facilitated child exploitation crimes (2000-2003) *Co-Investigator* PI: David Finkelhor, UNH. Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The NJOV Study gathered detailed agency- and case-level data from a representative sample of law enforcement agencies across the U.S. about the prevalence of

online victimization. Detailed data from law enforcement and prosecutors were gathered about arrests in Internet-related child pornography or sexual exploitation cases. Dr. Walsh oversaw the telephone interviews of prosecutors, including hiring and training interviewers, tracking responses, and analyzing and summarizing results.

Multi-Site Evaluation of Children's Advocacy Centers (1999-2005)

Co-Investigator PI: David Finkelhor, UNH. Funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This 1 million dollar project is considered the seminal evaluation of children's advocacy centers to date. The study was conducted in ten communities across the United States and collected child, family, and community level outcomes in communities with access to children's advocacy centers and comparison communities. It included data on 1,200 child sexual abuse cases as well as in-person interviews with a subset of caregivers and youth. Dr. Walsh led the case-level data abstraction, coded and analyzed data, and authored and co-authored numerous journal articles.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019- 2024 **Evaluator.** Arkansas TeleSAFE program. Collaborate with project team to inform and assist with evaluation and data collection efforts for Arkansas TeleSAFE program, a three-year statewide initiative funded by the Office for Victims of Crime to serve sexual assault patients via telehealth services. The AR TeleSAFE program is one of four programs funded by the Office for Victims of Crime.
- 2017-2023 **Evaluator.** National Children's Alliance. Revised Initial and Follow-up Outcome Measurement Surveys (OMS) and Multidisciplinary Team Surveys. Conduct analysis of OMS data to explore survey responses based upon different groups of participants. Develop and pilot a youth satisfaction measure. Conduct analysis of sub-grant awards; assist with revisions to surveys and tracking of mental health services and services to human trafficking and child pornography victims.
- 2017 **Evaluator.** Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy. Hired, with Dr. Theodore Cross, to develop a community assessment for children's advocacy centers.
- 2009-2012 **Evaluator**. Contracted by Weeks Medical Center in Whitefield, NH to evaluate the Get In Shape program for child and adolescent obesity. Contracted by Smart from the Start in Boston, MA to evaluate an early childhood initiative.
- 1999- 2000 **Research Assistant**, Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program, University of New Hampshire. In charge of implementation of campus survey on unwanted sexual experiences and analysis of data.
- 1999 **Research Fellow**, Putting Children First, Columbia University Teachers' College. Children and family social policy fellowship under the leadership of Dr. Jeanne Brooks-Gunn.

- 1998 **Research Assistant**, Family Resource Center, Gorham, NH. Created a community assessment to compare rates of community wellness indicators across northern NH, the county, and the state.
- 1998-1999 **Program Assistant**, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire. Developed curricula for welfare to work training program and Family Focus Volunteer Parenting Program.
- 1996-1997 **Program Coordinator**, Family Focus Volunteer Parenting Program, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire. Researched and wrote parenting factsheets, managed volunteer program, coordinated state trainings and conference, and wrote quarterly newsletter.
- 1992-1995 **Research Assistant**, Children's Division of the American Humane Association, Englewood, CO. Conducted statistical analysis, data quality control, data collection, and conducted focus groups.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2005	Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Social Work 860: Research Methods
2003	Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 599: Sociological Analysis.
2002	Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 599: Sociological Analysis.
2000	Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 540: Social Problems.
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1999	Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 601: Research Methods.
1999	Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 599: Critical Analysis.
1998	Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 520: Statistics.

JOURNAL REVIEWS

Child Abuse & Neglect Child Maltreatment Children and Youth Services Review Crime & Delinquency Family Relations Journal of Interpersonal Violence Journal of Orthopsychiatry Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology Psychology of Violence Violence against Women