



ABOUT

CATHERINE TAYLOR

Catherine Taylor, PhD, LCSW, MPH, has been a Professor at Boston College School of Social Work since 2020. She completed her MSW/MPH at Boston University and then trained at the UCLA School of Public Health in community health sciences, epidemiology, and media studies. She went on to be a post-doctoral scholar at Columbia University School of Social Work and focused on the development and assessment of preventive interventions to prevent child abuse. She then joined Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine in New Orleans (2005-2020) as faculty, where she became the Founding Director of their Violence Prevention Institute and Pincus Violence Prevention Scholarship program, and developed their first course on “violence as a public health problem.”

Her research is focused on the primary prevention of trauma and violence, especially that which impacts children, via testing and implementing preventive interventions and understanding the important and complex role of social norms in this arena. She is also focused on optimizing access to and translation of scientific evidence, as well as the uptake and implementation of evidence-based practice to promote mental health, treat trauma, and prevent violence.