



Past Community Engaged Scholars Program Teams Cohorts 1-13 (2009-2023)

Cohort 1: 2009 - 2010

Team 1

Community Partner: Gwen Gillenwater, Disability Resource Center, **Berkeley County, SC**

Academic Partner: Susan Newman, College of Nursing, MUSC

Project Title: Unmet Health Needs of Individuals with Disabilities in the Tri-County Area

Team 2

Community Partner: Joyce Winkler, Gloria Warner, Carolina Rodriguez-Cook, Eau Claire Community Health Center Cooperative; Kathy Stone, Select Health of SC

Academic Partner: Carol Wagner, Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine, MUSC

Project Title: Importance of Vitamin D as it Relates to Health Status and Disease

Team 3

Community Partner: Beth Carpenter, Mayor's Office, Hollywood, SC, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Renata Leite, College of Dental Medicine, MUSC

Project Title: Periodontal Disease Prevention in the Gullah Community

Team 4

Community Partner: Cindy Dodds, Pattison's Academy, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Holly Wise, College of Health Professions, MUSC

Project Title: Improving the Quality of Life for Children with Severe Disabilities in the Lowcountry

Team 5

Community Partner: Reverend Remus Harper, Mt. Carmel African Methodist Episcopal Church; Reverend Jeannette Jordan, The Church, Christian Disciples of Christ, **Berkeley County, SC**

Academic Partner: Kristin Wallace, Katherine Sterba, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, MUSC; Debbie Bryant, Outreach Services, Hollings Cancer Center, MUSC

Project Title: Cancer Prevention and Wellness in the Faith-Based African American Community

Team 6

Community Partner: Charlotte Anderson, 211 Hotline, Trident United Way, **Berkeley County, SC**

Academic Partner: Janet York, College of Nursing, MUSC

Project Title: Youth and Community Suicide Prevention

Cohort 2: 2010-2011

Team 1

Community Partner: Patricia Kelly, A Family Affair HIV Ministry, **Orangeburg County, SC**

Academic Partner: Elisabeth Pickelseimer, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, MUSC

Project Title: Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Persons Living with HIV/AIDS as they Prepare for Community Re-entry

Team 2

Community Partner: Jermel President, DAE Foundation, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Roger Newman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, MUSC

Project Title: Addressing Childhood Obesity in Title I Schools in Charleston County

Team 3

Community Partner: Myra Pinckney, St. James-Santee Family Health Center, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Carol Lambourne, Department of Family Medicine, MUSC

Project Title: Addressing Quality Improvement in a Rural, Federally Qualified Community Health Center

Team 4

Community Partner: Stacy Gaillard, Vanessa Grant-Clark, Monica McCrackin, Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center; Virginia King, Lowcountry AIDS Services, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Charlene Pope, College of Nursing, MUSC

Project Title: Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Lowcountry Veterans

Team 5

Community Partner: Laura Stefanelli, Margaret Kunes, Respite Care Ministries, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Elaine Amella, College of Nursing, MUSC

Project Title: Addressing the Needs of Persons with Dementia and their Caregiver

Cohort 3: 2012

Team 1

Community Partner: Akeem Bell, Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Kristen French, Department of Medicine, MUSC

Project Title: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus in the Neck area of Charleston County: Investigation of Health Disparities Related to Environmental Exposures

Team 2

Community Partner: Marvin Sineath, Lucinda Shore, Jim Quill, Alpha-1 Association, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partners: Pamela Holtclaw Williams, College of Nursing, MUSC; Charlie Strange, Dawn McGee, Michael Graves, Alpha-1 Registry, MUSC

Project Title: Application of CBPR Framework to Assess and Prioritize Socio-Political Needs of an Alpha-1 Community

Team 3

Community Partner: Carrie Whipper, Palmetto Project, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Carolyn Jenkins, College of Nursing, MUSC

Project Title: An Integrated Approach to Diabetes Management and Associated Complications at Lowcountry Food Bank Sites

Cohort 4: 2013-2014

Team 1

Community Partner: Robert Stevens, Charleston County School District, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Janice Key and Coleen Martin, Boeing Center for Children's Wellness, MUSC

Project Title: Improving Student, Faculty, and Staff Outcomes: Evaluating the Use of a School Wellness Checklist in Charleston County Schools

Team 2

Community Partner: Tracy Armstrong, Donate Life South Carolina, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: John Sieverdes, College of Nursing, MUSC

Project Title: Lifestyle Improvements for Transplantation Success (LIFTS)

Team 3

Community Partner: Cheryl Hollis, Nicole Lovecchio, Angela Moreland, Wings for Kids, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Zachary Adams, MUSC

Project Title: Helping Parents Take Flight: Developing and Testing the Feasibility of an Integrated Parent Training Program in WINGS Social-Emotional Learning Program

Cohort 5: 2014-2015

Team 1

Community Partner: Elizabeth Ciesar, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Lisa Jobe-Shields, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, MUSC

Project Title: Assessing Mental Health Needs of Caregivers of Maltreated Children

Team 2

Community Partner: Liana McNallan, People Against Rape, **Berkeley County, SC**; Janet Shealy, The Citadel, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Joah Williams, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC

Project Title: Feasibility and Implementation Strategies in College Sexual Assault Prevention Programming

Team 3

Community Partner: Dana Mitchel, Lowcountry Food Bank, **Allendale County, SC**

Academic Partner: Adebowale Odulana, Department of Pediatrics, MUSC

Project Title: Obesity Prevention in Underserved Communities

Team 4

Community Partner: Karen Carter, Appalachian Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging, **Anderson County, SC**

Academic Partner: Angela Fraser, Department of Food, Nutrition, and Packaging Sciences, Clemson University

Project Title: Nutrition Education for Appalachian Rural Older Adults

Cohort 6: 2015-2016

Team 1

Community Partner: Rachael Garrett, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Isha Metzger, College of Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, MUSC

Project Title: A Community Based Participatory Research Approach to Reducing Health Disparities in Service Initiation and Engagement Following Trauma Exposure

Team 2

Community Partner: Julie Smithwick, PASOs

Academic Partner: Arelis Moore de Peralta, Clemson University

Project Title: Perceptions and determinants of partnership trust among Hispanic participants and stakeholders in a culturally relevant health promotion organization (PASOs) in South Carolina

Cohort 7: 2016-2017

Team 1

Community Partner: Jenah Cason, Federation of Families

Academic Partner: Ashley Quell and Mark Weist, Department of Psychology, University of South Carolina

Project Title: 2017 Southeastern School Behavioral Health Youth Summit: Youth Empowerment

Team 2

Community Partner: Michelle Steffen, Riverside Pediatrics

Academic Partner: Christine SanGiovanni, Pediatrics, MUSC

Project Title: Adolescents' Weight Management – Is There an App for That?

Team 3

Community Partner: Brady Godfrey, LiveWell Greenville, **Greenville County, SC**

Academic Partner: Meghan Slining, Health Sciences, Furman University

Project Title: Living Well in Early Childcare Settings: Process Evaluation of a Community-Based Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Project

Team 4

Community Partner: Brenda Hughes, Eat Smart Move More (ESMM), SC Department of Health and Environmental Control; Philip Slayter, ESMM, Department of Planning and Development, **Colleton County, SC**

Academic Partner: Michelle Nichols, College of Nursing, MUSC

Project Title: Childhood Obesity with Eat Smart Move More to Develop Healthy Eating Habits

Cohort 8: 2017-2018

Team 1

Community Partner: Cara Smithwick, Beginnings SC

Academic Partner: David Leach, University of South Carolina School of Medicine

Project Title: Needs and Supports for Parents and Families with Children Diagnosed with Hearing Loss in Rural and Urban Settings in SC

Team 2

Community Partner: Echo McAlhaney, The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg & Calhoun Counties, Edisto Regional Health Services, **Orangeburg & Calhoun Counties, SC**

Academic Partner: James Stukes, South Carolina State University, Biological and Physical Sciences

Project Title: Testing the Effectiveness of Using Health Coaches and Pastoral Care to Increase the Compliance of Patients Seeking Treatment for Colorectal Cancer by Building Partnerships among Universities, Hospitals, and Communities

Cohort 9: 2018-2019

Team 1

Community Partner: Alexis Cash, Greenville County School District, **Greenville County, SC**

Academic Partner: Shanna Hirsch, Clemson University

Project Title: Project ENHANCE Enhancing Educators' and Stakeholders' Abilities to Proactively Support Students with Behavioral Needs

Team 2

Community Partner: Erin Jones, Warrior Surf Foundation, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Alexandra Macdonald & Genelle Sawyer, The Citadel

Project Title: Examination of a Surf Therapy Program for Veterans

Cohort 10: 2019-2020

Team 1

Community Partner: Aaron O'Brien, Treatment Center and Ryan White Wellness Center, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Nada Goodrum, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC

Project Title: Addressing the Needs of Parents Living with HIV and Their Families: Preventing the Intergenerational Transmission of Risk

Team 2

Community Partner: Liz McGuan, HALOs , **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Funlola Are, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC

Project Title: Enhancing the Delivery of the Success-Coach Program to Improve Outcomes of Abused and Neglected Children and Their Kinship Caregivers

Team 3

Community Partner: Terri Jowers, SC Community Health Workers Association, **Barnwell County, SC**

Academic Partner: Guillermo Wippold, Clinical-Community Psychology, University of South Carolina

Project Title: Empowering African American Men to Assist Peers in Improving Health

Cohort 11: 2021

Team 1

Community Partner: Brian Durbin and Lauren Zimmerman, Synchronicity, **Charleston County, SC**

Academic Partner: Naomi Ennis, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center and Modern Minds Clinic, MUSC

Project Title: Acceptability and Feasibility of an Integrated Mental Health and Wellness Services Model for Adults with Depression and Anxiety in Charleston

Team 2

Community Partner: Gerald Bernard and Lois Durrah, The Charles Lea Center, **Spartanburg County, SC**

Academic Partner: Kristina Randall, University of South Carolina Upstate

Project Title: Project EMPOWER: Increasing Employment for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Cohort 12: 2022

Team 1

Community Partner: Marvis “Butch” Kennedy, Tri County Gun Violence Coordinating Council, **Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties, SC**

Academic Partner: Sarah Maness, College of Charleston

Project Title: Charleston Community Gun Violence Interruption and Intervention

Team 2

Community Partner: Jonathan Nazeer and Crystal Nazeer, Victory Gardens International, **York County, SC**

Academic Partner: Ashley Licata and Jessie Hoffman, Winthrop University

Project Title: Cultivating Health and Success in Youth and Young Adults

Team 3

Community Partner: Kathy Reid-Quinones and Robyn Blake, Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center, **Charleston and Berkeley Counties, SC**

Academic Partner: Dan Smith and Caitlin Rancher, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC

Project Title: Assessing Caregiver and Child Perspectives of Family Functioning Following Child Abuse

Team 4

Community Partner: Scott Beard, Tri-County SPEAKS, **Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties, SC**

Academic Partner: Christine Hahn, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC; Aurelia Sands Belle, MUSC, End Violence Against Women International

Project Title: Start By Believing: Evaluation of a Campaign to Promote Positive Responses to Sexual Assault Disclosures

Training Participants

Community Partner: Eddie Miller and Jereleen Hollimon-Miller, Town of Mayesville, **Sumter County, SC**

Academic Partner: Usah Lilavivat, Carolina Diabetes and Kidney Center; Pusadee Suchinda, Sumter Medical Specialists; Ozan Suer, Prisma Health

Project Title: Lifestyle Modification Initiative for Prevention of Cardiovascular and Renal Adverse Outcome (LISMICARE)

Cohort 13: 2023

Team 1

Community Partner: Peggy Ford, Children's Place, Inc., **Aiken County, SC**

Academic Partner: Hannah Espeleta, College of Nursing, MUSC

Project Title: Improving Caregiver Engagement and Reach of Child Maltreatment Prevention Programs – A Critical Look at SafeCare© in South Carolina

Training Participants

Community Partner: Anna Gorriti, Stratford High School, Berkeley County School District, **Berkeley County, SC**

Academic Partner: Jan Key and Erin Schreder, Boeing Center for Children's Wellness, MUSC

Project Title: Development of 'Love Yourself', A Peer-Led Mental Health Intervention for High School Students