

# Adventure Central

## Summary of Scholarly and Creative Works 2001-2006

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Ferrari, T. M., Futris, T. G., Smathers, C. A., Cochran, G. R., Arnett, N., & Digby, J. K. (2006). Parents' perceptions of family involvement and youth outcomes at an urban 4-H program. Manuscript accepted for publication, *Forum for Family and Consumer Issues*.
- Ferrari, T. M., & Turner, C. L. (In press). Motivations for joining and continued participation in a 4-H Afterschool program. *Journal of Extension*.
- Paisley, J. E., & Ferrari, T. M. (2005). Extent of positive youth-adult relationships in a 4-H Afterschool program. *Journal of Extension* [On-line], 43(2). Article 2RIB4. Available at: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2005april/rb4.shtml>

### Reviews & Abstracts (Peer Reviewed)

- Cochran, G., Arnett, N., & Ferrari, T. M. (2006, October). *Adventure Central: A research station for urban youth development*. Abstract of a poster session accepted for presentation at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Milwaukee, WI.
- Arnett, N., Cochran, G., Bridgeman, B., & Brady, S. (2006, October). *Teamwork and Cultural Literacy for Teens (TCLT): Building cross-cultural skills*. Abstract of a workshop accepted for presentation at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- Ferrari, T. M., Smathers, C. A., Futris, T. G., Digby, J. K., Cochran, G. R., & Arnett, N. (2005, November). *Parents' perceptions of family involvement and youth outcomes at an urban 4-H program*. Abstract of a research and evaluation seminar presented at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents annual conference, Seattle, WA, p. 49.
- Cochran, G., & Arnett, N. (2005). *Workforce prep at Adventure Central: A holistic approach*. Abstract of a seminar presented at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents annual conference, Seattle, WA, p. 37.
- Cochran, G., Arnett, N., & Miller, L. (2004). *Hands-on fun with science and nature*. Abstract of a seminar presented at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Cochran, G., Arnett, N., McNeely, N. N., & Ferrari, T. M. (2003, September). *Adventure Central: Lessons in partnerships, programs, and evaluation*. Abstract of a seminar presented at the Galaxy II Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, p. 67.
- Ferrari, T. M., Paisley, J. E., Turner, C. L., Arnett, N., Cochran, G., & McNeely, N. N. (2002, October). *An evaluation of the presence of 4-H critical elements in Adventure Central programming*. Abstract of poster session presented at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents annual conference, Norfolk, VA, p. 49

### Scholarly Presentations & Posters

- Cochran, G., Arnett, N., & Ferrari, T. M. (2006, October). *Adventure Central: Applying the "demonstration plot" concept to youth development*. Poster session accepted for presentation at the Outreach Scholarship conference, Columbus, OH.
- Arnett, N., Brady, S., Bridgeman, B., & Cochran, G. (2006, May). *Teamwork and Cultural Literacy for Teens (TCLT)*. Workshop accepted for presentation at the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) annual conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Cochran, G. R., Arnett, N., & Ferrari, T. M. (2006, May). *Adventure Central: A research station for urban youth development*. Program Showcase accepted for presentation at the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) annual conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Cochran, G., Arnett, N., and Smathers, C. (2006). *4-H workforce prep: Real jobs, meaningful experiences, and marketable skills*. Workshop accepted for presentation at the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) annual conference, May 17-19, 2006, Atlanta, GA.
- Smathers, C. A., Cochran, G., Arnett, N., Futris, T., & Ferrari, T. M. (2005, May). *Engaging families in out-of-school time: Assessment, development, implementation, and evaluation*. Poster presented at the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) annual conference, Boston, MA.
- Cochran, G., Arnett, N., & Ferrari, T. M. (2004, September). *Lessons in partnerships, programming, and evaluation from an innovative urban youth education center*. Presentation at the Epsilon Sigma Phi National Conference, Moline, IL.
- Cochran, G., & Arnett, N. (2004). *Hands-on fun with science and nature*. Presentation at the North Central Volunteer Forum, Indianapolis, IN.
- Cochran, G., & Arnett, N. (2004). *Hands-on fun with science and nature*. Presentation at the Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Modic, L., Cochran, G., & Arnett, N. (2003) *Adventure Central – Innovative urban youth education center*. Presentation at the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Annual Conference, Dayton, OH.
- Cochran, G., Arnett, N., & Ferrari, T. M. (2003, May). *Adventure Central: An innovative urban education center*. Presentation at the Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk (CYFAR) Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Cochran, G., Arnett, N., McNeely, N. N., & Ferrari, T. M. (2003, March). *Adventure Central: An innovative urban education center*. Presentation at the Hours of Opportunity: Positive Youth Development in Out-of-School Time conference, East Lansing, MI.

McNeely, N. N., & Cochran, G. (2001). *Adventure Central*. Presentation at the North Central Urban Extension Conference, Cleveland, OH.

## Bulletins & Technical Reports

Cochran, G. R., Ferrari, T. M., & Jackson, K. (2005, September). *2005 4-H Afterschool Demonstration Project* (Final Report). Columbus: Ohio State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development.

## Master's Theses

 (advised by Theresa Ferrari)

Paisley, J. E. (2002). *An exploration of youths' positive relationships with adults at Adventure Central, a 4-H after-school program*. Unpublished master's thesis, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Turner, C. L. (2002). *Adolescents' perceptions of motivation, participation, and commitment at Adventure Central, a 4-H after-school program*. Unpublished master's thesis, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

## OSU Extension Presentations & Posters

Cochran, G., Ferrari, T. M., & Jackson, K. (2005, December 13). *Living healthy after school: 4-H Afterschool demonstration sites*. Poster presented at the OSU Extension Annual Conference, Worthington, OH.

Smathers, C., Futris, T., Ferrari, T. M., Cochran, G., Arnett, N. (2005, December 13). *CYFAR: A catalyst for engaging families in out-of-school time and promoting organizational change*. Poster presented at the OSU Extension Annual Conference, Worthington, OH.

Smathers, C., Futris, T., Ferrari, T. M., Cochran, G., & Arnett, N. (2005, October 7). *CYFAR: A catalyst for engaging urban families in out-of-school time and promoting organizational change*. Poster presented at the OSU Extension Urban Conversation, Worthington, OH.

Cochran, G., Ferrari, T. M., & Jackson, K. (2005, October 7). *Collaborating for positive impact in after-school programs*. Poster presented at the OSU Extension Urban Conversation, Worthington, OH.

Cochran, G., & Arnett, N. (2004). *Hands-on fun with science and nature*. Roundtable presentation at the OSU Extension Annual Conference, Columbus, OH.

Arnett, N., Brady, S., & Cochran, G. (2004). *TCLT (Teamwork and Cultural Literacy for Teens)*. Poster session presented at the OSU Extension Annual Conference, Columbus, OH.

## Adventure Central Included in HFRP National Evaluation Database

Adventure Central was recently added to the Harvard Family Research Project's Out-of-School Time Evaluation Database. The database currently contains profiles of 105 programs and their evaluation results. The database provides accessible information about large and small out-of-school time programs to support the development of high quality evaluations and programs in the out-of-school time field. The Adventure Central profile may be obtained by at the Harvard Family Research Project's website <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/afterschool/mott/ac.pdf>.

The entire database may be accessed at <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/projects/afterschool/evaldatabase.html>

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