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Community Driven Research Day Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:15** **Check in and light breakfast**
- 9:15 – 9:20** **Welcome**
Dr. Alice Hausman, Professor and Interim Chair, The Department of Public Health,
Temple University
- 9:20 – 9:40** **Opening Remarks**
Dr. Kenneth Blank, Vice Provost for Research, Temple University
Dr. Michele Marcolongo, Associate Vice Provost for Research, Drexel University
Dr. Marjorie Bowman, Director of the Center for Public Health Initiatives and Professor
at the University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Phil Johnson, Chief Scientific Officer and Executive Vice President, The Children’s
Hospital of Philadelphia
- 9:40 – 10:10** **Keynote Address**
Dr. Arthur Evans, Commissioner of Philadelphia’s Department of Behavioral Health and
Intellectual Disabilities Service
Witnesses to Hunger, Community Based Organization
- 10:10 – 10:15** **Introduction to Scavenger Hunt**
Wendy Voet, Managing Director, The Center for Public Health Initiatives at the
University of Pennsylvania
- 10:15 – 12:50** **Display of Posters**
- 12:50 – 1:00** **Closing Remarks and Announcement of Scavenger Hunt Winners**
Ayana Bradshaw, Center Coordinator, The Philadelphia Collaborative Violence
Prevention Center (PCVPC)
Wendy Voet, Managing Director, The Center for Public Health Initiatives at the
University of Pennsylvania (CPHI)
- **Mistress of Ceremonies - Nicole Thomas, Community Liaison, PCVPC**



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Welcome

The Community Driven Research Day (CDRD) Planning Committee welcomes you to the 2nd Annual CDRD. CDRD encourages collaboration between university-based research partners and community based organizations (CBOs) and community groups who have research questions that they are interested in answering. Through an interactive poster session, CBOs and community groups will lead the event and highlight their research questions to program participants, including area non-profits, community groups, public sector partners, and researchers and students from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, The University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Drexel University, as well as other local academic institutions.

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

Building relationships to strengthen communities...

For the past 17 years, CityLights Network has been developing relationships with and between organizations in the Southwest Philadelphia community for the purpose of encouraging community leaders and providing resources to assist them in their work.

35+ community groups (schools, rec centers, social service agencies, community development corporations, churches) are currently involved through monthly network meetings, daily email interaction, capacity building workshops, community advocacy projects, volunteer placement, and resource sharing. CityLights also links Southwest community organizations with regional partners, such as the PA Environmental Council, Drexel University's Dept. of Public Health, the PA Horticultural Society, and others.

CityLights seeks to develop social capital, both within the community, and beyond the community, and seeks to foster leadership development using formal and informal means.

CityLights was initiated in 1995 by the Wayne Presbyterian Church, a large congregation in the western suburbs of Philadelphia. CityLights Network was incorporated in 2010 as a 501c3 nonprofit organization

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- Established a community network of over 35 organizations, with a mailing list of over 200
- Helped to build significant relationships between Southwest Philadelphia leaders and with suburban volunteers
- Engaged over 200 volunteers in the Southwest community, working through local non profit organizations
- Gathered and distributed donated equipment, furnishings, clothing, and other items to local non profits. Estimated value: \$50K annually.
- Worked with a local CDC to re-establish the community newspaper (reaches 10k readers in SW Philly)
- Partnered to complete several rehab initiatives in the community, including a school playground, two school libraries, office space in a social service organization
- Worked with a local church and CDC to develop a Job Counseling program
- Provided ongoing information to community leaders regarding resources, events to assist their constituents

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- Analyzing the stressors upon community leaders and developing ongoing resources for combatting their stress. Many of our community leaders serve as the "go to" people for residents in need. Multiple factors contribute to high stress levels in those persons who are crucial to the well-being of the community.



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- Determining and incorporating best practices for immigrant assimilation -- Southwest Philadelphia is an area of growing immigrant presence--African, Caribbean, Asian, and Latino families are making their homes here alongside of African American and white residents. Issues of assimilation and cultural identity are often made most visible when violence strikes. How can we equip our community to welcome the newcomers while safeguarding what is held dear?

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

CityLights is about building the capacity of community partners to address the needs of their own community.

- Connecting with community organizations from around the city/region would offer the potential for learning from others who share similar concerns and who are addressing them in creative ways and who might join us in determining possible solutions/strategies.
- Exploring our needs for stress reduction within our community and enlisting those who could help us more specifically define the problem (academic partners) and strategize a response (other nonprofits, current SW Philadelphia partners) would be invaluable in our assisting community partners.

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

Clean Air Council is a member-supported environmental health organization serving the Mid-Atlantic region. The Council is dedicated to its mission of protecting and defending everyone's right to breathe clean air. The Council works on a broad array of sustainability and public health initiatives, using public education, community action, government oversight, and legal action.

Proposed Project: Port Neighborhood Air Quality Assessment

The Council's transportation program is currently focusing on reducing pollution and the impact of goods movement on neighborhoods. Goods movement refers to the movement of consumer and commercial goods by ship, rail, truck, or plane. Along the route, residents are exposed to diesel exhaust and other vehicle emissions, noise from truck-congested roads, bright lights from round-the-clock operations, and other potential health threats. The Council's focus area is Port Richmond, a low-income neighborhood in lower Northeast Philadelphia. Port Richmond is a major transportation hub, bordered by Interstate 95, a heavily-trafficked bridge, and home to Tioga Marine Terminal, where ocean-going vessels, cargo handling equipment, and truck traffic combine to create a major source of air pollution. Heavy-duty diesel trucks travelling to and from the port and other facilities increase the exposure to diesel emissions for individuals, who live, work, attend school, and recreate in Port Richmond. With a projected increase in volume of cargo moving through Philadelphia's ports, it is important to track current and future traffic and related air quality impacts locally and regionally. However, very little (if any) data on neighborhood-scale patterns of diesel truck traffic and air pollution exists.

The Council has built and sustained relationships in the Port Richmond community over the last two years, and the community has slowly embraced the presence of an environmental health organization



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working in their neighborhood. While the community was initially reluctant to endorse “environmentalism” as a priority concern given the other issues facing the neighborhood, the Council’s efforts to help residents connect health with the localized pollution and improved quality of life has educated and activated the neighborhood to the extent that individuals and organizations are enthusiastic about participating in a community-based research study.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- Clean Air Council was awarded a CARE (Community Action for a Renewed Environment) planning grant from the U.S. EPA in 2005 to evaluate environmental issues in land, air, and water at Philadelphia ports. The Council created a stakeholder advisory group known as the “Port Environmental Task Force” (PETF) and has since worked with community leaders, port officials, port operators, and others to identify and mitigate pollution issues and potential solutions at more than a dozen Philadelphia-area ports. The establishment of the PETF was a major milestone in the Council’s capacity building for the port communities. In 2008, the Council was awarded a CARE II grant to implement the recommendations made by the stakeholder task force.
- The recommendations the PETF provided the Council included a number of asthma-related outreach initiatives. For community-wide asthma triggers such as truck idling, the Council developed a web-based mapping platform, www.idlefreephilly.org, to identify idling hot spots. While this website is city-wide, the Council’s targeted outreach efforts have been the port communities. The Council provides Port Richmond residents with information and training on how to log an idling complaint and has reached out to industries in Port Richmond in an effort to encourage idling reduction.
- Clean Air Council’s asthma outreach and education has been particularly effective with a range of youth in the community. The Council has worked with the Alternative Middle Years James Martin School in Port Richmond and the Norris Square Neighborhood Center in nearby North Philadelphia on a series of port-related programming, including a week-long curriculum series on health and goods movement and a tour of the port. Additionally, The Council has developed innovative asthma outreach materials, including an asthma triggers game for younger students, and is a regular presence at community at health and resource fairs. By meeting with local organizations and individuals, the Council has had an opportunity identify the priority issues in the neighborhood, and developed programming to address their unique concerns.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization’s/group’s work:

- Clean Air Council would like to work with an academic partner to help us study the following:
- What is the Port Richmond community’s understanding and level of concern about diesel truck exposure?
- What are the truck traffic patterns in Port Richmond?
- How can this project better collect baseline community level data on air quality and other health and safety issues related with truck traffic in Port Richmond?

Summary of how the organization’s involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

Clean Air Council would like to work with an academic partner to help us study the following:

1. What is the Port Richmond community’s understanding and level of concern about diesel truck exposure?
2. What are the truck traffic patterns in Port Richmond?



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3. How can this project better collect baseline community level data on air quality and other health and safety issues related with truck traffic in Port Richmond?

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Description of Organization’s Mission and Goals:

Incorporated in 1968 through a merger of historic settlement houses (circa early 1900s), Diversified Community Services (DCS) has evolved into the largest social service agency in Point Breeze- a high crime, high poverty neighborhood. Its mission is to enable children and families to realize their full potential and to achieve self sufficiency. They advance their mission through a wide array of services that incorporate education and skill building.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- Achievement of national accreditation of two early childhood education centers, in which only 10% in region have that status
- Construction of new social service building along the depressed business corridor, representing first new major building in 40 years
- Acquisition of an apartment complex to preserve and upgrade affordable housing for low-income families
- Securing a Promise Neighborhood Planning grant with other partners, only 21 awarded in country.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization’s/group’s work:

- Study and identify bullying interventions in terms of efficacy, particularly oriented to girls
- Better understand the behaviors driving increase in girl-related violence and bullying
- What can community-based organizations do to effectively address this issue?

Summary of how the organization’s involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

Diversified Community Service will learn from other organizations and academic institutions about community stressor related to violence and what efforts are producing positive results; in other words, what's working, why and how readily replicable.

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

We are a 501(C) 3, non-profit Organization. Earth's Keepers grew out of over 25 years of urban gardening and offering social services to the West Philadelphia community. We have passion and persistence to strengthen, heal and establish a sustainable and healthy food source for those who could not access or afford to purchase fresh, culturally appropriate, organic foods.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- We started as a community garden for senior women, but quickly grew to a Urban Farm offering a Youth Agriculture And Entrepreneurs Program for High School Students.
- In 2010 our community garden (Jannatain) won 1st place in The Penn Horticulture Society's Citywide Gardening Contest.
- Earth's Keepers has built an Urban Farm at Kingsessing Recreation Center, training 55 students to plant, nurture, harvest, clean, package and sell organic vegetables.
- We also operate a farmers market two days a week and will plant a fruit orchard in November 2011.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- What part does fresh food play in relieving stress?
- What role does fresh organic vegetables place in promoting wellness?

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

Meet others interested in research around organic food.

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

Educating Communities for Parenting (ECP) is a private, non-profit 501C3, which has provided high quality youth development and parenting education programs throughout Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Country since 1976.

ECP provides the knowledge and skills necessary for children, teen parents, and young adults to become independent, responsible, nurturing productive adults and parents better able to take care of themselves, their families, and their communities. ECP's mission is to break generational cycles of lives defined by limited options and replace them with lives defined by limitless possibilities. Simply put – ECP seeks to break cycles and build futures.

ECP serves nearly 1800 clients annually at over 25 sites including traditional, alternative, charter, and disciplinary schools; foster care residences, homeless shelters, and childcare centers. ECP works with a diverse range of populations including teen mothers and fathers; adjudicated delinquent youth; young



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adults aging out of the foster care system; preschoolers, and children at grave risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of violence.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- ECP is highly regarded as one of the finest youth development and parenting education providers in the City. We are often invited to collaborate with the Philadelphia School District, the Department of Human Services, Family Court, the Division of Juvenile Probation, The Institute for Safe Families, Resources for Human Development, Family Services Inc., Communities In Schools, the YMCA, YouthBuild, the Youth Study Center, the Bridge, and many others. ECP has also is asked to partner with cultural and educational institutions including the Philadelphia Zoo, the Free Library, the Philadelphia Art Museum, Norristown Educational Theatre, Simpatico Theatre Project, and the Metropolitan Ballet Academy.
- **Baby Watch:** Baby Watch is literally our first “baby. It was created our founder, Sally Scattergood, over 35 years ago when she noticed children coming into her elementary classroom in a Philadelphia public school unprepared to learn. Sally realized that many of these children were lacking in that most basic and important education – the one that is the foundation for all education - the one that begins at birth and is taught at home by families. In order to help prevent these young students from growing into troubled adolescents and adults, Sally developed the truly visionary Baby Watch prevention program in which parents/caregivers and infants are "adopted" by a school, transforming ordinary classrooms into interactive learning labs in which students examine the complex parent-child relationship and learn about nurturing behaviors, caring for others and caring for self. Baby Watch is currently operating at elementary schools in Lehigh, Northampton, and Berks County counties and at the Germantown Women’s Y Child Care Center. An article about this program recently appeared in the Huffington Post.
- As times changed and the need for intervention programs grew throughout the City, ECP developed two new programs to meet these even increasing challenges:
Empowerment Zone: Empowerment Zone programs focus on providing teens and young adults with the skills they need to make good life choices including setting and working toward goals; building and maintaining healthy relationships, effective communications, and non-violent conflict resolution. Empowerment Zone programs serve up to 1,000 youth each year at Reti-Wrap, a transitional center to support youth returning from residential delinquent placement, and at the Youth Study Center, Philadelphia’s secure detention center for alleged and adjudicated delinquent youth.
- **Power to Parent:** Power to Parent is a parenting education course designed specifically for teen and young adult parents. We at ECP view Power to Parent as both a prevention and intervention program – intervention because it provides young parents with the critically necessary knowledge and skills they need immediately to help them meet the challenges of parenting. Prevention, because we hope that by teaching parents how to successfully meet the needs of their children, those children (just as Sally Scattergood wanted so many year ago) will be provided with that most important and basic education of all – the one they learn at home from their families. Power to Parent courses covers essential information such as child development, nurturing techniques, positive methods of discipline, stress and anger management, health and safety issues. Power to Parent also work on life skills such as: goal setting, building and maintaining healthy relationships, effective communications, and non-violent conflict resolution. ECP reaches well over 300 parents throughout the city of Philadelphia each year in our Power to Parent classes.



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Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- Can the effects of childhood trauma (poverty, physical and emotional abuse, chaotic home situation, etc.) be reduced by using different methodologies to help children learn about, model and develop healthy relationship skills?
- Can recidivism rates of adjudicated teen parents be reduced by teaching them the significance of their positive influence on the lives of their children?
- Can cultivating a long-term relationship with teen parents help delay repeat pregnancies?

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

We at ECP are very anxious to work with academic institutions to conduct research and evaluations of our programs to improve service delivery and hopefully validate interventions that can be used by other agencies and organization working with our populations. Sound research and evaluation is critical if we are to provide the very best services possible. The problem for ECP and so many Community Based Organizations is that funders do not tend to fund research and we don't have the resources to pay for it internally. Community Driven Research Day is a terrific opportunity for us.

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

The mission of the Health Promotion Council (HPC) is to promote health and prevent and manage chronic disease, especially among vulnerable populations, through community-based outreach, education, and advocacy.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- HPC has a deep rich history with working with the community in the areas of nutrition, diabetes, breast and prostate cancer, tobacco, and health interpretation to name a few. We have been awarded numerous awards and accolades from GlaxoSmithKline, Nemours, and the American Cancer Society.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- How do we facilitate a conversation of family health history in African American men?
- What are ways to explore the prioritization of stress triggers in African American men?
- What are effective communication channels for treatment options in African American men?

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

Being involved in Community Driven Research Day will help HPC explore a key area of interest in African American men's health, also it will allow us to collaborate with academic institutions. HPC expects to:



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1. Collaborate with others who are interested in exploring African American Men's health, particularly hypertension.
2. Build relationships for further program development.
3. Have the opportunity to share ideas on various health and wellness topics that effect minority communities.

Homeless Health Initiative

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

Navigating the health care system is stressful for many families, and this is especially true for those living in poverty and experiencing homelessness. The Homeless Health Initiative (HHI) was established 23 years ago in 1988 by a group of concerned medical residents and nurses from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) to improve health care access for children experiencing homelessness. Since then, the Homeless Health Initiative has provided free medical and dental services to children living in homeless shelters. The program has grown significantly to represent a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improve the health care of children in urban and suburban shelters. HHI continues its five-fold mission to:

1. provide high-quality, culturally sensitive acute medical services to children in shelters
2. connect families with insurance, and primary and specialty care
3. enhance health care professionals' knowledge of and exposure to homelessness and its impact on children's lives and health
4. provide education to both staff and residents in shelters, as well as community groups, in an effort to empower them
5. collaborate with local and national partners to effectively advocate for the health care of children in shelters and to assist others in replicating the HHI model.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- This grassroots program has evolved to include an expanded volunteer base, more comprehensive programming, and a broader program reach. HHI now consists of a group of 400 volunteer health care professionals who provide free, high quality, on-site comprehensive pediatric care, and services have been expanded to include vision, hearing and dental screenings, health education, social work services, and advocacy support to approximately 300 children and families at multiple shelters in Philadelphia.
- HHI is now a highly-respected program that has helped bridge the gaps between the medical system and families living in shelter. Core HHI programming includes free, high-quality medical services offered monthly in three West Philadelphia shelters: People's Emergency Center (PEC), Lutheran Settlement House/Jane Addams Place, and Episcopal Community Services St. Barnabas Mission. HHI also offers a variety of ongoing educational sessions for shelter families and staff at PEC, Jane Addams, and St. Barnabas, as well as Red Cross House, Salvation Army Red Shield Family Residence and Traveler's Aid Shelter.



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- HHI serves a population primarily comprised of women and children, the largest growing segment of the homeless population. In West Philadelphia, the majority of these families are African-American and represent the most socioeconomically disadvantaged. Throughout 2010, volunteers made 27 medical “CHOP Night” visits to HHI’s three main shelter partners in West Philadelphia. In keeping with the HHI mission, these dedicated health care volunteers offered high-quality, compassionate health care services free of charge to 235 children and free dental services to 175 children directly in their shelter home. Of these children, 33% were recommended for follow-up with a health care professional.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization’s/group’s work:

- The literature notes that families experiencing homelessness and its impact have often experienced chronic trauma: developmental, physical and/or relationship trauma. These past traumas including homelessness itself unduly burdens and stresses family systems and the organizational systems caring for these families. The HHI program services have sought to address and lessen this stress and trauma wherever possible.
- While HHI has been providing services to the homeless population in Philadelphia since 1988, to date there has not been an evaluation of what factors contribute to utilization of HHI medical services and to what extent these services affect appropriate use of pediatric health care outside of the shelter setting. Nor has there been an evaluation of the long term impact the program may have on the health care utilization patterns or status of the children they serve. Data has been collected on the number of families utilizing the service and on their overall satisfaction with HHI programming. However, there is no data from the parents’ perspectives on what influences their use of this service.
- We would like to begin a program evaluation of HHI’s medical services by first exploring the following questions:
 1. What predisposing, enabling, and need factors influence the utilization of HHI’s medical services? (as described by Andersen’s Model)
 2. How does utilization of HHI’s medical services enable or influence the understanding of need among families in shelter, and ultimately influence the relationship between predisposing factors and the appropriate use of pediatric physical or oral preventive care for homeless children? Eventually we would like to be able to answer the following:
 3. What is the impact of HHI’s medical services on the overall use of pediatric preventive care for homeless children?

Summary of how the organization’s involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

We hope to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness on children’s lives and health among other researchers, community groups, and CBOs, and to collaborate with local partners at Community Driven Research Day to effectively advocate for the health care of children in shelter. Specifically we would like to promote the importance of conducting a formal evaluation of our program and to identify potential partners to collaborate with in assessing the utilization of our medical services. Eventually, we would like to determine what benefit, if any, there is to the services HHI provides, to maximize the efficacy of these services, and to improve the overall health of children who have experienced homelessness. Furthermore, the findings from this evaluation will also be a first step in understanding the impact of interventions like CHOP Night on overall pediatric physical and oral health care utilization. This



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knowledge can be used to inform interventions aimed at improving utilization of important preventive pediatric care, which will have benefit in childhood and beyond. It will also provide a better foundation for other organizations to replicate our model of shelter-based care.

Additionally, we hope that our participation in CDRD will allow us to interact with others working with similar populations or conducting evaluations of similar programming, with the ultimate goal of optimizing the efficacy of our program and sharing what we have learned with others.

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

The Institute for the Development of African American Youth, Inc. (IDAAY) was founded by S. Archye Leacock and a colleague in May 1991 as a direct response to the alarming statistics of the high level of violence reflected in the lives of disadvantaged youth in the Philadelphia area. The Institute strives to forward its mission and achieve its goals through a series of carefully constructed evidenced-based prevention/intervention and educational/cultural programs that reach at-risk youth and their families throughout Philadelphia.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- IDAAY programs have resulted in reduced rates of recidivism among young males who had been enrolled in its Don't Fall Down in the Hood program initiative, provided employment opportunities through its Young Fathers Program, and successfully prepared inner city youth for college enrollment through its College Bound/ Enrichment program.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- What are the experiences of the clients who receive services from the Don't Fall Down in the Hood Program?
- What are the needs of African American adolescent fathers?
- How effective is the College Bound Enrichment program in preparing inner city youth for higher education pursuits?

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

Participating with help IDAAY in developing appropriate family supports, and expanding their target base in high risk neighborhoods where academic failure, truancy, and high school dropout rates are rampant. Additionally, they will further demonstrate the effectiveness of IDAAY programs in comparison in other youth and family service programs located in an urban environment. Finally, they will learn to measure significant improvement levels in youth self-esteem, educational attainment, and family stability.



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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

NNCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Philadelphia that advocates for nurse practitioners as primary providers of health care and serves as an incubator for innovative, replicable, community-based health education and outreach programs. Recognizing that good health care goes beyond a single visit with one clinician, NNCC takes the lead in developing and running community-based programs in partnership with nurse practitioners and community organizations, which help people lead healthier and safer lives. NNCC has more than 10 years of experience implementing community-based programs that address environmental health risks, improve health outcomes for children and reduce health disparities, in both Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. The three main areas of environmental health that NNCC focuses on are lead poisoning prevention, asthma trigger reduction and elimination of indoor environmental health hazards through Healthy Homes programs.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- NNCC's previous environmental health work providing lead poisoning prevention education includes NNCC's signature lead poisoning prevention program, Lead Safe Babies (LSB), funded by EPA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). LSB is the nation's oldest lead poisoning primary prevention program, serving 10,000 families over the past 10 years. Each year, LSB outreach workers provide approximately 1,400 families in DC and Philadelphia with in-home lead poisoning prevention education, home assessments and lead testing. Outcome data from LSB shows that participating families experience an increase in their knowledge of lead poisoning prevention. In addition, NNCC found significant relative risk reduction for children with blood lead levels greater than or equal to 10 and 20 micrograms per deciliter.
- With regard to asthma trigger reduction, NNCC runs a successful Asthma Safe Kids (ASK) program. Like LSB, Asthma Safe Kids provides at-risk families with in-home education on potential asthma triggers, home assessments and supplies that can be used to reduce household triggers. To date, ASK staff have served hundreds of families in Philadelphia and Western Pennsylvania. Outcome data shows that participating families not only gain more knowledge of asthma triggers, but take actual steps to reduce them, leading to better health outcomes.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- What effect does providing in-home environmental health education have on reducing community stress and increasing wellness?
- What effect does providing in-home environmental health supplies to control asthma triggers, e.g. mattress and pillow covers, have on reducing community stress and increasing wellness?



Compendium of Participants:

Presenter

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

- We are looking for opportunities to partner with communities and researchers to conduct and improve our environmental health community outreach programs.

Penn State Extension Nutrition Links

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

For over 40 years, Penn State Extension Nutrition Links, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), has helped families attain healthy eating and lifestyle practices. Our nutrition outreach program delivers research-based information and education in community group settings to help Philadelphia residents in under-served neighborhoods make better nutrition and health decisions. The results are strong, nurturing families; healthy, thriving children; and positive youth development. The curriculum is comprised of nine core nutrition and fitness lessons, including understanding nutrition labels, to achieving maximum nutrition on a limited budget. Hands-on cooking demonstrations are an integral part of each workshop.

EFNEP is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service (CSREES).

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- In Philadelphia, Penn State Extension Nutrition Links is proud of its unique accomplishments in empowering under-served urban residents with knowledge and tools for making healthful lifestyle changes for themselves and their families. This success has been achieved in part by cultivating committed working partnerships and collaborations. For example:
- Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA): We are currently conducting nutrition outreach classes in more than 12 public housing locations. Last summer, we reached more than 500 youth through hands-on nutrition lessons and learning activities.
- Health Partners: Working with this not-for-profit health insurance provider to over 170,000 members in the Greater Philadelphia region, Penn State Extension taught the Nutrition Links curriculum to several hundred participants in the "Biggest Winner" health and lifestyle-change program, many from impoverished Spanish-speaking communities. The majority achieved reduced blood pressure readings, weight loss and improved A1c scores.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- Penn State Extension Nutrition Links measures food behaviors pre and post session, within an average timeframe of 8 to 10 weeks. What is the long-term impact of health and nutrition education on participants' health and lifestyle beyond this scope?
- What level of knowledge and hands-on skills do participants retain after they have completed classes, 3 months out, 6 months and 1 year? Would they benefit from a refresher course?
- What impact has the program had on improving the health and nutrition of children?



Compendium of Participants:

Presenter

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

Help evaluate the long-term effectiveness of the current Penn State Extension Nutrition Links program.
Provide input and direction for future nutrition outreach planning.
Network and recruit new organizations for involvement in upcoming Nutrition Links workshops.

Philadelphia Physicians for Social Responsibility

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

PSR, a public health non-profit organization, mobilizes individuals, health professionals and community organizations to promote non-violence; to safeguard the environment and to ensure universal access to healthcare. In 1979, the Philadelphia PSR was established as a chapter of National PSR to educate the community about the medical consequences of nuclear war. With the end of the Cold War, the Philadelphia chapter revised its mission to guide work directed at understanding the root causes of and the prevention of interpersonal violence. The Philadelphia chapter was separately incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) organization in 1996. Today there is regular communication and collaboration, yet Philadelphia PSR's programs operate independently from the national organization.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- 2011 marked the 16th year of Peaceful Posse®. It has been inspiring to see the courage and willingness of people learning to change. As a boys group leader shared "These kids go from seeing a society where violence is sometimes the only option to know they have options of communicating their problems without resorting to violence." In addition to youth groups, Peaceful Posse also works with parents and families. As one mom said, "Mothering is a learning experience. The adjustment from child hood to adulthood can be challenging, scary, difficult, but some of the skills we learned has helped to keep the lines of communication open between us. And has helped me to realize and accept that my baby is growing into a young lady. Though our relationship will change as she grows the mother daughter bond is awesome."
- The 5th Annual Legs Against Arms 5K Run/Walk & Celebration of Youth, held in April 2011, included over 30 partnering organizations and over 1200 attending youth and adults. Over 30 teams ran in honor of loved ones lost to gun violence. Students from South Philadelphia High School organized their 2nd annual Legs Against Arms team designed to raise awareness about the issue of gun violence for their fellow classmates.
- In the Fall of 2011, PSR began the implementation of a new pilot program to implement school based Youth Courts at two local Philadelphia High Schools. These Youth Courts will be designed to address violations of the school code of conduct and will serve as an alternative to out-of-school suspension. Youth courts are structured to provide positive alternative sanctions for first-time offenders by providing a peer-driven sentencing mechanism that allows young people to take responsibility, to be held accountable, and to make restitution. Positive peer pressure is used in youth courts to exert influence over adolescent behavior. Youth Courts are cited in the Pennsylvania



Compendium of Participants:

Presenter

Pre-Adjudication Policy Guide as an effective Diversion Process for youth who commit school-based offenses. This Youth Court will be utilized as a graduated sanction for first time offenders who admit to the offense and voluntarily agree to participate in the process.

- PSR participated in JeffSTARS, a Jefferson Medical School service training and advocacy program for medical students and residents. Medical students and residents participated in select Peaceful Posse groups with much success. The youth really enjoyed having them participate in the groups, to provide a medical perspective, a discussion of non-linear career paths, and to serve as an additional adult role model. This program gave us hope about the possibility of using more volunteers in the Peaceful Posse program.
- A generous donor has given PSR the opportunity to award a yearly college scholarship to a student we work with directly (Peaceful Posse, Senior Projects) or a student at an institution with which we partner. Candidates are selected based on a recommendation from their advisor, academic performance and financial need. Preference will be given to a student who is considering study in a health-related field. The second annual "PSR Social Change Award" was recently given to a senior at Parkway NW High School for Peace and Social Justice. Designed as "last dollar scholarship", it will help fill some of the remaining financial gap many students face when putting together their college financial packages.
- PSR also works closely with medical students with a chapter at each of the 5 area medical schools. Student chapters identify and design projects such as hospital recycling programs, lobbying days in Harrisburg or DC, and community gardens. PSR provides the structure, support, and inter-school collaboration for these and other projects, entrenching their commitment of community volunteer service throughout their medical profession. In addition, PSR hosts events throughout the year for medical students such as the annual Soul of Medicine Brunch, discussion panels, and Inter-school social gatherings

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- What affect can the implementation and operation of a school based youth court have on a school's overall climate? Do youth courts increase positive attitudes towards school climate on the part of students? Staff?
- What impact do school based youth courts have on truancy and school attendance? Can a school based youth court be used as a significant tool to combat truancy?
- Can youth courts and other restorative justice based initiatives be used to increase the overall level of civic engagement in a school population? Is this reflected by an increase in the number of community service projects linked to a school?

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

PSR's involvement with the Community Driven Research Day can further help our mission by helping in our efforts to mobilize individuals and organizations to promote non violence.

We would like to connect with researchers who are interested in conducting evaluations and research projects connecting with our initiative to revitalize the school based youth court model in Philadelphia.



Compendium of Participants:

Presenter

The Food Trust

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

The Food Trust, founded in 1992, works to improve the health of children and adults living in Philadelphia by promoting healthy diets and ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- One of The Food Trust's biggest accomplishments is the Pennsylvania Fresh Food Financing Initiative, which encourages the development of food retail in underserved Pennsylvania communities. In response to the low number of supermarkets per capita in Philadelphia especially within low-income communities, The Food Trust convened a group of experts in various sectors to examine the issue. The public-private partnership that resulted has become a model for communities nationwide and has been named one of the nation's most innovative government programs by Harvard University.
- The Food Trust's Comprehensive School Nutrition Policy for the School District of Philadelphia was found to reduce the incidence of overweight children by 50 percent based on the evaluation of Dr. Gary Foster of Temple University.
- The Food Trust has participated in the Community Food Security Coalition's Farm to School program since 2007 and consequently, with the expansion to 25 schools in Philadelphia, 45,000 students have access to fresh and locally grown fruits and vegetables in their school meals.
- As a result of the Philadelphia Coalition for Healthy Children, formed by The Food Trust in the summer of 2003, the Philadelphia school system has some of the toughest beverage policies pertaining to soda and sugary drinks in the country.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- How have the food-related interventions implemented in Hunting Park as part of the Hunting Park Revitalization Project influenced the incidence of crime both within the park and in the surrounding neighborhoods? The Hunting Park Revitalization Project is a community-driven effort to improve the safety and maintenance of Hunting Park, an 87-acre section of Fairmount Park in North Philadelphia. As part of the \$20 million dollar revitalization project, The Food Trust has partnered with the Fairmount Park Conservancy to introduce a farmers' market (completed), a community garden (completed) and a concession stand (forthcoming) into Hunting Park. These food-related interventions as well as other interventions such as improved lighting and new playgrounds are expected to have a positive effect on crime rates in the park. To study the effect of these interventions, The Food Trust would like to see how baseline crime rates from up to two years pre-intervention compare with crime rates after all the incremental changes in the park have been completed.



Compendium of Participants:

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Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

- Through our participation in Community Driven Research Day, The Food Trust will be able to interact with professionals in multiple disciplines that can assist us as we seek to accomplish the goals of our mission to ensure access to healthy and affordable food. As we seek to study crime statistics in Hunting Park both pre and post intervention,, it is especially pertinent that we make contacts with experts who can better help us analyze these statistics.

Witnesses to Hunger

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

Witnesses to Hunger's mission is, "To end the cycle of poverty through civic engagement, public education, self and community empowerment." Witnesses to Hunger is a group of women working together to inform lawmakers and the public about hunger and poverty. The group provides an opportunity for these different groups to listen, learn and work together to ensure that low income families in America are able to reach their fullest potential. Witnesses to Hunger has been running now for three years. In 2010, Witnesses to Hunger elected its first Advisory Board. In the next year the group plans to do an advocacy project on homelessness in partnership with families in Philadelphia shelters, launch a peer mentoring program at the KROC Center in partnership with the Salvation Army, and continue to advocate for change on behalf of our families and children.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- Witnesses to Hunger has a traveling exhibit that has been shown in several high-profile locations including the Rotunda of the Senate Russell Building in Washington, DC, and the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg.
- Witnesses continually do speaking engagements to inform policymakers and the public on the struggles of poverty. Members of Witnesses to Hunger have spoken with the press on several occasions over the past three years, including The Philadelphia Inquirer, Washington Post, CNN's American Morning, CBS Evening News, and ABC Nightly News with Diane Sawyer.
- We have expanded our project to other towns in Pennsylvania as well as Boston and Baltimore.
- As the beginning of our peer mentoring project, we have begun regular support groups based on the Sanctuary Model at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and will be offering them at additional locations.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- How are trauma and stress related to poverty?
- What are the factors leading people to homelessness, and how can the system be changed?
- How can we measure the effectiveness of our new peer mentoring program?



Compendium of Participants:

Presenter

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

We are looking for networking, advocacy partners, and partners to help with our homelessness project and peer mentoring project, both to begin in 2012.

Women Organized Against Rape

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Description of Organization's Mission and Goals:

WOAR is Pennsylvania's first rape crisis center and the largest in the state of Pennsylvania. WOAR's mission is to prevent sexual violence and to provide support for survivors of sexual violence. Services include individual and group counseling, court and medical accompaniment, advocacy, education and outreach to underserved populations.

Summary of Major Accomplishments:

- WOAR provides free-of-charge treatment for survivors of sexual violence.
- WOAR established the Philadelphia Sexual Assault Advisory Council, a committee comprised of Law Enforcement, Medical Professionals, the District Attorney's Office and social service organizations to ensure high quality services for survivors of sexual violence and their families.
- WOAR serves on the statewide Primary Prevention Workgroup whose missions is to develop evidenced based primary prevention curricula for the prevention of sexual violence.
- WOAR's Educational Department annually conducts over 1800 programs/workshops to schools, community and professional organizations in an effort to promote the prevention of sexual violence.

Questions that the organization/group would like to study or explore with academic partners that, if answered, would advance the organization's/group's work:

- From the lens of adolescent/teens living in Philadelphia: Is sexual assault prevention part of your family's safety plan?
- If you knew that a friend was being sexually abused, would you try to help that friend by telling an adult?
- Are your friends pressured to engage in sex with a dating partner?

Summary of how the organization's involvement in Community Driven Research Day can help further their mission:

WOAR's participation in the Community-Driven Research Day would support our effort to conduct needs assessment to develop effective strategies to refine education and outreach efforts to promote the prevention of sexual violence.



Compendium of Participants:

Presenter



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Non-Presenters

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Research background and current interests:

Mental Health within the community setting

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Education regarding health disparities

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Through community activities

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Public Health Advocacy and Leadership

Research background and current interests:

My current research interest are focused on healthy, safe housing development for low-income families. I am working towards developing a project to create energy efficient green homes for low-income families to address some of the identified public health needs in the community.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I expect to expand my professional network. I believe that I will be in an environment that will support my desire to participate in community development and program planning.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I am an advocate for the community and I would love to provide support with developing systems to better capture data that can support program development to meet the needs of communities.

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:

I've done previous research on embryonic stem cells, heart health and currently I do research related to Obesity, bariatric surgery. I'm interested in doing any epidemiological related research.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Currently, I am looking for an internship for next semester. I hope to meet potential employers, network and possibly find a new research area I haven't considered before.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be able to assist in the research as well as the organization process. Currently, I work with an emergency preparedness organization and we train individuals frequently in that area. I am a very organized person and I pay attention to great detail. My research skills have been honed due to my experience working at the Center for Obesity Research Education and I am also skilled in teaching, disseminating knowledge and creating awareness, I believe I will be able to assist any organization with anything they need me to do as I am a quick learner and I adapt very well to different situations and also work well under stress.

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Research background and current interests:

I am interested in any form of research pertaining to psychology, neuroscience, or biology. I am very open to any opportunities.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I hope to find a research opportunity that I can take part in, and I hope to learn about the different kinds of research opportunities available to undergraduates.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Although I am only a freshman, I am definitely willing to take part in research. It may be somewhat difficult for me, but I will be dedicated to the research, even if my role is only slight.

Alexandra Altland



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- This will help me to learn more about my future and what is available.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- YES!
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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I believe I can meet people who can help me get some research experience.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Volunteering
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Research background and current interests:



Compendium of Participants: Non-Presenter

My research focuses on the effective translation of evidence-based treatments from university to community settings. Specifically, I focus on better understanding why socioemotional interventions for preschoolers work, or fail to work, when implemented in community childcare settings.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Community-researcher partnerships are a critical component of my work. I enjoyed attending Community-Driven Research Day last year, and I look forward to hearing about the wonderful work that community leaders and researchers are doing together here in Philadelphia.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Though my position here at CHOP is time-limited, my mentor, Dr. Leff, is currently engaged in this type of work.

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Hopefully, it will help lead me in the right direction as to what my major should be or if a health major is even for me at all.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I enjoy volunteer work, so I would be a great addition to any volunteer events.

Laura Beierschmitt

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Criminal Justice

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Research background and current interests:

I am currently a master's student at Temple University. I am working with Dr. Jennifer Wood on a project involving police crisis intervention teams and mental health resources.



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I would be interested in gaining contacts with Community Organizations whether through direct contact or through other researchers. The intent being to aid in future research, and to gain information about resource connections that are needed to help particular communities.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- As a graduate student I will not be able to assist Community Based Organizations very much. However, I would be able to learn more about the problems which need to be focused on for future research.

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I would love to make connections and network. Trying to find something that interests me would narrow a future career choice. That would be beneficial.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I have done a lot of work in the education and community based public health field.

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Learn more about research opportunities in the Philadelphia area.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

- By spreading awareness of the organization.

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Research background and current interests:

Maternal-infant health outcomes
Racial/ethnic perinatal health disparities
Migrating women and childbearing

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am passionate in making a difference in real lives of mothers and their families. I am looking for other collaborators for the problems affecting mothers and their families in urban areas are huge.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- As a academic with extensive research preparation, we can work together. My academic institution has the infrastructure to support research.

Allison Breznicky

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Research background and current interests:

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My expectations are to get a look into the world of Public Health. Also to learn more about Public Health organizations and internships.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I could assist by volunteering my time for health projects in the community.



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:

Teach Urban Health and Public Health Law at Penn

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Teach Urban Health and Public Health Law at Penn

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

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Public Health

Research background and current interests:

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

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Public Health

Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I expect to learn about the pertinent aspects that directly and indirectly affect the communities we live and work in.



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be able to assist a community-based organization further their work by becoming involved with the group and speaking directly with community members about the things that are affecting them.

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Research background and current interests:

Studies to investigate the etiology of cancer, mostly in children. Risk factors of interest include diet, occupational exposures, medical radiation, and pesticides.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I want to learn more about community-driven research.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Assistance with study design

Anneliese Butler

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Research background and current interests:

Background in medical anthropology and social work, currently participating in evaluation of VHA's efforts to implement patient-centered medical home model, working primarily in qualitative core. Interests in qualitative, participatory, and visual methods, as well as Deaf studies.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Exposure to new ideas, meeting potential partners/collaborators, unexpected discoveries

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- At this point, primarily as a conduit to others who may be able to partner with them more directly

Caroline Campbell



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:

Domestic Violence

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My staff member, Zujeil Flores, and myself would like to attend to see what the day and event is about, and prepare for participation for next year on behalf of our Latina Domestic Violence Program.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- We would like to be able to participate next year as a CBO

Jonathan Cass

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Research background and current interests:

Nutritional epidemiology, policy, trans fat regulation, product and menu labeling

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I hope to find potential preceptor contacts and create new partnerships for our MPH students who work in the community as part of the Drexel MPH program.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Provide assistance in the form of an MPH student placement who can conduct research, collect data, run analyses, make policy recommendations, develop educational materials etc., based on the needs of the community site.

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Research background and current interests:

My interests are developing but are focused on the health and wellbeing of our young people, specifically those at risk. At risk youth include, homeless, inner-city, impoverished, gang, and migrant youth.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am very new to the field of public health and new to Philadelphia. I therefore am interested in learning as much as I can about the landscape of the city and the violence that has engulfed parts of it. I also hope to learn more about the efforts, successes, and failures in addressing this epidemic to help inform my future community work.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I am merely a student and new to the field, but by learning from these organizations, my future involvement and current volunteer work in communities will allow me to make more informed decisions and fight the spread of violence.

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Research background and current interests:

No research background. Current interest includes cancer research, improving health literature, and health initiatives in low income communities.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I believe that the research will not only further my knowledge of research that I am currently interested in, but it will also shed some light on other types of research topics.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be able to bring new insight/ideas and energy into these organizations.

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My expectation is that by attending this research day, I will be able to determine some research options for myself. I also look forward to building relationships with existing research project leaders, so that if I do find a research area that interests me from this event, I can partner with that team to help complete the research.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Currently, I am studying Urban Studies at Eastern University focusing in the area of Youth Leadership. I have a passion for broken families and communities and have worked in non-profit youth development for the past five years. I bring knowledge as a youth service provider (hands on) as well as a program administrator (coordinator) and I am currently connecting with my community as a Vista in Chester, Pennsylvania. At my Vista site, United Way DELCO, I am working to help build capacities in the programs that United Way sponsors.

Amy Confair

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Research background and current interests:

I recently completed my Masters of Public Health where my two main research projects were related to cell-phone distracted driving and smoking in cars with children. I previously worked as a Research Assistant with HIV+ adolescents and on structural change initiatives to decrease the infection rate in Philadelphia. My previous research experience was more in the psychosocial field.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I currently work for Drexel School of Public Health's Office for Research. I'd like to meet people at Community-Driven Research Day to update my knowledge of current projects/proposals in the area and meet potentially good partners for faculty, students, and staff at our school. I feel open to experience anything Community-Driven Research Day has to offer without having many preconceived expectations.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I completed a certificate program in Community-based Public Health where I enhanced my skills in building mutually beneficial partnerships between researchers and CBOs. I believe I could help craft MOUs where both sides would feel good about the partnership. I strongly believe in the dissemination of research and evidence-based practice to benefit the community, so this is also an area I'd like to contribute.



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Aisha Coulson-Walters

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Research background and current interests:

I have done research in the area of family development and the socialization of children. I am currently interested in the areas of early childhood education. The health of low-income children particularly of immigrant communities and parent engagement.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- By attending this conference, I hope to gain insight into the research taking place in the community in which I work and live and if it can inform best practices in the work that I do.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Connecting with the community in which they are studying or initiating a project

Dr. Curtis E. Cummings

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Research background and current interests:

Lead poisoning - worked with Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Public Health Preparedness - have worked with my students, local health departments, Philadelphia Health Federation, Philadelphia Quarantine Station, Philadelphia Fire Department

Environmental and Occupational Health

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Contact with community groups, students

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Student research projects - our students can do master's projects at their organization

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Student

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Area of Study: Undergraduate
Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I hope to learn about how to use my Public Health degree in the community. I am also expecting to learn about the many community programs in the Philadelphia region and what they do.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- With the classes I have taken, I know I can help communities with their problems and help to make programs more effective.

Peter DeCarlo

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Assistant Professor

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Research background and current interests:

I am a new professor at Drexel and am interested in the measurement of particulate matter in the atmosphere and how it relates to human health, the environment, and climate.

see: <http://www.pages.drexel.edu/~pfd33>

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My interest in this program is how my research could also tie into and be useful to people at the community level.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- My research is heavily tied to monitoring and measuring air pollution. Community groups who would be interested in measurements of particulate matter or other pollutants could benefit from my research.

Lydia Deputy

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Student

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Public Health

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I hope that it will expand my view of the possibilities within the public health field.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I have done humanitarian work in communities in third world countries.

Casey Flores

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Student

Area of Study: Undergraduate
Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

I do not have much previous research background. I am currently interested in looking for public health opportunities such as volunteering for a public health based organization. I really am interested in learning more about health services, epidemiology, community health and behavioral health.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I think that my involvement in Community Driven Research Day will help me further my research interests by learning more about public health organizations and what they do. My expectations for the day are to meet different organizations and hopefully find one that I could invest time into in the future. I would like to learn more about the organizations around Philadelphia and what they are doing for the community.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be able to assist a Community Based Organization by giving my public health background and my volunteer work skills. I am very driven to help out the community and help people in need. I also would like to help better the community as a whole and make improvements.

Zujeil Flores

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Research background and current interests:

Domestic Violence



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My staff member, Caroline Campbell, and myself would like to attend to see what the day and event is about, and prepare for participation for next year on behalf of our Latina Domestic Violence Program.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- We would like to be able to participate next year as a CBO

Ivory Fowler

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Student

Area of Study: Undergraduate
Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Unsure

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I could help promote the community group. Help spread the word about them.

Nikki Franke

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Associate Professor

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Research background and current interests:

Community Organization
Adolescent Health

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Excellent opportunity to meet with CBOs to discuss common interests.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

- By providing undergraduate student support.

Rosemary Frasso

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Research background and current interests:

- Improving access to physical and mental health services for vulnerable populations, health disparities, health literacy and qualitative methodologies.

Christina Gable

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Student

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Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My expectations is to get a better understanding.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- By providing information to others

Amera Galal

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Student

Area of Study: Undergraduate
Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- To get a better idea of opportunities available in the PH Health field.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Actively participating and raising awareness of organization

Maureen Gay

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Nurse Practitioner

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Nursing

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Different topics and interest for future research in the community for capstone project

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Possibly collecting and organizing data

Cierra Gomez

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Student

Area of Study: Undergraduate
Pre-Nursing

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- This will be my first time attending so my expectation for the day is to learn as much as I can about the Community-Driven Research Day

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- By being able to provide my time and effort to help them grow as an organization

Michelle Goodreau



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I would like to speak with health professionals in the field of public health.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Undecided

Colleen Gray West Chester University Graduate Student/ Program Assistant Area of Study: Graduate - Masters Clinical Psychology	2510 Mansfield Ave. Drexel Hill, PA19026 (484) 343-0974 colleen0974@gmail.com
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Research background and current interests:

I am interested in coping with stress in African American children and adolescents, primarily in urban areas. I am currently working on a masters thesis on a program that teaches African American adolescents how to cope with stress, by teaching them cognitive structuring and separating the situations they can change (such as failing a class in school) from those they can't (such as community violence). I am also interested in how a positive racial identity can be a protective factor in stressors such as discrimination. I am interested in the ways in which hopelessness about the future may lead to engaging in violence/involvement in crime.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Community-Driven Research Day will allow me to learn more about what others in the community are doing and allowing me to learn about ways I can get involved in the future. I plan on applying to doctoral programs in the future and want to learn more about what research is currently being done that fits my interests. I will also learn about organizations that I may be applying to in the future for a job or partner with in a future program.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Through future employment, through future research partnered programs



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Stephanie Green

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Student

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Psychology

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Networking

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Networking
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Arianna Hall-Reinhard

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Geography and Urban Studies

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am interested in a broad introduction to the potential of community-driven research. I'd like to learn more both from the perspective of a Temple University student interested in potential research topics as well as the employee of a community based organization that may be interested in collaborating with researchers. I expect to get a thorough introduction to the topic as well as an opportunity to meet people currently working on community-driven research to get input on research design.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Either through engaging in research with an organization or potentially creating a partnership with my organization for mutually beneficial collaboration
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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Tyler Hercules

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Student

Area of Study: Undergraduate
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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

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Non-Matriculated Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

In terms of my research background, during the 2010-2011 school year I had the opportunity to volunteer as a research assistant at the Social and Behavioral Health Interventions Research Laboratory at Temple University. I worked with a Public Health doctoral candidate to organize and carry out some preliminary analyses of data for an expressive writing intervention study examining gender differences and adjustment to colorectal cancer. My work at the lab also included providing assistance with data collection for an expressive writing intervention study examining how 7th and 8th grade students in a North Philadelphia middle school cope with and experience community violence.

My current research interests include gender-based violence, specifically Black female sexual assault survivors, and the relationship between sexual violence and health disparities (disparities in conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and obesity).

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My involvement in Community-Driven Research Day would help me to expand my knowledge regarding how researchers and community organizations in Philadelphia are approaching prevention, health disparities, and structural and societal issues that impact the health of the community. I am very much interested in hearing about how researchers and community organizations consider the implications of issues such as violence and poverty in terms of the community's health.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- My previous undergraduate course work in Women and Gender Studies enables me to offer a unique perspective on gender, race and structural inequalities that would prove valuable in assisting a Community Based Organization/Community Group to further their work. I would also be able to apply what I have learned from my research experience as well as my current course



Compendium of Participants: Non-Presenter

work which includes Biostatistics and a research course on rare, hidden, and stigmatized populations (with a focus on LGBT populations).

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Research background and current interests:

Adjunct Fellow with CPHI

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I hope to meet Community Based organizations, network and see what the interests of the community are. I also hope to conduct research in injury, violence and children/adolescents, so this will be very relevant for me.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- As I have worked extensively with CBOs overseas- I have grant-writing skills, as well as an in-depth understanding of participatory methods, research methodology and intervention-based initiatives. I would be willing to help any CBO with their needs!
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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Lawanda Horton

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Research background and current interests:

Various: Arts & Education, Public Health, Poverty, Race Relations

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Just to learn more about the resources that exist in the community and to connect with other like-minded individuals

Alexandra Jean

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Student

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- To learn more about the event in general and see what direction I can be leaning towards

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Volunteering perhaps

Jasmine Johnson

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Student

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Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Currently a public health major

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I can learn more about how to help the community



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- With great ideas

Sundeep Kaur

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Student

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Epidemiology/Biostatistics

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Research background and current interests:

My research background is in Oral Epidemiology. Determining dental caries at its early stages through various advanced diagnostic tests.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am expecting to draw out more ideas and motivation from the peers and experts in the field.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Through diligence and participation in teamwork

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Research background and current interests:

I combine application of GIS and qualitative methodologies to understand and support participatory planning efforts to address problems relating to environmental and public health. My research emphasizes social justice especially amongst immigrant communities and communities of color.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Find community organizations to develop collaborative research projects with

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Search for grant money
 - Research design and implementation
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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Rayna Kratchman

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Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- To gain a better understanding for my future research objectives.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Undecided

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Student

Area of Study: Undergraduate
Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I hope to find out about more projects that involve research. I know research is important in public health and I know little about it.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I am interested in furthering my knowledge on public health so I would love to share what I learn to help Community Group.

Amber Lauff

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Student

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Public Health/English

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Research background and current interests:

Undecided; I am currently volunteering with the Maternal and Child Health Wellness Lab on a research project about low birth weight babies; I have an interest in Child and Maternal health as well as Environmental Health, and would be interested in research within those areas.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I hope to network with people and possibly gain a position on a research project, or to gain further insight regarding how to conduct research projects, for future involvement/creation of my own.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I am a dependable, hardworking, organized individual who could help in areas such as research, education, event planning, community outreach, etc. I learn quickly and am passionate about helping others, and thus would be a great asset to a community based organization. I have interpersonal skills that allow me to interact very well with people, and am knowledgeable about community health as well as other various fields.

Sienh (Stacie) Leap

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Student

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I want to gain more knowledge about the information presented.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Not sure yet but I want to be involved more than I am now.

Adina Lieberman

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Student

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Public Health

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Research background and current interests:



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

I was an IRB Administrator at Penn for 4 years. I am currently a Research Monitoring Specialist at the Abramson Cancer Center. I am a part time MPH graduate student at Penn and am interested in urban nutrition and also effective communication strategies between researchers and the community.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am interested in seeing what are the current and most pressing public health needs of the community. I am excited to meet community leaders and hold a dialogue with them about what challenges they currently face and what kind of support they would most benefit from having.

Latasha Little

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Area of Study:
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Research background and current interests:

Undecided, however I am open to all opportunity.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My involvement in the Community-Driven Research Day can help me make connections and help me narrow down on a specific research interest.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be able to assist a Community Based Organization further their work by being apart of the team. By providing my skills and goals to an organization I believe that I would be able to greatly impact the wellness of the community.

Julia Loehle

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Student

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Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Since I am unaware of my future in research, Research Day can help me to figure this out.



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Yes, I would like to help out however I can in the Public Health field.
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Shannon Mahoney

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Student

Area of Study: Undergraduate
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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Possible career options
- Finding a part-time job

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Working
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Rose Malinowski Weingartner

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Research background and current interests:

I'm a research associate with the Community Health Data Base and I also work in public health program evaluation. My interests include geographic and demographic disparities in health, research methods and survey design, and food access/quality/security, among others.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I'd like to get in touch with CBOs and organizations that can use CHDB's population data to plan their programs.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- The Community Health Data Base (CHDB) provides population-based data to health and human services organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions interested in gaining a better understanding of the communities they serve and how to best meet their needs.
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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Shaun Mee

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Student

Area of Study: Undergraduate
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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Community-Driven Research Day can help me further my research interests by seeing how public health organizations run in person. My expectations for the day are to learn new things and have a better understanding of the work that public health professionals do.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- By being able to do work well with others, participate in activities and being able to volunteer time.

Cathrine Messick

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Research background and current interests:

Class

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Class

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Class

Lisa Morales

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Public Health

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Voluntary work and I just expect to learn more about helping the community practice better health behaviors.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Spread the word about events and volunteer

Joanna Mucera

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Public Health (Epidemiology concentration)

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Research background and current interests:

Research interests: The role of carbohydrate consumption and insulin resistance in obesity, health literacy, and infant mortality in non-Hispanic blacks, particularly the fact that non-Hispanic black infants are 2.5 times more likely to die than their non-Hispanic white counterparts.

I have substantial relevant experience. During my education at the University of Pennsylvania, I excelled in all public health and research methods-related coursework (almost all at the graduate level). In addition, for the last 10 years, I have worked with Dr. Jennifer Culhane on several major government-funded research projects, including the Preterm Prevention Project, which is the largest study on the health of children ever to be conducted in the U.S. and currently, the National Children's Study and a small pilot study of neighborhood effects on maternal-child health.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Involvement will enable me to network with others in my field. I believe that establishing connections with other researchers can lead to positive relationships such as faculty mentoring, collaboration and ultimately funding opportunities and co-authorships--an important aspect of academic research--now and after I receive my PhD.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- It would depend upon what type of services are needed. I am seeking to involve myself in as many research opportunities as possible. In as much as I am pursuing an MPH and PhD in Public Health, this experience can be invaluable for me in numerous ways.

Rachel Murphy

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Student

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

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Public Health

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am undecided about my research interest, so I hope by attending this program I will have a better understanding of what I want to pursue.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I could help by engaging and helping the leaders in any way necessary.

Tania Neptune

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Student

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- To learn about different research projects and learn about some that may interest me

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- As a volunteer

Catherine Ntabadde

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Student

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Epidemiology

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Research background and current interests:

My research interests are infectious and chronic diseases



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- To gain more knowledge on how life stressors such as food insecurity, violence and poverty contribute to the risk of chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes and asthma

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I'm currently working on community based master's project, any findings and recommendations will be of benefit to any organization or community group working on obesity in school children

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Research background and current interests:

My research interests focus on the mechanisms for the adoption of health behaviors, in particular increasing levels of physical activity in high-risk groups.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I would like to get a sense of what community organizations and other researchers in Philadelphia have similar interests.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Consulting, grant writing

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Research background and current interests:

I have a BS in Community Health and an MPH, both from Tufts University. My academic research experience focused on qualitative research methods and community-based participatory research methods. In terms of topics, I am a generalist and almost any health topics interests me. These include: community environmental health, sexual health, physical activity and nutrition.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I just moved to Philadelphia in August and I am networking and searching for a job in public health. Involvement in this event would allow me to meet other public health professionals and learn more about current programs and public health work in Philadelphia.



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Non-Presenter

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I have a background in community health and in public health. I am new to Philadelphia and hoping to get involved in any way that I can. I would like to assist with program coordination, event planning, health education or qualitative research.

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Research background and current interests:

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I feel this will give me direction in my research and knowledge of public health issues pertaining to stress and wellness.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be interested in interning with different community organizations. I am able to work on research projects or in any other ways.

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Research background and current interests:

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I expect to receive more insight on the fields of public health and what I may be able to do as I further my career in this field.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

- I have only been a public health student for 2 semesters, so I am still developing a certain understanding of what it is and how it works. I would be able to give some information on the different fields of Public Health such as Epidemiology and the Environment.

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Research background and current interests:

I'm a research assistant at PHMC and previously at Public/Private Ventures. I currently do tobacco control and prevention work as well as work with the Community Health Data Base team to field the SEPA household health survey and provide data to regional affiliates and partners.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- It will allow me as part of the CHDB team to be able to help local research interests with our data.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Through PHMC's Community Health Data Base.

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Research background and current interests:

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Undecided

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Undecided

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:
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Research background and current interests:
Research method class for 1 semester; Environmental

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I hope to be inspired by what I see so that my excitement could increase about a masters degree in Environment research.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would render my services.

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Research background and current interests:
Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- This will be an opportunity for me to see first-hand the different kinds of research going on and be able to focus in on what really interests and intrigues me.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

- I could do internships or volunteering to help community-based groups.

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Research background and current interests:

I am interested in using behavioral principles to increase the incidence and prevalence of children and adolescents' physical activity in nature settings.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am looking for potential dissertation collaborators.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- If the match is a good one, I would be able to design programming and program evaluations for physical activity experiences that may not be otherwise accessible to youth.

Katherine Shozawa

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Research background and current interests:

Background in Community Health and Community Arts, with experience working in community-based participatory research in order to reduce health disparities experienced by people of color, specifically new immigrant and refugee groups in Seattle's Chinatown International District.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am interested in networking and learning about ways to get involved in community-based participatory research in Philadelphia. I am also eager to develop my skills in mixed methods and evaluation.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I am a dedicated and compassionate thinker and writer. I would love to be part of a research group whose objective is to identify and improve the health and well-being of members of underserved communities.



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- 1. Learn about different Community Based Organizations and what they have to offer.
- 2. Get a better understanding of what each Community Based Organization is about and see if it interests me.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be able to assist a Community Based Organization/ Community Group further their work by helping spread the word about their organization. Also, from taking public health courses, I can use my knowledge to help with furthering their work.

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Research background and current interests:

Undecided

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Gain information

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Attend future events

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Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter

Public Health (Health Management and Policy)

Research background and current interests:

Current interests: Management of healthcare organizations, Risk management, microeconomics and community investment/development.

Research Background: Co-Presented research at the 2010 Social Equity Leadership Conference; presented research into how private-public partnerships have addressed regional health and access disparities.

Also, engaged in independent research into social perceptions characterized by the health reform (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) of 2009, as well as attended a number of seminars, workshops, and conferences about the issue of health).

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- New to the area and Drexel, my involvement in Community-Driven Research Day will provide momentum to engage the broad public health challenges in and around Philadelphia.
- Expectations:
 - a. To gain an understanding of others' perspectives, solutions to public health challenges in and around Philadelphia.
 - b. To gain an understanding of where "the needs lie" in relationship to my academic and professional interests.
 - c. To become familiar with the professionals and students doing work in public health, locally and abroad.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I can and have requested volunteer opportunities with community and regionally situated organizations. I'd like to further an organizations' research initiatives as well as work towards an organization's mission that may build into a lasting commitment.

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Research background and current interests:

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I expect this day to be an incredible experience for me to learn from people who are in the same Public Health field as me. I think it would feel good to attend Community-Driven Research Day to know what Public Health professionals do in their specific areas. Also, I want to figure out how they address health promotion and disease prevention to their targeted population.



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Non-Presenter

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Yes. I would be able to assist a Community Based Organization/Community Group to further their work.

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Student

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Research background and current interests:

In my undergraduate career, I have been able to do research on HIV/AIDS and develop intervention strategies for vulnerable populations in order to write a grant proposal. I have also been able to do community assessments with that research in order to determine the populations that would benefit most from the planned interventions. I am currently interested in HIV/AIDS research and research to improve maternal and child health and wellness.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Participating in the Research Day would allow me to get an idea of different areas of research that other people have done and potentially give me ideas of where I may want to do my own research. It would also allow me to network and gain potential research partners.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be able to recommend community organizations and groups to people I work with and encounter so they may perhaps extend their time into these organizations. I would also be able to volunteer.

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Research background and current interests:

The focus of my doctoral work was on the growing problem of childhood obesity in the United States and its consequences. I examined the role elementary schools play in presenting nutrition information and establishing healthy eating behaviors in early childhood. My research has also focused on ethnic variation in chronic disease risk in the United States. I investigated variation in coronary heart disease risk, health status and dietary intake amongst ethnic subgroups within the Black community. I have also worked extensively in the community. I recently collaborated with the Faith Based Approaches in the



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Treatment of Hypertension (FAITH), an NIH funded longitudinal intervention project aimed at reducing hypertension amongst persons of African descent in community-based settings.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am new resident of Philadelphia and I am interested in learning more about the local issues affecting Philadelphia, firsthand.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Providing input from my interests in overweight/obesity as a factor in chronic disease risk in vulnerable populations

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Research background and current interests:

Interested in research involving the impact of education in prisons

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- It will help me further understand how public safety is affected by education in prisons.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- By sharing my knowledge about higher education in prisons and how it impact communities in terms of lower crime rates.

Pat West

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Research background and current interests:

Violence related premature mortality, prevention strategies, and translating research into prevention at the community level

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I am always looking to share ideas, cross pollinate, get out of my silo and encourage others to do the same. Making connections to community organizations is a prime interest.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:



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- Making connections, mentoring

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Research background and current interests:

Barbershop Young Men's Health Promotion Project entitled Shape Up: Barbers Building Better Brothers. Shape Up is a culturally sensitive risk reduction project for African American men ages 18 to 24 and is led by barbers right in their own barbershops. The project is designed to empower young men with knowledge, skills, and confidence to reduce risks for various diseases and health problems that affect African Americans.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- Partnerships and Collaborations

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Partnerships and Collaborations

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My involvement in Community -Driven Research Day would broaden my knowledge on various positions and possibilities with the attending Companies and more information on the stress and wellness topic.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- I would be able to assist a Community Based organization by assisting them in the development of new programs and projects. I would also assist them in implementation and research of the organizations existing programs.



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Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:

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Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- My expectations are to learn more about the public health field and to get a first hand view of the work.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- By promoting their events through word of mouth and actively participating in their functions.

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Research background and current interests:

My current research centers on the connections between security and public health, and in particular the ways in which laws and law enforcement practices contribute to healthy behaviors and environments. I am conducting research involving the Philadelphia Police Department on police officer roles in the management of violence and other public health problems in collaboration with Dr. Elizabeth Groff and Dr. Jerry Ratcliffe. A related project, in collaboration with Dr. Jennifer Ibrahim and Dr. Nina Gentile, involves an analysis of Emergency Department data to explore whether reductions in recorded violent crime translate into fewer visits to hospitals for the treatment of injury.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I would be interested in gaining contacts with Community Organizations whether through direct contact or through other researchers. The intent being to aid in future research, and to gain information about resource connections that are needed to help particular communities.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- In regards to my research, it may be possible to make connections with a Community Based Organization and the police to further their goals. Also, their work may be helpful in gaining an understanding of what needs to be changed in the current environment in Philadelphia.



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Non-Presenter

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Research background and current interests:

I am interested in Public Health, primarily women's health, preventative health and food access issues.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- I'm interested in learning more from some of Philadelphia's educators and researchers in the field of public health. I am looking to pursue a degree in public health in the near future and would like to learn about organizations in Greater Philadelphia as well as local health initiatives.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- Through volunteering and assisting in research projects.

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Research background and current interests:

Most of my research background lies in my undergraduate studies at West Chester University where I majored in Geography. My research focused on environmental justice issues such as the disproportionate impact of environmental toxins in low-income, minority communities. My current interests include obtaining funding for NNCC environmental health programs, as well as evaluating our programs to illustrate the effectiveness and need of our programs.

Involvement and Expectations for the day:

- NNCC's environmental health programs collect a wealth of data on in-home hazards effecting children, particularly lead hazards and asthma triggers. Through this event, we hope to obtain more information on connecting with community researchers to assist in more comprehensive evaluation of our programs and detailed community needs assessments to strengthen support of our programs.

Potential to assist a Community Based Organization / Community Group:

- NNCC is committed to improving the health of medically underserved communities. We provide innovative and effective community programs to improve health outcomes communities we serve. For more information, visit our website at www.ncc.us



Compendium of Participants:

Non-Presenter
