

## **Lindamarie Olson, PhD, LCSW**

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Dr. Lindamarie Olson is an Assistant Professor at The University of Alabama School of Social Work with a research focus on interventions for at-risk youth to reduce their initial contact with the juvenile justice system and to limit their ongoing involvement in the system. Her intervention research explores and examines the effects of trauma and neuroscience on cognitive, mental health, and behavioral change within this population. Research objectives include 1) building and expanding the state of knowledge in this field to address the interconnection of neuroscience, adolescent development, trauma, and juvenile offending, and 2) bridging the gap between research and practice to facilitate a more effective and responsive justice system for youth. Dr. Olson is a clinical social worker licensed in both Texas and Alabama with a clinical specialization in childhood trauma and PTSD with experiencing working in Children's Advocacy Centers, residential care and intensive treatment facilities, and neurofeedback clinics.