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HEALTHY TEEN NETWORK

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SKILLS & SUBJECT AREA EXPERTISE

Ms. Desiderio has over 18 years of capacity building and project management experience, supporting professionals to provide quality sexual and reproductive health education and services. Areas of expertise include translation of research to practice, resource development, training and technical assistance, graphic design, and marketing and dissemination.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, NEWARK, DE

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH EDUCATION, 2002

- Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

VIRGINIA TECH, BLACKSBURG, VA

MASTER OF ARTS, ENGLISH, 2004

- Thesis: Protecting the Breast and Promoting Femininity: The Breast Cancer Movement's Production of Fear Using a Rhetoric of Risk
- Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE, 2010

- Completed a 72-hour graduate-level course designed to strengthen the leadership and management capacity of individuals working in or with nonprofit organizations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

HEALTHY TEEN NETWORK, BALTIMORE, MD

2011 - PRESENT

Lead organizational communications strategies. Responsibilities include translation of research to practice and resource development, branding, graphic design, quality assurance, dissemination, website management, social media marketing, collaboration with national coalitions, strategic planning, and fund development.

- Conceptualized, researched, developed, and disseminated tools and resources to support translation of research to practice for sexual and reproductive health professionals.
- Provided ongoing training and technical assistance to build knowledge and skills of professionals to provide quality sexual and reproductive health education and health care services.
- Supervised conference manager and committee, with \$250,000 event budget.
- Increased organizational efficiency, effectiveness, and functionality by leading the selection and deployments of Salesforce CRM database and online learning management system (LMS).
- Collaborated to develop, write, and submit many winning grant proposals and contract applications.
- Supervised two staff members: Communications Manager and Digital Content Creator.
- Led the Sex Education Collaborative communications work group (2022-2023).
- Led organizational initiative on Youth 360°: How and where youth live, learn, and play matters, to reframe the conversation on how to promote adolescent health and well-being.
- Collaborated with President, staff, and Board to conduct field assessment and develop the strategic plan (2013, 2017) and revise the mission, vision, and guiding principles (2011, 2015).



PROGRAM MANAGER & TRAINING COORDINATOR

HEALTHY TEEN NETWORK, BALTIMORE, MD
2006 - 2011

- Provided ongoing training, technical assistance, and resource development to build knowledge and skills of professionals to provide quality sexual and reproductive health education and services.
- Managed \$60,000 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health subcontract; provided training for Teen Pregnancy Prevention grantees.
- Managed \$75,000/year, two-year Johnson & Johnson project to integrate HIV/STI and pregnancy prevention by partnering with agencies in two cities to implement curricula.
- Supported \$100,000/year, two-year Freddie Mac Foundation project to convene national experts; identified core components of supportive housing for young parents; developed corresponding resources.
- Supported \$650,000/year, five-year Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Reproductive Health cooperative agreement to provide training and TA to grantees, supporting the translation of research to practice and use of evidence-based approaches to implement quality sexual health education and health care services.

VICTIM SERVICES OUTREACH COORDINATOR

WOMEN'S CENTER AT VIRGINIA TECH, BLACKSBURG, VA
2005 - 2006

- Coordinated \$200,000/year Violence Against Women Act campus grant.
- Conducted sexual violence awareness education and provided crisis response, case management, and advocacy.

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, WOMEN'S STUDIES

VIRGINIA TECH, BLACKSBURG, VA
MAY 2005 – DECEMBER 2005

- Developed and facilitated online and traditional Introduction to Women's Studies courses, examining the construct of gender in the contexts of race, class, and other systems of inequality.

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, TECHNICAL WRITING

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, VA
AUGUST 2005 – DECEMBER 2005

- Developed and facilitated Introduction to Technical Writing course, focusing on composing technical documents using appropriate voice, tone, style, and formatting.

TEACHER, ENGLISH

FLOYD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, FLOYD, VA
AUGUST 2004 – JUNE 2005

- Developed and facilitated 9th, 10th, and 11th grade English courses, focusing on critical reading and writing using literature study, writing workshops, and grammatical review.
- Developed and facilitated 9th-12th grade journalism course, supervising the reporting, design, fundraising, editing, sales, and distribution of the school newspaper and yearbook.

PUBLICATIONS

Sufrinko, N., **Desiderio, G.**, & Cowsert, M. (2023). *Thrivology* [Visual Identity System and Website]. Healthy Teen Network. www.thrivology.com

Tomai Felsen, A., **Desiderio, G.**, Cowsert, M., & Sufrinko, N. (Eds.). (2023). *Healthy Teen Network*. [Website]. Healthy Teen Network. www.HealthyTeenNetwork.org

Cowsert, M., **Desiderio, G.**, Tomai Felsen, A., & Sufrinko, N. (Eds.). (2023). *ReSHAPING (Research on Sexual Health and Adolescent Parenting in Out-of-Home Environments Group) Network*. [Website]. Healthy Teen Network. www.ResSHAPINGnetwork.org

Cowsert, M., **Desiderio, G.** (2023). *2022 Annual report: Daring to dream*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report



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- Schelbe, L., Dworsky, A., Shpiegel, S., Eastman, A., Geiger, J., Garrido, M., & **Desiderio, G.** (2022). *Increasing post-secondary educational attainment among young parents in and aging out of foster care: Applying the Healthy Teen Network's Young Parents Logic Model*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/promoting-postsecondary-educational-success-among-young-parents-in-and-aging-out-of-foster-care/
- Desiderio, G.,** Tomai Felsen, A. (2022). *Youth-friendly webpage checklist: True You Maryland* [Tip sheet]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Sex Ed Collaborative (**Desiderio, G.,** Slaybaugh, M., Bennett, J., & Heitel, J.). (2022). #SexEdForAllMonth tool kit. sexeducationcollaborative.org/sex-ed-all-month#toolkit
- Cowsert, M., **Desiderio, G.** (2022). *2021 Annual report: Collaboration in times of crisis*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report
- Sufrinko, N., Cowsert, M., **Desiderio, G.,** & Garrido, M. (2021). *Activate: The Collective to Bring Research to Practice to Youth-Serving Professionals* [Visual Identity System and Website*]. Healthy Teen Network. (*Website was redesigned by a separate team in 2022.)
- Sufrinko, N., Tomai Felsen, A., & **Desiderio, G.** (2021). *True You Maryland* [Visual Identity System and Website*]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/true-you-maryland/
- Desiderio, G.,** Garrido, M., & Cowsert, M. (2021) *Activate: The Collective to Bring Research to Practice to Youth-Serving Professionals quality assurance guide and protocol*. Healthy Teen Network.
- Sex Ed Collaborative (**Desiderio, G.,** Bennett, J., & Heitel, J.). (2021). #SexEdForAllMonth tool kit. sexeducationcollaborative.org
- Desiderio, G.,** Garrido, M., & Williams, M. (2020). *Young parents logic model* [Tool and report]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/young-parents-logic-model
- Cowsert, M., **Desiderio, G.** (2021). *2020 Annual report: Connecting together from afar*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report
- Sex Ed Collaborative (Eisenstein, Z., Bennett, J., **Desiderio, G.,** & Heitel, J.). (2020). #SexEdForAllMonth tool kit. sexeducationcollaborative.org
- Tomai Felsen, A., Sufrinko, N., & **Desiderio, G.** (2020). *ReSHAPING (Research on Sexual Health and Adolescent Parenting in Out-of-Home Environments Group) Network* [Visual Identity System and Website]. Healthy Teen Network. www.ReSHAPINGnetwork.org
- Desiderio, G.** (2019). *2019 Annual report: Celebrating 40 years of #standingstrong*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report
- Reeg, B., Sufrinko, N., Martínez-García, G., Sedivy, V., & **Desiderio, G.** (2019). *Volt20: 20 questions to a healthier future* [Tool]. Baltimore: Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/volt20/
- Sex Ed Collaborative (Bennett, J., Eisenstein, Z., **Desiderio, G.,** & Heitel, J.). (2019). #SexEdForAllMonth tool kit. sexeducationcollaborative.org
- Taverner, B. (Ed.), **Desiderio, G.** (Guest Ed.). (2018). A special issue of Healthy Teen Network. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 13(3). www.tandfonline.com/toc/wajs20/13/3?nav=toCList
- Desiderio, G.** (2019). *2018 Annual report: Maintaining a spotlight on adolescent sexual & reproductive health*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report
- Healthy Teen Network (**Desiderio, G.**). (2018, June 8). *Position statement: evidence and innovation*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/position-statement-evidence-innovation/
- Healthy Teen Network (**Desiderio, G.**). (2018, January 11). *Position statement: Ensuring equity for youth by affirming young people who are pregnant or parenting*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/position-statement-affirming-young-people-pregnant-parenting/
- Desiderio, G.** (2018). *2017 Annual report: #Standingstrong and keeping youth at the center*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report
- Paluzzi, P., **Desiderio, G.** (2017, October 1). *Strategic Plan, 2017 - 2020*. Healthy Teen Network. (**Desiderio, G.**) (2017, September 20). *Position Statement: Health Promotion & The Social Determinants of Health*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/position-statement-health-promotion-social-determinants-health/



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- Healthy Teen Network (Steinhauser, R., Steinhauser, B., **Desiderio, G.**, & Paluzzi, P.). (2017). *Know your audience: Strategies for opening channels of communication* [Tip sheet]. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/tip-sheet-know-your-audience/
- Desiderio, G.** (2017). *2016 Annual report: Reflecting back & looking forward: A commitment to evidence & innovation*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report
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- Desiderio, G.** (2016). *2015 Annual report: Our innovation*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report
- Desiderio, G.** (2015). *2014 Annual report: Youth 360°: How and where youth live, learn, and play matters*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/about#annual-report
- Desiderio, G.** (2015) *Healthy Teen Network* [Brochure].
- Desiderio, G.** (2015). *How to blog* [Tip sheet]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Desiderio, G.**, Garrido, M. (2015). *Youth 360°: How and where we live, learn, and play matters* [Prezi presentation]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/youth360-presentation/
- Desiderio, G.**, Garrido, M., Paluzzi, P., Sedivy, V. (2015). *Youth 360°: The Game*. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/youth-360-game/
- Desiderio, G.** (2015). *Staff primer: About Healthy Teen Network* [Tip sheet].
- Desiderio, G.** (2014). *Discussion guide: Mighty MT*. Healthy Teen Network.
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- Desiderio, G.**, Garrido, M., Eisler, A., Martínez-García, G. (2014). *Lessons learned in providing healthcare services for Native Youth* [Case study]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/learning-walks-native-youth
- Desiderio, G.** (2014). *Stories worth sharing: 2013 annual report*.
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- Desiderio, G.**, Max, J., Scott, M., Ikramullah, E., Barry, M., & Manlove, J. (2010). *Bricks, mortar, and community: The foundations of supportive housing for pregnant and parenting teens* [Report]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/bricks-mortar-community-the-foundations-of-supportive-housing-for-pregnant-parenting-teens/



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- Wilson, M., & **Desiderio, G.** (2008). *Promoting science-based approaches using Getting to Outcomes: Grantee interview report* [Report]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Desiderio, G.**, Max, J., & Wilson, M. (2008). *A BDI Logic Model for working with young families* [Tool and report]. Healthy Teen Network.
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- Rolleri, L., Wilson, M., & **Desiderio, G.** (2007). *Science-based approaches: Frequently asked questions* [Brochure]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Rolleri, L., Wilson, M., & **Desiderio, G.** (2007). *Science-based approaches: A year in review (2006-2007)* [Brochure]. Healthy Teen Network.

TRAININGS & PRESENTATIONS

- Desiderio, G.**, Garrido, M. (2022, October). *The big picture: A tool you can use to meet the unique needs of young parents* [Workshop]. 42nd Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Miami, FL.
- Desiderio, G.** (2022, October). *Learn, improve, create, and advocate with Healthy Teen Network: We're here for you.* [Presentation]. 42nd Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Miami, FL.
- Desiderio, G.** (2021, February). *The basics: social media marketing* [Online presentation]. True You Maryland Meeting.
- Desiderio, G.**, Sufrinko, N., Tomai Felsen, A., & Cowser, M. (2021, April). *Brands and audiences and personas, oh my!* [Workshop]. True You Maryland Youth Brand Camp (virtual).
- Sufrinko, N., **Desiderio, G.**, Tomai Felsen, A., & Cowser, M., (2021, April). *But who is she? Finding your archetype.* [Workshop]. True You Maryland Youth Brand Camp (virtual).
- Desiderio, G.**, Sufrinko, N., Tomai Felsen, A., & Cowser, M. (2021, April). *It's alive! Bring your brand to life with voice, style, and values.* [Workshop]. True You Maryland Youth Brand Camp (virtual).
- Tomai Felsen, A., Sufrinko, N., **Desiderio, G.**, & Cowser, M. (2021, April). *Set the mood, dude! Making it visual with mood boards.* [Workshop]. True You Maryland Youth Brand Camp (virtual).
- Cowser, M., Sufrinko, N., **Desiderio, G.**, & Tomai Felsen, A. (2021, April). *What's in a name?* [Workshop]. True You Maryland Youth Brand Camp (virtual).
- Desiderio, G.**, Thu-Thao Rhodes, D., & Bennet, J. (2021, October). *Why sex ed for all?* [Workshop]. 41st Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference (virtual). www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/why-sex-ed-for-all/
- Desiderio, G.**, & Garrido, M. (2019, October). *Meeting the unique needs of young parents* [Workshop]. 40th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Martínez-García, G. & **Desiderio, G.** (2018, October). *Morning sex: Waking up to a new day in sex ed* [Conference session]. 39th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Cadena, D., Suseth Valladares, E., Kuti, M., & **Desiderio, G.** (2017, July). *Celebrating young parents* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/celebrating-young-parents-webinar
- Campbell, S., Torres, L., Paluzzi, P., & **Desiderio, G.** (2017, May 18). *Youth 360° In Action* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/youth-360-in-action-hangout/
- Paluzzi, P., **Desiderio, G.** (2017, October). *Supporting youth and sustaining your organization: Approach matters* [Roundtable discussion]. 37th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Desiderio, G.**, Reeg, B., Downey, M., Clayton, M., & DeSantis, B. (2017, October). *Freshening our public policy messages and strategies to match current times* [Training]. 37th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Healthy Teen Network (Steinhauser, R., Steinhauser, B., **Desiderio, G.**, & Paluzzi, P.) (2017, October). *Building your champions: Strategies for community organizing and grassroots mobilization* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/navigating-politics-public-health/
- Healthy Teen Network (Steinhauser, R., Steinhauser, B., **Desiderio, G.**, & Paluzzi, P.) (2017, September). *How to be heard: Media as a public relations strategy* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/navigating-politics-public-health/



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- Healthy Teen Network (Steinhauser, R., Steinhauser, B., **Desiderio, G.**, & Paluzzi, P.) (2017, September). *Know your audience: Strategies for opening channels of communication* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network. www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources/navigating-politics-public-health/
- Eisler, A., **Desiderio, G.** (2016, November). *Professional gamers: Expand your training strategies with gamification* [Workshop]. 37th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Paluzzi, P., **Desiderio, G.** (2015, July). *The frame makes the picture: Pregnant and parenting teens* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Desiderio, G.** (2015, January). *Getting graphic: Kickstart learning with graphic novels* [Workshop]. Enoch Pratt Free Library Staff Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- Desiderio, G.**, Paluzzi, P. (2015, January). *Youth 360°: How and where youth live, learn, and play matters* [Workshop]. Healthy Teen Network Board Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- Connelly, K., **Desiderio, G.** (2014, October). *Getting graphic: Kickstart learning with graphic novels* [Workshop]. 36th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
- Desiderio, G.**, Paluzzi, P. (2014, October). *Youth 360°: Crafting a message* [Workshop]. Healthy Teen Network Staff Training Event, Los Angeles, CA.
- Paluzzi, P., **Desiderio, G.** (2014, October). *Youth 360°: The game* [Conference session]. 36th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
- Max, J., **Desiderio, G.** (2011, August). *Developing and sustaining healthy relationships with youth* [Training]. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health, Pregnancy Assistance Fund Grantee Meeting, Bethesda, MD.
- Desiderio, G.**, Max, J. (2011, June). *Harmony and dissonance: How our personal values affect professional performance*. [Training]. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health, Pregnancy Assistance Fund Grantee Meeting, Bethesda, MD.
- Garrido, M., **Desiderio, G.** (2011, June). *Selecting an evidence-based program that fits* [Webinar session]. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Family and Youth Services Bureau, State Personal Responsibility Education Program.
- Chilcoat, D., **Desiderio, G.** (2011, May). *Monitoring program implementation fidelity and quality* [Webinar session]. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.**, & Chilcoat, D. (2011, March). *Community mobilization and Getting to Outcomes®* [Training]. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Reproductive Health, grantee meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- Desiderio, G.** (2011, March). *Understanding the needs of adolescent parents* [Training]. Maryland Family Network Staff Training, Baltimore, MD.
- Desiderio, G.**, Connelly, K. (2011, March). *Who's who and what's what: Guide to Healthy Teen Network* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Desiderio, G.**, Max, J. (2011, January). *Understanding the needs of adolescent parents* [Training]. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health, Pregnancy Assistance Fund Grantee Training, Washington, DC.
- Chilcoat, D., **Desiderio, G.** (2010, April). *Making informed adaptations to evidence-based programs* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Chilcoat, D., **Desiderio, G.** (2010, April). *What you need to know to compete for the dough! Evidence-based programs in teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Desiderio, G.** (2010, March). *Opportunity knocks: Using teachable moments to convey safer sex messages* [Workshop]. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD.
- Desiderio, G.** (2010, March). *Opportunity knocks: Using teachable moments to convey safer sex messages* [Workshop]. 30th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Chilcoat, D., **Desiderio, G.**, & Garrido, M. (2010, April). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Webinar session]. Healthy Teen Network.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2009, December). *Advocating for evidence-based programs* [Training]. Colorado Youth Matter Staff Training Event, Denver, CO.
- Chilcoat, D., **Desiderio, G.** (2009, September). *Selecting and implementing programs that integrate teen pregnancy and HIV/STI Prevention* [Training]. Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Staff Training Event, Mobile, AL.



- Wandersman, A., **Desiderio, G.** (2009, June). *Continuous quality improvement* [Workshop]. South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Summer Institute, Charleston, SC.
- Desiderio, G.** (2009, May). *Understanding the needs of adolescent parents* [Training]. American Bar Association, Children & the Law Conference, Washington, DC.
- Chilcoat, D., **Desiderio, G.** (2009, March). *Making Proud Choices! Making a Difference! Training-of-educators* [Training]. Baltimore City Public School System Staff Training Event, Baltimore, MD.
- Desiderio, G.** (2009, February). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Workshop]. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Conference, Washington, DC.
- Chilcoat, D., **Desiderio, G.** (2009, February). *Making Proud Choices! Making a Difference! Training-of-educators* [Training]. Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential Staff Training Event, Atlanta, GA.
- Chilcoat, D., **Desiderio, G.** (2009, January). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Training]. Baltimore City Public Schools Teacher Professional Development Session, Baltimore, MD.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, December). *Advocating for evidence-based programs* [Training]. Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential Staff Training Event, Atlanta, GA.
- Wandersman, A., Wilson, M. M., & **Desiderio, G.** (2008, December). *Continuous quality improvement* [Workshop]. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Reproductive Health Grantee Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Wilson, M. M., Wandersman, A., & **Desiderio, G.** (2008, December). *Training of technical assistance providers on evaluation* [Training]. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Division of Reproductive Health Grantee Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, October). *Promoting science-based approaches using Getting to Outcomes®* [Training]. 29th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, October). *Promoting science-based approaches using Getting to Outcomes®* [Training]. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Division of Reproductive Health Grantee Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, October). *Using the BDI Logic Model to design programs that work* [Workshop]. 29th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Desiderio, G.**, Rollison, C. (2008, July). *Assessing diverse populations for programs that fit* [Training]. South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Staff Training Event, Columbia, SC.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, July). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Training]. Baltimore City Health Department Training Event, Baltimore, MD.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, July). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Training]. Baltimore City Health Department Staff Training Event, Baltimore, MD.
- Desiderio, G.**, Max, J. (2008, July). *Using the BDI Logic Model to design programs that work* [Training]. DC Children and Family Services, staff training event, Washington, DC.
- Bean, S., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, February). *Assessing diverse populations for programs that fit* [Training]. Pennsylvania Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Staff Training Event. State College, PA.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, January). *Advocating for evidence-based programs* [Training]. Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy Staff Training Event, Alexandria, VA.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2008, January). *Using the BDI Logic Model to design programs that work*. Training facilitated at Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy, Alexandria, VA.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, December). *Advocating for evidence-based programs* [Training]. Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential Staff Training Event, Albany, GA.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, December). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Training]. Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential Staff Training Event, Albany, GA.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, December). *Selecting and implementing programs that integrate teen pregnancy and HIV/STI Prevention* [Training]. Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential Staff Training, Albany, GA.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, November). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Training]. Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Staff Training Event, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, November). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Training]. 28th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Desiderio, G.**, Nelson, N. (2007, November). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Training]. Health Care Education and Training, Staff Training Event, Madison, WI.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, November). *Using the BDI Logic Model to design programs that work*. [Training]. 28th Healthy Teen Network Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.



- Desiderio, G.**, Nelson, N. (2007, October). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Training]. Health Care Education and Training, Staff Training Event, Madison, WI.
- Desiderio, G.**, Kariem-White, T. (2007, October). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Training]. Family Planning Council Staff Training Event, Philadelphia, PA.
- Desiderio, G.** (2007, March). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Workshop]. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.**, & Max, J. (2007, September). *Selecting and implementing programs that integrate teen pregnancy and HIV/STI Prevention* [Training]. Planned Parenthood of Maryland Staff Training, Baltimore, MD.
- Bean, S., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, July). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Training]. Hawaii Youth Services Network, Staff Training Event, Kaneohe, HI.
- Bean, S., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, July). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Training]. Hawaii Youth Services Network, Staff Training Event, Kona, HI.
- Bean, S., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, April). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Training]. Pennsylvania Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Staff Training Event, Clarion, PA.
- Bean, S., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, April). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Training]. Pennsylvania Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Staff Training Event, Harrisburg, PA.
- Rolleri, L., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, April). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Training]. Massachusetts Alliance to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Staff Training Event, Worcester, MA.
- Desiderio, G.** (2007, March). *The characteristics of effective sex education programs* [Workshop]. National Network of State Adolescent Health Coordinators Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, March). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Training]. Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Staff Training Event, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, March). *Evidence-based approaches to teen pregnancy, STI, and HIV prevention* [Training]. Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Staff Training Event, Tulsa, OK.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, March). *Using the BDI Logic Model to design programs that work* [Training]. Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Staff Training Event, Tulsa, OK.
- Wilson, M. M., **Desiderio, G.** (2007, March). *Using the BDI Logic Model to design programs that work* [Training]. Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Staff Training Event, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Williams, A., **Desiderio, G.** (2006, July). *Sexual assault education and awareness*. [Workshop]. Virginia Tech, New Student Orientation, Blacksburg, VA.
- Williams, A., **Desiderio, G.** (2005-2006). *Sexual assault education and awareness*. [Workshop]. Virginia Tech student classes, Blacksburg, VA.
- Williams, A., **Desiderio, G.** (2005-2006). *Online harassment and cyberstalking awareness* [Workshop]. Virginia Tech student classes, Blacksburg, VA.
- Williams, A., **Desiderio, G.** (2005-2006). *Healthy relationships* [Training]. Virginia Tech student classes, Blacksburg, VA.
- Lomascolo, A., **Desiderio, G.** (2006, April). *Sexual harassment: A guide for the Corps Cadets* [Workshop]. Virginia Tech, Corps Cadets Training, Blacksburg, VA.
- Desiderio, G.** (2005, April). *The power of the pink ribbon: A closer look at the breast cancer movement's use of the pink ribbon*. Virginia Tech, English Graduate Student Organization, "With Pen in Hand: Writing in a Post-Cultural America" Conference, Blacksburg, VA.
- Desiderio, G.** (2003, August). *Issues of gender, age, and authority for graduate teaching assistants* [Workshop]. Virginia Tech, Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation, Blacksburg, VA.
- Desiderio, G.** (2003, August). *Grading methodologies* [Workshop]. Virginia Tech, Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation, Blacksburg, VA.

SERVICE

COMMUNITY ALLIES OF RAINBOW YOUTH, INC. (CARY), MEMBER

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

2022 – PRESENT

- Participated as a community member; reviewed and provided feedback on a work group to update to public school policy on sponsored publications and productions (2022).



PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION, YEARBOOK COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

ELLCOTT CITY, MD

2019 – PRESENT

- Shot and edited yearbook candid photographs, designed yearbook pages, provided quality assurance, led sales marketing, and implemented distribution.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BOARD, MEMBER

VIRGINIA TECH ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, BLACKSBURG, VA

2013 – PRESENT

- Supported the English department's initiatives and fund development, enhanced department visibility, represented the department, and mentored students.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD, SECRETARY

ELLCOTT CITY, MD

2019 – 2021

- Provided oversight to community assets, supported management of finances, developed and enforced guidelines and rules, supported maintenance and upkeep of common areas, developed and implemented community-wide communications, and facilitated community engagement.

LIZ WALSH COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTION CAMPAIGN, SUPPORTER

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

2018

- Participated in election campaign activities (developed campaign materials, knocked on doors, distributed signs, etc.) to successfully elect Liz Walsh as the Howard County Council Member for District 1, Howard County, Maryland.

