



**Department of Social Work and Development**  
**Alumni Final Research Topics**  
**For the period 2014 - 2021**

NOTE: The research topics are categorized in the following thematic areas”

1. Children, youth and families
2. Disability
3. Mental health and addition
4. Social work and ethics
5. Aging and older persons
6. Crime and domestic violence
7. Community
8. Migration
9. Cancer

	ALUMNI	RESEARCH TOPICS
<b>Children, Youth &amp; Families</b>	David Francisco Leer	Identifying Risk Factors Affecting Youth: Callous-unemotional and Psychopathology Traits – A Case Study of one School in Aruba
	Shayna Figaroa	The effects of Childhood Emotional Abuse by Primary Caregivers on the Attachment of Young Adults
	Yorenne Yonina Arends	Lack of Affection from Mothers: Its effects on the self-esteem and the ability of four to six years old daughters to make friends
	Vandana Geerman	The Contributing Factors of Stress Affecting Adolescents and Their correlation with perceived Academic Performance: The Case of One Secondary School in Aruba
	Yanelis I. Jimenez Mercedes	“Children are like sponges” - The Experiences of Child Sexual Abuse in a male Survivor
	Nicole Estelle Godett	The Case of Star: The strengths of a determined teenage mother
	Vivian Carter	“No body wants me” - Permanency for children in foster care
	Jessy Larmonie	Boot camp or second chance: Program for young adults in Aruba
	Beonnie Brete	Melancholy Lingers: Ambiguous Loss, due to Separation from Primary Caregivers, in the Context of

		Institutional Foster Care: Stichting Kinderhuis Imeldahof
	Keyla Rojas	Protective and Risk Factors to Academic Achievement Among Foreign-Born Latin American Students Attending a Mavo School in Aruba
	Rina Hernandez	Experiences of siblings of children with autism in Aruba
	Denise Campbell	Children's Home Imeldahof adherence to the National Minimum Standards of care for children's homes
	Vicario Ellis	Young males and females jeopardizing their future: - The case study of school dropouts in Aruba
	Hannah Harsveld	The Perception of Homosexuality Amongst Adolescents in Aruba
	Tracey Werleman	School Drop-Out Prevention a case study on School Drop-Out Policies and Prevention Programs at Scol Practico pa Ofishi Aruba, 1995-2018
	Shennelyn Croes	Youth Financial Literacy: Empowering the Youth of Aruba to Become Financially Responsible Adults
	Julienne Duran Paez	The Influence of Parental Involvement on the Academic Performance and Social Emotional Development of Students at Scol Caiquetio
	Samantha Oduber	Effects of child separation on mothers: Are mothers receiving enough support from social service organizations?
	Michelle Lont	The effectiveness of using storytelling through the use of puppets in educating children of four to six years old about safe touches in Traimerdia settings.
	Shealah Maduro	The Extent to Which Parents in Aruba use a Rights-Based Approach in Raising their Children aged 6-12 Years old
	Lisen Lalwani	Perceptions and Experiences of the Sexual Behavior of Young Adolescents in Aruba
	Gabriella Carisal	The Perceptions of Former Residents of the Orthopedagogisch Centrum (OC) and Parents About the Alternative Care Received: A Seven Year Retrospective Study 2013 – Mid 2020

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<b>Disability</b>	Emmeline Munzaninne Webb	Employment Opportunities for Individuals with an intellectual Disability in Aruba
	Tirzlyn Kolfin	The Parental Capacities for intellectually disabled children
	Felishah Ponson	The emotional impact on people with physical disabilities striving to be independent in Aruba

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<b>Mental Health &amp; Addiction</b>	Lindsay Geerman	Mental Health and the Needs and Services of Dually Diagnosed Participants
	Sergianny Barras	One more bottle: Underage drinking
	Tanya Filiciana – Kirchner	“I couldn’t handle it anymore” Parasuicide Amongst Female Adolescents in Aruba: Risks and Protective Factors
	Keyla Reeder	The Role of Family Support for the Reintegration of Patients at Respaldo

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<b>Social Work &amp; Ethics</b>	Jenny Imelda Donata	Confidentiality and Social Workers in the Public Sector in Aruba
	Edwin Alberto Gómez	Shortage of Male Social Workers: an effective public relations strategy to stimulate male senior student in Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs at Colegio San Nicolas to Enroll in the Social Work and Development Program at the University of Aruba
	Tatiana Peana	Burnout among Aruban school social workers: Related demographical, individual and occupational protective and risk factors

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<b>Aging &amp; Older Persons</b>	Indrah Zievinger	The role of social work in the future development in the nursing homes of Stichting Algemene Bejaardenzorg Aruba (S.A.B.A.)
	Dahariana Everstz	A situational Analysis of the relevant welfare services and social security programs to the older population of Aruba

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<b>Crime &amp; Domestic Violence</b>	Nemesis Alexandra Trapenberg	Preventive service to post-incarcerated men to reduce recidivism: Perceptions of professionals and incarcerated men from Aruba
	Charlene Marlene Bontekoe	A story of Hope: Her life as a definition of domestic violence –Experience with service providers in Aruba
	Jessy Larmonie	Bootcamp or second chance? Sociale Vormingstraject: Opportunities for male young adults in Aruba
	Nicholle Vrolijk	Parenting styles perception based on incarcerated teenagers in Aruba
	Sharianne Kelly	Family and community risk factors that have a relationship with deviant and delinquent behavior and recidivism in Aruba between male youth offenders in Korrektie Instituut Aruba up to 21 years of age and prevention and intervention programs available in Aruba
	Jennifer Thode	Recidivism Amongst Women in Aruba: An Examination of the Risk Factors That Influence Recidivism and the Effectiveness of Reentry Programs

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<b>Community</b>	Mariana da Silva de Sousa	The influence of the socio demographic characteristics of residents on the quality of life in the Fundacion Cas Pa Comunidad Aruba Neighborhoods

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<b>Migration</b>	Marylain Veldman	The Effect that Living in Aruba has on the Mental Health of Irregular Venezuelan Immigrants

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<b>Cancer</b>	Radaida Wever	Small steps to a big change: The Importance and current situation of the psychosocial support for cancer patients and their families in Aruba
	Consuela Jenny Cameron	My every breath counts: The holistic care of oncology patients, the terminally ill and a hospice in Aruba

